



**TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting
February 19, 2024**

The Tipton Utility Service Board meeting was held at 4:30 p.m. at the City of Tipton Council Chambers, 216 South Main Street, Tipton, Indiana. Chairman Don McElfresh presided. The members present included Dick Klein (Emeritus), Barbara Cardwell, Steven Thompson, Peter Schram, Mark Raver, and Utility General Manager Jim Ankrum. City Council Liaison Rick Rippey was also present.

GUESTS

Mayor Kegan Schmicker
Bob Edinger

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed:

MOTION: It was moved by Barb Cardwell, and seconded by Steven Thompson:
"That the previous minutes of the meeting be approved."
Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Claims were reviewed.

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Raver and seconded by Barb Cardwell
"That claims #24816- #24868 totaling \$1,102,708.65 be approved." Motion
carried.

CHARGE OFFS

A charge-offs report totaling \$573.68 was presented to the board, approved on motion by Steven Thompson, and seconded by Peter Schram. Motion carried.

BLENDED INTEREST RATE REPORT

None submitted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

None submitted.

RESOLUTIONS

None submitted.

Other Matters before the Board for Approval:

None submitted.

UTILITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Safety:** IMPA/TVPPA Safety training was held Wednesday, February 7th regarding Electrical Grounding Safety. The next Safety Training will be held on Wednesday, March 13th and cover Extreme Heat and Cold working conditions and safety precautions.
- **Safety:** Scott Reecer will be attending OSHA 30-Hour training the first week of March. The four-day training is being offered by IMPA at their Carmel HQ.
- **Water Dept/Church:** The water department church contents auction will be held this Saturday, February 24th at 10 am at the church.
- **IDEM:** Ankrum, Reecer and Matt Smith of Strand continue to absorb the vast amount of recent correspondence between IDEM and USEPA regarding CSO's. We will soon reach out to IDEM to confirm next steps on City/TMU's proposed Use Attainability Analysis response.
- **IMPA:** Ankrum and new Electric Superintendent Joe Plake attended an all-day session at IMPA on Thursday, February 15th titled IMPA 101. The session was well-attended and informative.
- **IMPA:** IMPA Commissioner Klein and Ankrum will be attending the next IMPA Board meeting on Friday, February 23rd and then the IMPA Annual meeting on March 21/22 in Carmel.
- **Sanitary Sewer Force Main Connector and Elevated Water Projects:**
 - Sanitary Force Main project:
 - F&K should soon mobilize to complete most, if not all, work in the calendar year 2024.
 - Water Tower project status:
 - Advertisements for bids on Wednesday 1-24-24 and Wednesday 1-31-24. **Done**
 - Pre-Bid on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 1 pm in City Hall. **Done**
 - Bids turned in and opened on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 4 pm in City Hall.
 - Possible Utility Board action on bids at the March 4, 2024, Board meeting.
 - Steel materials can be ordered soon after contract award with a late 2024 on-site construction and late Spring 2025 painting schedule.
- **US 31/SR 28 Development**
 - SE Quadrant, owned by Tipton Land Development, had their Site/Civil Engineer contact TMU to discuss Utilities with TMU and our Utilities

Consultant Wessler last week. We discussed the latest information and expected timing of the development.

- Tipton County Commissioners are in the process of acquiring nearly 62 acres of INDOT property just north of TMU's water plant on CR 560 W.
- City East Side Development Studies by Strand
 - Strand has submitted a final design to INDOT to get a permit for HDD under SR 28 across from the DeLong Auto Repair. TMU awaits final disposition from INDOT.
 - Ankrum has shared the Strand study on the sanitary sewer options in this area. More discussion needs to be had to determine a path forward as this will likely be a much more expensive project.
- The next TUSB meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2024, starting at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers.
- Community Comments:
 - Bob Edinger questioned a damaged storm catch basin on West and Adams Street area? Ankrum mentioned he thought that a city snowplow possibly did the damage.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Raver to adjourn and seconded by Steven Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.



Jim Ankrum, General Manager



Don McElfresh, Chairman

I hereby certify that each of the above listed vouchers and the invoices, or bills attached there to, are true and correct and I have audited same in accordance with IC 5-11-10-1.6.

February 19, 2024

Fiscal Officer

ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

APVS #24816-24868

We have examined the Accounts Payable Vouchers listed on the foregoing Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers consisting of 11 pages and except for accounts payables not allowed as shown on the Register such accounts payables are hereby allowed in the total amount of \$ 1,102,708.65.

Dated this 19th day of February 2024

Signatures of Governing Board

TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Inter-Office Memorandum

210 South Main Street

PO Box 288

Tipton, IN 46072-1903

DATE: February 19, 2024
TO: Tipton Utility Service Board
FROM: Jim Ankrum
SUBJECT: Charge-Offs

Attached is a Charge-Off report totaling \$573.68. Please review and approve.

Thank you.