



**TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

**Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting  
December 16, 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. TUSB Chairman McElfresh presided with Tipton Municipal Utility (TMU) General Manager Jim Ankrum providing Utility insights and taking notes. Board Members present included Chairman Don McElfresh, Dick Klein (Emeritus), Parker Woods, Lori Hoback, Peter Schram, and Mark Raver. City Council Liaison Rick Rippy was also present.

**GUESTS**

Mayor Kegan Schmicker, Bob Edinger

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by:

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Schram, and seconded by Lori Hoback:

“That the previous meeting minutes be approved as submitted.” Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Claims were presented.

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Raver and seconded by Lori Hoback:

“That claims #25931-25980 totaling \$1,048,470.44 be approved.” Motion carried.

**CHARGE OFFS**

In the amount of \$1,732.50 were discussed.

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Raver and seconded by Parker Woods:

“That the Charge-Offs be approved as submitted.” Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

None

As requested at the Dec 2 Utility Board meeting, GM Ankrum provided the Board with the Capital Equipment investment Plan, \$3.3 million over the next 6 years, electrical equipment intensive. The Plan was discussed without issue from the Board.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **Other Matters to come before the Board from Utility GM Jim Ankrum:**

- **Safety:** IMPA/TVPPA Safety training will be held Dec 18 regarding Electrical Lock-Out, Tag-Out procedures.
- **Admin:** Ankrum shared the TMU Investments and Accomplishment list for 2024. Highlights included progress with the Sanitary and Water projects, the addition and on-boarding of two new TUSB members, the addition of TMU Electrical Supt Joe Plake and property improvements at the City Water and Wastewater plants.
- **Admin:** The Committee of Don, Mark and Jim continue to investigate PERF and require additional time to complete the review.
- **IMPA:** IMPA's Board meeting was held last Friday, Dec 13th. Utility Board member Hoback joined IMPA Commissioner Klein and Ankrum. Hoback was especially impressed with IMPA Board engagement, camaraderie and Klein and Ankrum's input and connections with IMPA and other member community representatives.
- **READI Projects Update:**
  - **Sanitary Force Main project:**
    - F&K, and HDD Subcontractor Daystar has completed the 23,000 feet of HDD piping work on the project. Section 2 water pressure testing will be accomplished this week. The Intermediate Lift Station installation will begin in early January 2025 and take several months to complete.
  - **Water Tower project status:**
    - Steel tower erection has started and will take 2 more months to complete. TMU continues to accept Logo entries.
- **US 31/SR 28 Development**
  - SE Quadrant, owned by Tipton Land Development: No news.
  - Stellantis Factory: TMU and Matt Smith (Strand Engineering) remain engaged with the IDEM Pre-Treatment Wastewater permit process.
- The next TUSB meeting is Mon Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 4:30 pm in Council Chambers.
- The City-TMU Christmas Luncheon will occur this Thurs Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

- **Community Comments:**

Mayor Schmicker complimented the Utility Board, TMU and especially TMU's Emily Anderson for the diligence regarding delinquent account balance reductions. He appreciated the more business-like approach we have taken to address the issues.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- It was moved by Mark Raver & seconded by Peter Schram at 4:55 pm to adjourn. Motion carried.

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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.

December 16, 2024

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Fiscal Officer

**ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS**

TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

APVS #25931-25980

We have examined the Accounts Payable Vouchers listed on the foregoing Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers consisting of 13 pages and except for accounts payables not allowed as shown on the Register such accounts payables are hereby allowed in the total amount of \$ 1,048,470.44.

Dated this 16th day of December 2024

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Signatures of Governing Board

# **TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

## **Inter-Office Memorandum**

**210 South Main Street**

**PO Box 288**

**Tipton, IN 46072-1903**

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**DATE:** December 16, 2024  
**TO:** Tipton Utility Service Board  
**FROM:** Jim Ankrum  
**SUBJECT:** Charge-Offs

Attached is a Charge-Off report totaling \$1,732.50. Please review and approve.

Thank you.

TMU LARGE EQUIPMENT INVENTORY AS OF 12/03/24

On Order

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT:

Year	Make	Vin	Description	Current Value	New Value	Replacement Year 2025	Replacement Year 2026	Replacement Year 2027	Replacement Year 2028	Replacement Year 2029	Replacement Year 2030
1950	HOMEMADE	Z762270001056Z	Flat Bed Trailer	\$ 3,500	\$5,000						
1960	HOMEMADE	Z762270001055Z	Reel Trailer	\$ 2,500	\$5,000						
1972	MCP	137865	Reel Trailer	\$ 2,500	\$5,000						
1996	B5H	13JF0142171028145	Ditch Witch Trencher	\$ 10,000	\$100,000	X					
1997	BRS	189BS1117VM274110	Lg Pole Trailer	\$ 1,000	\$3,500						
2017	FORD	1FD0XSHY7HED4255	F550 Bucket Trouble Truck	\$ 15,000	\$200,000	X					
1999	GMC	1GD17H185XJ508617	Digger 330	\$ 20,000	\$150,000			X			
2000	BUTLER	1BUC10102Y1003557	Reel Trailer	\$ 5,000	\$10,000						
2012	INTERNATIONAL	3HAJTSKP8CL424823	Bucket Truck 4000 Series (340) Todd	\$ 25,000	\$365,000			X			
2012	INTERNATIONAL	3HAJTSKP8CL424824	Bucket Truck 4000 Series (390) Dan	\$ 25,000	\$365,000		X				
2012	SURE-TRAC	5JWU11828C1051087	RLR (Bucket/Digger) Trailer	\$ 5,000	\$8,500						
2012	CHEV Silverado	1GCKKXG2CZ179511	Truck (310) (Store Room, 8-foot Bed)	\$ 5,000	\$40,000	X					
2013	INT	3HAMKAAP8D1255447	Digger Truck (350)	\$ 25,000	\$400,000				X		
2012	ALTEC	5WD591510C200306	Chipper	\$ 15,000	\$50,000		X				
2014	CHEV Equinox	2GNFLFEK8E6166478	Meter Reader Truck (210)	\$ 5,000	\$30,000		X				
2015	CHEV Silverado	1GCKKUE8XZ119977	Truck 380 (Diesel)	\$ 5,000	\$40,000	X					
2015	CHEV CT2500	1GCKKXG2CZ179511	Truck 320 (Supt Truck)	\$ 5,000	\$40,000			X			
2016	AGNVM	1C9DE0929G1627712	MMG75D - 75KW Generator	\$ 10,000	\$45,000						
2011	1D11ET0294	DB35/37	FA off Road Bucket & Digger Machine	\$ 15,000	\$117,500						
2013	BOBCAT	ATD212746	Bobcat S750 Skid Loader	\$ 15,000	\$100,000		X			X	
2005	JOHN DEERE	H443498V	John Deere 2210 Utility	\$ 10,000	\$50,000			X			
2015			Locator Unit	\$ 2,000	\$5,000						

WATER DEPARTMENT

Year	Make	Vin	Description	Current Value	New Value	Replacement Year 2025	Replacement Year 2026	Replacement Year 2027	Replacement Year 2028	Replacement Year 2029	Replacement Year 2030
2023	FORD	1FTEX1EP2PKG04600	Truck 430	\$30,000	\$40,000						
1997	CHEV	16BM7H1M0V102899	Truck 427 (Dump Bed)	\$10,000	\$90,000	X					
2014	FORD	1FDRF3H61FEA80074	Truck 460 (F350) (Utility)	\$20,000	\$30,000		X				
2015	CHEV	2GNFLFEK6F6292355	Truck 215 (Meter Reader)	\$5,000	\$30,000			X			
2016	FORD	1FTFX1EF6GFC32151	Truck 435 (F150) (Supt)	\$28,000	\$40,000				X		
2021	FORD	1FTFX2865MECD440	Truck 425 (F250) (Trouble)	\$25,000	\$50,000			X			
2020	SureTrac	5JW142027L2283618	Trailer	\$5,000	\$5,000						
1950		Z76227000010547	Pole Trailer	\$1,000	\$5,000						
1977	NULL	1870	Small Pipe Trailer	\$2,500	\$2,500						
2000	G S	22738	Port Air Compressor	\$13,000	\$13,000		X				
2016	NH	NGMH01555	New Holland B95C Backhoe	\$68,000	\$150,000						
2016	NH	NGM418166	New Holland C227 Skid Steer	\$32,000	\$47,000						X
		Add to Fleet	Skid Steer Broom Attachment	\$0	\$10,000						X
			Breaking Hammer	\$7,000	\$10,000						
1995		6269	Trailer Mounted Push Machine	\$2,000	\$50,000						
1995		1M9UG0716SW102489	Push Machine Trailer	\$1,000	\$25,000	X					
		Add to Fleet	Trailer Mounted Vactor	\$0	\$0						
1983		DL6B	Pull Behind Generator	\$15,000	\$45,000						
2020	Grasshopper	7017150	60" Zero Turn Mower	\$4,000	\$10,000						
2015			Locator Unit	\$2,000	\$5,000						

