

Topeka Town Council

124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana

General Meeting Minutes August 24, 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, Lea Parks Clerk Treasurer

Others in Attendance: Town Attorney Tony Manns, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr Marshal, Cyndi Sadewasser Deputy Clerk, Harold Gingerich, Cashey Erwin DLZ, Mark Stroman, Zach Anderson, Kenny Sprague, Dana Stanley, Victoria Grice

Approval of Agenda as Presented with flexibility

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

Minutes from previous meeting of August 10, 2026, for Common Council Meeting

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

Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of August 20th, 2026

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

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims – Request Approval to Pay Claims – Adam Lambright & Justin Geigley Reviewed Legal Fees
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Ordinance 2026-8-24 – Amending Salary Ordinance for MVH Superintendent Completing 1 Year Employment for \$1.00 Raise
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Executive Session Memorandum for 8.20.2026
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Stellar Pathways – Discussion – Table till next meeting
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- 321 W Pine – Shed – Request Letter of Recommendation
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- 509 N Main – Fence – Request Letter of Recommendation
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

- 130 Lake St – Building Remodel for Offices – Request Letter of Recommendation
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- GME Pavement Coring Services for S. Fought Ave – Quote \$5,500 – Request to perform pavement coring services so we know what were dealing with under S. Fought Ave before we send out to bid
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Loughheed Engineering – Phase 1 Proposal Wastewater Treatment Lagoon – Quote \$2,300 – Request to move forward IRS Rebate for Solor field Project
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Wastewater Vector Truck – Nozzles and Camera – Quote \$14,180
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Lift Station – 2 Upgrade Options – Request to move forward with Option 2 with DLZ Engineering
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- 310SL Backhoe Repair – Quote \$1,124.83 for air cooler part – Request for Approval to Repair
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Nature Trail Street Light Repair – Received 3 Quotes – Awarded to Photon \$2,973
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- 226 N Harrison – Right-of-Way Tree Removal – Otto’s Tree Service Quote – Total \$2,950 – In accordance with Ordinance 2018-10-8(D) Town to pay 50% totaling \$1,475
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Town Marshal

- Letter of Resignation – Ryan Cummins – Request Accepting Letter – Also Thank you for years of Service
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

Town Attorney

- Moratorium – Data Center - Discussion

Other

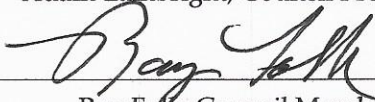
- Harold Gingerich – September 11, 2001 will be 25 years since the attack on the United States – Fire, Police and First Responders please attend Eden Worship Center on September 13, 2026 for Patriots Day at 10am

Adjournment

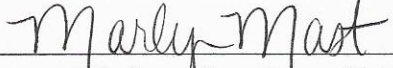
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:42pm
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting September 14, 2026, at 4p.m



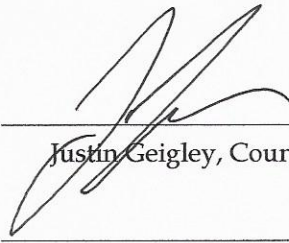
Adam Lambright, Council President



Ray Folk, Council Member



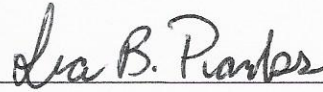
Marlynn Mast, Council Member



Justin Geigley, Council Vice President

Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST



Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer