



TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting
February 5, 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 Rippy was also present.

GUESTS

Mayor Kegan Schmicker
Scott Reecer - TMU
Matt Smith – Strand Engineering

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed:

MOTION: It was moved by Barbara 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 Peter Schram: "That claims #24753- #24815 totaling \$425,913.26 be approved." Motion carried.

CHARGE OFFS

None submitted.

BLENDED INTEREST RATE REPORT

None submitted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 2023 Financials were reviewed.

RESOLUTIONS:

None submitted.

Other Matters to come before the Board:

TMU General Manager Ankrum has solicited quotes for four (4) each lift station pumps for the North St and Wilson A lift stations. The existing pumps are 15 years + and need of replacement. Ankrum received quotes from Straeffer Pump (nearly \$29k) and American Pump (just under \$20k) and recommends that the Board approve purchase and installation of new pumps by American Pump. Motion was made by Mark Raver and seconded by Barb Cardwell with unanimous approval to purchase new equipment from American Pump.

UTILITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Safety:** IMPA/TVPPA Safety training was held and well-attended by City/TMU employees on Wednesday, January 24th. Upcoming Safety training will be held this Wednesday, February 7th on Grounding Safety.
- **Admin/IT:** Ankrum has reached out to our IT Consultant LEAP. They believe our current Cyber-Security insurance coverage is likely on the low side. I will discuss further with Mayor Schmicker and Clerk-Treasurer Clark to see if we want to adjust coverage at the next renewal.
- **Water Dept/Church:** The water dept. church contents auction will be held on Saturday, February 24th. Look to local newspapers and internet sites for additional details.
- **IDEM:** Ankrum continues to work with Matt Smith of Strand on the proposed Use Attainability Analysis response required by IDEM. Ankrum & Smith discussed the issue for approximately 30 minutes with the Board at today's meeting. Ankrum has provided the TUSB and Mayor with a copy of the DRAFT cover letter for review and comment by the end of this week.
- **IMPA:** IMPA Commissioner Klein and Ankrum attended the IMPA Board January meeting and shared a couple items from the meeting including the hazards of the roof-top solar industry and a diagram of base-load electricity production in early January during a recent cold-spell.
- **Corteva/Solar:** It was shared that the project was delayed for a few months but should get back on schedule for late 2024 or early 2025 installation.
- **Sanitary Sewer Force Main Connector and Elevated Water Projects:**
 - Sanitary Force Main project:
 - F&K should mobilize in early March and indicated that most, if not all, work will be completed 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. We expect 3 to 5 Contractor bids.


- 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. Upon INDOT approval, Ankrum will then solicit bids for this work and determine a budget cost.
 - 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, February 19, 2024, starting at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Community Comments:

None Submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Raver to adjourn and seconded by Steven Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 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 5, 2024

Fiscal Officer

ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

APVS #24753-24815

We have examined the Accounts Payable Vouchers listed on the foregoing Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers consisting of 15 pages and except for accounts payables not allowed as shown on the Register such accounts payables are hereby allowed in the total amount of \$ 425,913.26.

Dated this 5th day of February 2024

Signatures of Governing Board

TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

CASH FUNDS AS OF: DECEMBER 2023

WATER DEPARTMENT - EAST PLANT

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 1,409,687.20
 Total Investments as per Report: -
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 242,447.72
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: 10,000.00
 Total Funds: 1,662,134.92

WATER DEPARTMENT - WEST PLANT

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 302,670.78
 Total Investments as per Report: -
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 13,895.20
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: -
 Total Funds: 316,565.98

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT - EAST PLANT

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 1,040,505.97
 Total Investments as per Report: -
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 514,518.44
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: -
 Total Funds: 1,555,024.41

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT - WEST PLANT

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 413,220.15
 Total Investments as per Report: -
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 214,005.45
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: -
 Total Funds: 627,225.60

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT:

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 6,079,081.99
 Total Operational Investments as per Report: 50,000.00
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 243,019.46
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: 95,000.00
 Total Funds: 6,467,101.45

STORM WATER DEPARTMENT:

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 696,559.11
 Total Investments as per Report: -
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 578,772.45
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: -
 Total Funds: 1,275,331.56

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