

**Topeka Town Council**  
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana  
**General Meeting Minutes May 11, 2026 4:00pm**  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Call to order by President, Adam Lambright

**Roll Call**

Present: Council Member, Adam Lambright, Ray Folk, Marlynn Mast, Steve Schrock, Lea Parks Clerk-Treasurer

**Others in Attendance:** Via Zoom Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr, Quinn Goff, Reagan Penick, Kenny Sprague, Harold Gingerich, Fritz Helmuth, Mark Webster, Casey Erwin DLZ, Ryan Chasey Club 720

**Approval of Agenda as Presented with flexibility**

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes

**Minutes from previous meeting of April 27, 2026, for Common Council Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes

**Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of May 7, 2026**

Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Ray Folk

**Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims - Approve Payment  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
  
- 309 W Pine St - Past due Utility Bill- \$405.35 - Renter moved without notifying Town Hall - Request to waive amount due \$405.35  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
  
- Fire Contracts - Eden and Clearspring Townships from June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Adam Lambright

**Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief**

- 2025 Streets - Lehman Ave Pay App 1 - Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc - \$192,009.25 - Request Approval  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
  
- 2024 Streets - Ohio St - Niblock Pay App 3 Retainage Release \$19,093.70 and Niblock Ohio St Final Change Order under contract amount \$22,651.00 - Request Approval  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes

- April Water Monthly Consumption
- Septic Station Pumps - Quotes - Awarded to Indiana Pump Works, LLC to replace both septic pumps - \$27,000.00  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes
- AFG Grant Portable Radios - Request approval of \$4,500 for purchase  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Adam Lambright

**Town Marshal**

- April Reports and Agency Assists
- Ordinance - Notices/Citations - Continuing throughout the Town
- 323 Zook St - Mailed certified letter

**Town Attorney**

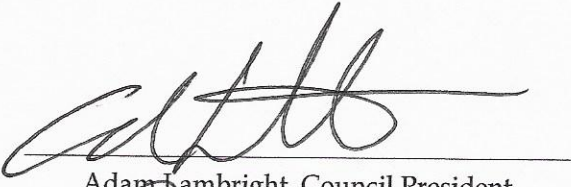
- Resolution No. 2026-57 - Transferring Funds \$2,010,040.00 from General Fund to the Rainy-Day Fund  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes
- Resolution No. 2026-4-27(a) - Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate \$2,200,000  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Vote Opposed: Steve Schrock
- Offer to Purchase Real Estate - Keystone RV Company (Crossroads Corporate Office) that the closing will be by June 15, 2026 - Requesting for Council President to Sign  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Vote Opposed: Steve Schrock
- Response to FOIA - Formal Complaint - Presented by Attorney Request Council President to Sign and to send Response to the State  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes

**Other**

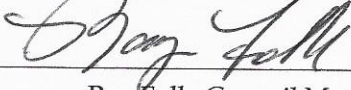
- Fritz Helmuth - Morrow & Pine St Questions - Discussion pertaining to Hawpatch Bike Trail
- Harold Gingerich - Thank You for the Service and Sacrifice to All of Our Police and First Responders  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes

**Adjournment**

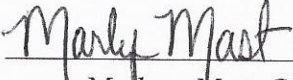
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:49pm  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting May 26, 2026, at 4p.m



Adam Lambright, Council President



Ray Folk, Council Member



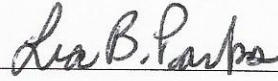
Marilyn Mast, Council Member



Justin Geigley, Council Vice President



Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST 

Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer