



**TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting  
March 4, 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, Peter Schram, Mark Raver, and Utility General Manager Jim Ankrum. City Council Liaison Rick Rippy was also present. Utility member Steven Thompson was absent.

**GUESTS**

Mayor Kegan Schmicker  
Former Mayor Tom Dolezal

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Barbara Cardwell and seconded by Peter Schram:  
"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 Barbara Cardwell:  
"That claims #24869- #24920 totaling \$313,688.46 be approved." Motion carried.

**CHARGE OFFS**

None submitted.

**BLENDED INTEREST RATE REPORT**

None submitted.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

January 2024 Financials were reviewed.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None submitted.

## Other Matters to come before the Board:

None submitted.

## UTILITY MANAGER REPORT

- Safety: The next IMPA/TVPPA Safety training will be held on Wed March 13 and cover Extreme Heat and Cold working conditions and safety precautions.
- Water Dept/Church: The church contents were auctioned off. The disrepair of the building is now even more noticeable. Ankrum's inclination is to move forward in 2024 with demolition of the structure. He asked if a Board member or two would look at the building for opinion. Board member Raver suggested we have the next Utility Board meeting at the East St. Water Treatment Plant and then look at the church property at that time.
- 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: IMPA Commissioner Klein and Ankrum will be attending the IMPA Annual meeting on Mar 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 Wed 1-24-24 and Wed 1-31-24. **Done**
    - Pre-Bid on Thurs Feb 15, 2024, at 1 pm in City Hall. **Done**
    - Bids turned in and opened on Thurs Feb 29, 2024, at 4 pm in City Hall. **Done and Under Budget**
    - Utility Board action on bids, **next meeting Mar 18<sup>th</sup>**.
  - 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 recently contact TMU to discuss Utilities. We discussed the latest information and expected timing of the development.
  - TMU has been notified that the existing Stellantis facility will soon be For Sale.
- City East Side Development Studies by Strand
  - Strand has submitted a final design to INDOT to get a permit for a water line HDD under SR 28 across from the DeLong Auto Repair. TMU still 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 Mar 18, 2024, starting at 4:30 pm at the Water Department located at 310 N. East Street, Tipton, IN.

### Community Comments:

- Tom Dolezal inquired as to anything happening with the Nutrien Ag facility expansion project? Ankrum offered that he had not heard anything for several months and was his understanding that bids for the expansion had been received but not acted upon yet. TMU has offered numerous times to meet with Nutrien to discuss the water supply options for the Nutrien facility. Thus far, no meeting has been scheduled.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Raver to adjourn and seconded by Barbara Cardwell. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.

  
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Jim Ankrum, General Manager

  
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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.

March 4, 2024

Fiscal Officer

ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

APVS #24869-24920

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 \$ 313,688.46.

Dated this 4th day of March 2024

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Signatures of Governing Board

# TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

CASH FUNDS AS OF:

JANUARY

2024

## WATER DEPARTMENT - EAST PLANT

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 1,440,309.84  
 Total Investments as per Report: -  
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 255,040.90  
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: 10,000.00  
 Total Funds: 1,705,350.74

## WATER DEPARTMENT - WEST PLANT

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 302,775.29  
 Total Investments as per Report: -  
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 13,895.20  
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: -  
 Total Funds: 316,670.49

## WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT - EAST PLANT

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 1,067,512.78  
 Total Investments as per Report: -  
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 542,403.91  
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: -  
 Total Funds: 1,609,916.69

## WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT - WEST PLANT

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 411,968.93  
 Total Investments as per Report: -  
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 214,005.45  
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: -  
 Total Funds: 625,974.38

## ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT:

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 6,130,430.17  
 Total Operational Investments as per Report: 50,000.00  
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 242,959.46  
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: 95,000.00  
 Total Funds: 6,518,389.63

## STORM WATER DEPARTMENT:

Total Operational Funds as per Report: 711,416.87  
 Total Investments as per Report: -  
 Total Restricted Funds as per Report: 624,210.66  
 Total Restricted Investments as per Report: -  
 Total Funds: 1,335,627.53

**TOTAL FUNDS:**

**11,929.46**