Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes September 14, 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, 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, Cashey Erwin DLZ, Mark Webster, Troy Williams, Quinn Groff, Ryan Sark, Kevin Yoder

Approval of Agenda as Presented with flexibility
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Minutes from previous meeting of August 24, 2026, for Common Council Meeting
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of September 10th, 2026
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims – Request Approval to Pay Claims
  Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- August 2026 Monthly Financials
  Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Giegley Vote: All Ayes

- Executive Session Memorandum for 8.25.2026
  Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- Pulver Pay App #3 Lehman - $175,260.30 – Request Approval
  Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

- API Pay App #1 W. Lake - $190,970.90 – Request Approval
  Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- AIM Medical Insurance – Tabled
  Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- Utility Deposit Fee for Builders for Housing Development – Request to Waive $150 Deposit Fee for Builders
  Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- 420 North Main – Troy Williams – Flooding Issues and Sidewalk Etiquette - Discussion

- 426 Hillcrest – David Fry – Lots 1 and 2 Minor Subdivision – Request Letter of Positive Recommendation
  Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

- 519 N Main – Building Permit Garage Addition – Request for Positive Recommendation
  Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- Pickleball Grass Seeding – Quotes – Awarded to Daves Landscaping $6,125
  Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

- East Park Ball Diamond – Irrigation System – Quotes – Awarded to Instant Rain $32,500
  Motion to Approve: Jusin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

- Salt Spreader – Quotes – Awarded to W.A. Jones $16,418
  Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- 2027 CCMG – Casey Erwin DLZ – Request to move forward with Application for Fought Ave, Babcock Ave and Pine St – Total cost $1,200,000 – Grant Match of 80% $960,000 – Town Match 20% $240,000
  Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Town Marshal

- Officer Advertisements are underway
- Vehicle Evaluations in Michigan

Town Attorney

- Housing Development – First 3 Lots Closing on Wednesday 9.16.2026

Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:39pm
  Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting September 28, 2026, at 4p.m

Adam Lambright, Council President

Justin Geigley, Council Vice President

Ray Folk, Council Member

Steve Schrock, Council Member

Marlynn Mast, Council Member

ATTEST Lea B. Parks

Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer