



TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting

March 2, 2026

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The Tipton Utility Service Board (TUSB) met at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 216 South Main Street, Tipton, Indiana. TUSB Chairman McElfresh presided, and Tipton Municipal Utility (TMU) General Manager Jim Ankrum kept meeting notes. TUSB Members present included Chairman Don McElfresh, Parker Woods (cell), Peter Schram, Lori Hoback and Mark Raver. City Council liaison Rick Rippy also attended.

GUESTS

Bob Edinger and Mayor Kegan Schmicker

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were 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 and approved by:

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

“That claims #27599-27646 totaling \$318,395.38 be approved.” Motion carried.

CHARGE OFFS

None

FINANCIAL

TMU January 2026 Financials were presented and discussed

TMU Debt Balances as of Jan 2026 were presented and discussed:

Water and Electric: Zero

Wastewater \$3,039,900.28 through 2035

Stormwater/CSO \$11,660,170.75 through 2054

RESOLUTIONS

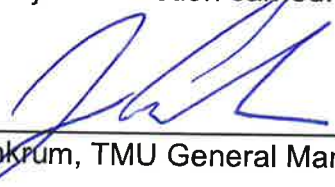
None

Other Matters presented to the Board by TMU General Manager Jim Ankrum:

- **Safety:** Upcoming Safety training will be held Mar 18 regarding Storm Restoration
- **IMPA:** Tipton IMPA Commissioner Ankrum attended the 2-27 Board meeting and shared the following:
 - City of Tipton Planner Collin Huffhines attended with Ankrum
 - Ankrum will attend the IMPA Operations Committee meeting on Mar 12
 - IMPA members are being inundated with Data Center inquiries and IMPA is developing a process, including potential reimbursement, for such inquiries. During public comment Mayor Schmicker mentioned he had been on a recent Central Indiana Regional Development Committee with various stakeholders, including IMPA, and Data Centers was a major topic of discussion.
- **Electrical:** A new electric gate opener was installed at the Elec department at a cost of \$8,000
- **Sewer Use Ordinance:** An update is forthcoming, likely at the Apr 6 TUSB meeting. The update will include a TUSB Resolution for approval and recommendation for City Common Council to adopt the updated SUO
- **Project Updates:**
 - New LS pumps on order, expected installation in Spring 2026
 - Car Wash: Still awaiting response from previous Owner of Swity property to see if a viable option
 - New Speedway at Campbell Crossing: Contractor bidding in progress
 - West WTP Filter Bottoms, no new news
 - City 12-acre property, updated Plans provided to TMU and under evaluation for optimal utility connection points
 - County Stroup Property Development on CR 560 W, no new news
 - Jeff St LPA Grant project: TMU involved in Design Review meetings
 - East WWTP Clarifier Replacement, no new news
- **US 31/SR 28 Development**
 - SE Quadrant and Stellantis Factory, tenant is on "pause"
 - City/County/Utility: No new news
- The next TUSB meeting is on Monday Mar 16, 2026, at 4:30 pm.
- **Community Comments:**
 - Board Member Raver questioned whether the pressure being put on AES in Indianapolis had any impact on TMU? Ankrum indicated that TMU had no relations with AES and dealt solely with Duke Energy, our high voltage provider.
 - Board Member Hoback questioned whether the Governor's push to have additional/improved IURC oversight on Investor-Owned utilities (IOU) would impact TMU? Ankrum indicated that TMU should not be impacted as we are no longer under IURC jurisdiction but was hopeful they would apply positive pressure to the IOU's which have raised rates (with IURC approval) at alarming rates the past few years.

- Community Member Bob Edinger asked about the following:
 - Please explain further what the factory tenant “pause” meant? Ankrum indicated the tenant had plans to be in full production, using large amounts of TMU water and electricity, by now but is only using the facility for warehousing and no production with minimal utility use. Edinger further wanted to know if they were using TMU utilities and paying their bills? Ankrum answered in the affirmative for both.
 - What is the Doctor’s Park update? Ankrum indicated the project was being led by the County and TMU had recently installed electrical service for their new/small pump station, but TMU was not involved otherwise.
 - What investments would TMU make if a Data Center were to come to Tipton? Ankrum indicated that it was TMU’s stance that we would look to the data center owner/developer to make any/all investments if such a system were implemented in TMU’s service area. Ankrum further mentioned that likely Duke Energy would be heavily involved due to the high voltage requirements and potential upgrades.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mark Raver & seconded by Peter Schram at 4:50 pm to adjourn. Motion carried.



Jim Ankrum, TMU General Manager



Don McElfresh, TUSB Chairman



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Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting Agenda

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Board Meeting Minutes: Accessed at www.tiptonutility.com/about

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Utility Board Members: Don McElfresh, Chairman
Parker Woods, Member
Lori Hoback, Member
Peter Schram, Member
Mark Raver, Member

Rick Rippy, Common Council Liaison
Jim Ankrum, TMU General Manager

CALL TO ORDER:	4:30 pm, City Council Chambers
GUESTS:	Please Sign In
MINUTES from Previous Meeting:	For Approval
CLAIMS:	For Approval
CHARGE-OFF REPORT:	None
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:	Distributed
RESOLUTIONS:	None
UTILITY REPORT:	TMU General Manager Jim Ankrum
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:	
ADJOURNMENT:	

