

**Topeka Town Council**

**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**

**General Meeting Minutes July 13, 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, Justin Geigley.

**Others in Attendance:** Via Zoom Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Tony Manns, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr, Cyndi Sadewasser Deputy Clerk, James Raber, Brittany Sparrow, Mark Webster, Michael Turner, Casey Erwin, Eric Dunithan, Ryan Chasey and Harold Gingerich

**Approval of Agenda as Presented with flexibility**

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

**Minutes from previous meeting of June 22, 2026, for Common Council Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes

**Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of July 9th, 2026**

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: 3 Ayes

Abstained: Marlynn Mast and Ray Folk

**Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims - Approved.

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes

- 1 year contract signed - New Town Attorney Tony Manns from Beers Mellers Backs & Salin Firm

Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes

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

- Resolution 2026-58 passed, Adopting Updated Lagrange County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes

- Pulver - Lehman Ave - Pay App#2 - \$631,386.38. Council President Adam Lambright signed.  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes

- Bike Trail - Meeting with Bike Trail Committee scheduled for date in August. Council Tabled.  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes

- Garbage Contract – Town Manager Stewart Bender and Town Attorney work on bid process.  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk                      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
- FCI New PD/Town Hall Building – Adam Lambright, Justin Geigley, Stan Strater and Stewart Bender to meet with FCI week of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - discuss building ideas.  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast                      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- Public Restroom Door Quote – Labor Cost of \$1400.00 added.  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast                      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes

#### Town Marshal

- June Reports Turned In
- Mike Turner addressed Council – neighbors have excessive trash. Stan to issue ticket.
- Chaplain Annual Training July 20-25 Washington. Council approved – not to exceed \$2400.00 for classes, flight and hotel.  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley                      Seconded: Ray Folk                      Vote: All Ayes
- 2021 Tahoe Repairs – Hawpatch Motors to replace engine (3 yr./100,000 mile warranty) \$11,115.46.  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast                      Seconded: Steve Schrock                      Vote: All Ayes

#### Town Attorney

- Council made verbal agreement for Moratorium on Date Centers  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley                      Seconded: Ray Folk                      Vote: All Ayes

#### Other

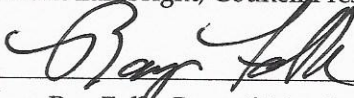
- Topeka Town Council expressed their deepest appreciation to Town Attorney Bill Eberhard for his focus, steady guidance through out his many years of complex municipal issues and his dedication to the community. Also wished him well in his retirement.

#### Adjournment

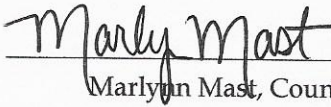
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:50pm  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting July 27, 2026, at 4p.m



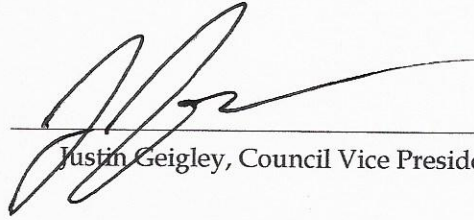
Adam Lambright, Council President



Ray Folk, Council Member



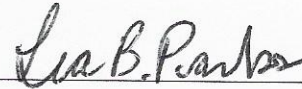
Marlyn Mast, Council Member



Justin Geigley, Council Vice President

Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST



Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer