



**TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**  
**Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting**  
**May 20, 2024**

The Tipton Utility Service Board meeting was held at 4:30 p.m. at the TMU City Water Department, 310 N. East Street, Tipton, Indiana. Chairman Don McElfresh presided. The members present included Barbara Cardwell, Steven Thompson, Peter Schram, Mark Raver, and Utility General Manager Jim Ankrum. City Council Liaison Rick Rippy was also present. Board Member Dick Klein (Emeritus) was absent.

**GUESTS**

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 Peter Schram.  
"That claims #25161- #25203 totaling \$1,554,173.74 be approved." Motion carried.

**CHARGE OFFS**

A charge-offs report totaling \$609.90 was presented to the board, approved on motion by Mark Raver, and seconded by Steven Thompson. Motion carried.

**BLENDED INTEREST RATE REPORT**

None submitted.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

None submitted.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None submitted.

## Other Matters before the Board for Approval:

TMU General Manager Ankrum is recommending that TMU participate in the City Community Crossing Grant project. The City has a \$1.5 Million Grant (80% Grant, 20% Local Match) and intends to re-pave West St from South St to Madison St. Ankrum believes it makes sense to install stormwater drainage as part of the project and relieve some CSO flows via sewer separation in this area. The 4" and 6" water main along West St. may also be replaced. The Water work is not eligible for Grant reimbursement and would have to be paid 100% by TMU. The Board agreed to proceed as recommended and to see where the bid pricing, due in July, comes in before allocating money.

## UTILITY MANAGER REPORT

- Safety: IMPA/TVPPA Safety training will occur this Wed May 22<sup>nd</sup> and cover Hazardous Materials and Communication protocol.
- HR: TMU has General Labor positions open in both the Water and Collections departments. The positions have been posted on the TMU Facebook page and at Tipton High School.
- Cybersecurity: Ankrum and Mayor Schmicker have scheduled a follow-up meeting with Insurance provider Walker-Hughes for next Wed morning May 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss coverage options.
- IMPA: Construction of the IMPA Solar Field continues in anticipation of start-up and commissioning in Q1 of 2025.
- Electrical: TMU Electrical will soon be assisting Contractors at Tipton High School for some electrical gear changeouts.
- Water: TMU Water Supt Jeff Heard and TMU Water Audit author Konner Tilley met with a State Water Audit Certifier on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>. The TMU bi-annual report was reviewed, approved, and certified. The Certifier complimented Konner on his thoroughness. The Audit shows a 12% water system loss. 20% is considered acceptable. Thus, TMU's system is better than average at this time.
- READI Projects Update:
  - Sanitary Force Main project:
    - F&K, and HDD Subcontractor Daystar, are installing pipe along Old SR 28 between CR 560W and CR 500W. Nearly 4,000 lf of pipe has been installed. Work will continue along the south side of Old SR 28 for the next eight to ten weeks.
  - Water Tower project status:
    - Foundation work on site is likely to occur in June/July with Tower construction this Fall and Painting next Spring.
  - GM Ankrum will be speaking to Tipton County Council tomorrow, May 21<sup>st</sup> to encourage the transfer of their final \$500k commitment to the READI collective fund in the City Clerk-Treasurer's office.
- US 31/SR 28 Development
  - SE Quadrant, owned by Tipton Land Development: No news.



- Stellantis Factory for Sale: No new news to report currently.
- City East Side Development Studies by Strand
  - Ankrum is awaiting quotes to accurately gage the overall cost of the project and report back to the Board.
  - 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 June 3, 2024, starting at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers.

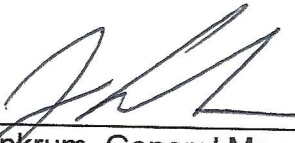
- Community Comments:

Bob Edinger asked for more clarification regarding water loss in the TMU system. Ankrum offered that due to 50- to 70-year-old age of the underground piping, there can be leaks (especially at pipe joints) that don't necessarily come to the ground surface. Also, a significant leak near a field tile would not be visible and could allow a good bit of water to be unaccounted for.

Bob Edinger also inquired if TMU was aware of the trench cave-in and fatality in Noblesville last week. Ankrum acknowledged he saw the news reports and further offered that part of the TMU-City Safety training includes an annual refresher on underground trenching and related Safety.

- ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Raver to adjourn and seconded by Steven Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 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.

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May 20, 2024

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Fiscal Officer

**ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS**

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APVS #25161-25203

We have examined the Accounts Payable Vouchers listed on the foregoing Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ pages and except for accounts payables not allowed as shown on the Register such accounts payables are hereby allowed in the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1,554,173.74 \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ 20th day of \_\_\_\_\_ May 2024 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signatures of Governing Board

# TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

## Inter-Office Memorandum

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Tipton, IN 46072-1903

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**DATE:** May 20, 2024  
**TO:** Tipton Utility Service Board  
**FROM:** Jim Ankrum  
**SUBJECT:** Charge-Offs

Attached is a Charge-Off report totaling \$609.90. Please review and approve.

Thank you.