



TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting
August 21, 2023

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. Rick Chandler, City Council Liaison was absent.

GUESTS

Mayor Tom Dolezal

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 #24068- #24113 totaling \$1,066,470.96 be approved." Motion carried.

CHARGE OFFS

A charge-offs report totaling \$3,455.40 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:

GM Ankrum informed the Board that the Petition to Vacate alleyways at the East St. drinking water plant and Assembly of God properties has been completed by City Council. The Petition will soon be recorded at the County Recorder's office and that will clean up the property rights.

Ankrum has executed the Purchase Agreement with the Assembly of God Church trustees regarding purchase of their property adjacent to and just north of the City drinking water plant on East Street. The real estate purchase price is \$110,500 (the average of two appraisals received). TMU will also be purchasing the contents within the property for \$7,500. Ankrum is working with Title Guaranty to set a closing date on the property purchase.

UTILITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Safety:** TMU did just receive a follow-up report from IPEP regarding the June 13, 2023, safety inspection of all City/TMU buildings. Nothing was deemed of a critical concern and TMU/City are addressing the issues identified.
- **Safety:** IMPA/TVPPA Safety training was completed Wed Aug 16th regarding Substation practices.
- **Administration:** TMU's new website will go live this evening. Customer payment options still will be the same and available via the website.
- **IMPA:** IMPA is still working to set a closing date for Tipton 2 Solar Park property purchase.
- **IMPA:** IMPA, TMU and Corteva continue discussions on the proposed large-scale Solar farm on Corteva's W. Jefferson property. Corteva currently proposes a 1 MW farm.
- **IMPA:** Their subsidiary ISC continues to assist TMU with relocating 3-phase power lines to new Duke poles along the east side of US 31 near Division Road.
- **IMPA:** IMPA Commissioner Klein and TMU GM Ankrum will attend the next IMPA Board meeting this Friday, Aug 25th.
- The City initiative to construct a new Park Plaza to the east of the County Courthouse is underway. TMU is aiding with underground electrical relocations.
- **IDEM:** Inspected the West treatment collection system. Certain follow-up will be required by TMU to satisfy IDEM and Ankrum will soon respond in writing.
- **Connector Project:**
 - IDEM has provided comments back regarding the project drawings and specifications. Wessler will respond accordingly and should set us up for a Fall 2023 Bid date.
 - The Big Cicero Creek Drainage Board also provided approval of the project on Wed Aug 16th.
 - TMU and Wessler have received the summary Soils report of ground conditions along the force main. Nothing out of the ordinary was noted in the report.
 - TMU, with assistance from Title Guaranty, will be making easement offers to property owners along Old SR 28 (west and east of Leininger Acres)

the first week of September. While we anticipated property owners accepting a TMU check as the easement is written up, we have established a Sept 22, 2023, response deadline to accept the offer.

- TMU and Wessler will soon meet for the 60% water tower design review. The elevated water storage structure will be located inside the fence of the existing wastewater property on County Road 560 W. Additional soil borings at the site will soon be completed with a soils report to follow.
- US 31/SR 28 Development:
 - No new news.
- City East Side Development Studies by Strand
 - TMU has sent a request into INDOT with proposed options to get the water line from the south side of SR 28 and under the highway to the north side. We await a response from INDOT.
 - TMU has received and is reviewing a Strand study on the sanitary sewer options in this area. GM Ankrum will soon forward that information to TUSB members this week.

Community Comments:

- Mayor Dolezal did inquire as to where and how far MU has 3-phase power running north on CR 560 W. GM Ankrum indicated that 3-phase power did go as far north as the current Ag Nutrien facility just north of the railroad track. Ankrum and Elec Supt Cox will confirm this later this week.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Raver to adjourn and seconded by Steven Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:05 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.

August 21, 2023

Fiscal Officer

ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

APVS #24068-24113

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 \$ 1,066,470.96.

Dated this 21st day of August 2023.

Signatures of Governing Board

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Inter-Office Memorandum

210 South Main Street

PO Box 288

Tipton, IN 46072-1903

DATE: August 21, 2023
TO: Tipton Utility Service Board
FROM: Jim Ankrum
SUBJECT: Charge-Offs

Attached is a Charge-Off report totaling \$3,455.40. Please review and approve.

Thank you.