



**TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**  
**Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting**  
**June 17, 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 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**

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 #25257- #25299 totaling \$930,456.37 be approved." Motion carried.

**CHARGE OFFS**

A charge-offs report totaling \$6,235.45 was presented to the board, approved on motion by Steven Thompson, and seconded by Barb Cardwell. Motion carried.

**BLENDED INTEREST RATE REPORT**

None submitted.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

None submitted.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None submitted.

## Other Matters before the Board for Approval:

### UTILITY MANAGER REPORT

- Safety: Notification was sent out this morning to all City/TMU Dept Heads regarding Heat Safety.
- Safety: IMPA/TVPPA Safety training will occur Tuesday, June 18th and cover Bucket/Pole Top rescue.
- HR: TMU has filled both General Labor positions for the Water and Collections departments.
- HR: Ankrum met last week with City leaders and our Health benefits provider to gage September renewal information. It appears an increase of 5% (maximum) will be absorbed.
- Wastewater: After years of patching, a new roof will be installed on the administrative building at the City WWTP. Quotes were gathered and the investment will be nearly \$21,000 to remove and replace approximately 6,000 sf of roofing with new.
- IMPA: Ankrum and Board Member Emeritus Klein will be attending the June 28 IMPA Board meeting.
- READI Projects Update:
  - Sanitary Force Main project:
    - F&K, and HDD Subcontractor Daystar, continue to install pipe along Old SR 28, currently between CR 500W and CR 400W. Approximately 8,500 lf of pipe has been installed. Work will continue along the south side of Old SR 28 for the next two months.
  - Water Tower project status:
    - Foundation work on site is anticipated to occur in July with Tower construction this Fall and Painting next Spring.
  - GM Ankrum spoke to Tipton County Council on 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. County Council unanimously voted to approve advertisement for Public Hearing and appropriation at tomorrow's Jun 18<sup>th</sup> meeting which Ankrum and McElfresh will attend.
- US 31/SR 28 Development
  - SE Quadrant, owned by Tipton Land Development: No news.
  - Stellantis Factory for Sale: A prospective Buyer continues discussions with City and County leaders to potentially purchase the facility. TMU has provided Utility info and input.
- City East Side Development Studies by Strand
  - Ankrum has received quotes and is evaluating the overall cost of the project (less than \$100k) and will report back to the Board.
  - Sanitary sewer options need to be evaluated in this area and will likely be a much more expensive project.
- The next TUSB meeting will be Monday July 1, 2024, starting at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers.

- **Community Comments:**

Bob Edinger asked for following clarifications:

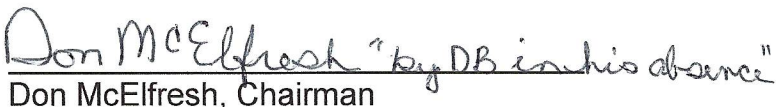
- On Delinquent/Late accounts, are there any businesses on the list? Ankrum stated that the vast majority, say 95%+ are residential customers, and the few businesses are ones that tend to wait for the bill to accumulate and then make payment.
- Was the excavation at Tipton Park entrance near and on the south side of creek a TMU issue? Ankrum acknowledged that there was minor water leak but to access it, TMU did have to excavate down to the pipe and repair it.
- With the Stellantis facility not operating, are they paying their Utility bills? Ankrum acknowledged that Stellantis continues to timely pay their Utility bills, albeit the consumption and bills are much smaller.

Steven Thompson asked that Ankrum look into other IMPA members and how our Delinquent list compares to theirs.

- **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.

  
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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.

June 17, 2024

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Fiscal Officer

**ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS**

TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

APVS #25257-25299

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 930,456.37 .

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ 17th day of June 2024 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signatures of Governing Board

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## Inter-Office Memorandum

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**DATE:** June 17, 2024  
**TO:** Tipton Utility Service Board  
**FROM:** Jim Ankrum  
**SUBJECT:** Charge-Offs

Attached is a Charge-Off report totaling \$6,235.45. Please review and approve.

Thank you.