Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes September 28, 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, Steve Schrock, Lea Parks Clerk Treasurer

Others in Attendance: Town Attorney Tony Manns, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr Marshal, Cyndi Sadewasser Deputy Clerk, Tracey Persing, Chad Owen, Devon "Butch" Lehman

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

Minutes from previous meeting of September 14, 2026, for Common Council Meeting
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: Motion Passed as Made
Abstain: Steve Schrock

Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of September 24th, 2026
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: Motion Passed as Made
Abstain: Ray Folk and Steve Schrock

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims – Request Approval to Pay Claims
  Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

- 2027 Notice to Taxpayers Budget Public Hearing – Adam Lambright call to open and due to no questions or comments – Adam Lambright Call to Close First Reading of the 2027 Notice to Taxpayers Budget Public Hearing
  Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

- Medical/Health Insurance – Tabled
  Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

- Epic Brokers – Request Approving the Commercial Insurance Renewal for 2026-2027
  Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

- Legal Fee/Invoice Review on 9.24.2026 with Adam Lambright and Justin Geigley signing each invoice
  Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- Farmers State Bank Permit for South Side Walk In and Parking Lot – Request Positive Recommendation
  Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Town Marshal

- Discussion on New Hire Pay with Academy Experienced $29-$30 - Requesting to schedule interviews – Working on a Salary Study - Steve Schrock made a motion to hold off and go through other application
  Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: Motion Passed as Made
  Nay: Ray Folk

Town Attorney

- Town Hall Project – Design Bid Build Discussion
- Town Sidewalk Ordinance – Review at next staff meeting

Other

Adam Lambright – Employee Review Meeting for Monday October 12, 2026 at 3pm and October 26, 2026 at 3pm

Adam Lambright – Advertise for the Police Officers positions for 1 more week
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:24pm
  Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting October 12, 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