WASTE WATER

Year	Make	Vin	Description	Current Value	New Value	Replacement Year 2025	Replacement Year 2026	Replacement Year 2027	Replacement Year 2028	Replacement Year 2029	Replacement Year 2030
2008	CARRY-ON	4YMU110158G023393	Utility Trailer	\$ 1,000	\$5,000						
2023	FORD	1FTBF2BA3PED23464	F-250 Super Duty Plow Truck	\$ 35,000	\$40,000						
2015	JOHN DEERE	1LV4066RPEH140656	4066R Utility Tractor	\$ 55,000	\$80,000		X				X
2017	Grasshopper 725D Mt	Mod# 3637 Serial# 012227	60" Zero Turn Mower	\$ 8,000	\$14,000	X					
2006	Simplicity	2000539606	48" Zero Turn Mower	\$ 2,000	\$10,000	X					
2020	CHEVY Silverado	1GCRVAE4L2177038	Work Truck	\$ 28,000	\$40,000				X		
2021	FORD	1FTMF1E5XMKD05901	Supt F-150 Truck	\$ 30,000	\$30,000						X
2018	QUALITY STEEL	5LEB1CH291182701	Trailer	\$ 1,500	\$4,000						

COLLECTION

Year	Make	Vin	Description	Current Value	New Value	Replacement Year 2025	Replacement Year 2026	Replacement Year 2027	Replacement Year 2028	Replacement Year 2029	Replacement Year 2030
1995	FORD	1FDPF70J2V27006	F700 Dump Truck (445)	\$ 10,000	\$90,000	X					
2000	STERLING	2FZHRJBB8YAB02035	Vactor Truck (442)	\$ 75,000	\$450,000						
2012	FORD	1FTBF2B63CEC68861	F250 Trouble/Plow Truck (450)	\$ 10,000	\$40,000						
2023	FORD	1FTBF2BA3PED24542	F-250 Super Duty Plow Truck	\$ 35,000	\$40,000						X
2017	FORD	1FTFX1EF6HFC21524	F-150 Locator Truck (Supt's)	\$ 15,000	\$28,300						
2017	Dodge Ram	3C7WRMBL9HG728053	Crane/Service Truck (630)	\$ 50,000	\$125,000				X		
2019	Grasshopper	Serial #6914220	60" Zero Turn Mower	\$ 6,000	\$10,000						X
2009	CASE	N9CS25943	Rubber Tired Backhoe	\$ 50,000	\$131,000					X	
1975	FMC-Bean	Model: 35/OT Serial# A119524	Trailer-Mounted Jet Rodder	\$ 5,000	\$75,000					X	
2015			Locator Unit	\$ 2,000	\$5,000						X
<b>Total Fleet Replacement Value</b>				<b>\$915,500</b>	<b>\$3,559,300</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>
<b>Yearly Replacement Spend</b>						<b>\$609,000</b>	<b>\$772,000</b>	<b>\$685,000</b>	<b>\$478,300</b>	<b>\$202,500</b>	<b>\$568,000</b>





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## TMU Investments and Accomplishments in 2024

- Sanitary Force Main Project: successfully and safely installed 23,000 feet of underground piping via Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) methods
- Elevated Storage Project: Successfully received bids under budget and began construction of the West Water Tower in Fall for Summer 2025 commissioning
- Replaced two (2) 15-year-old pumps at the North St. lift station
- Successfully implemented new Electric Rates
- Had several TMU employees and City leaders attend various IMPA workshops throughout the year (Safety, Rigging, Grants/Loans, Customer Service)
- Completed roof replacement on the Wastewater Admin building
- Completed refurbishment, water well #6 in the City's deep well system
- Successfully completed the monthly Safety training program through IMPA/TVPPA
- Participated in and supported numerous City and County growth initiatives.
- Celebrated 45 years of service and the retirement of long-time TMU employee Brad Cox (Electrical Department Supt)
- Successfully on-boarded new Electrical Supt Joe Plake
- Continued Youth movement via 2 new-hire employees in various TMU Departments and initiated two (2) electrical employees into the TVPPA apprenticeship program.
- Removed the old church property, adding to our East St water plant real estate
- Installed customary updates to our computers/internet system to maintain cybersecurity.
- Installed fiber connection to the west Water plant to increase security to that system
- Worked closely with Buyer of FCA factory to assure Utility Capacities to meet needs
- Converted 100 mobile homes to a single water/sewer meter readout to the property Owner and thus, removed delinquency risk of 100 payers
- Successfully on-boarded two new Utility Board members

ELECTRIC



WATER



WASTEWATER TREATMENT