



TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting

May 18, 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, with Tipton Municipal Utility (TMU) General Manager Jim Ankrum taking notes. TUSB Members present included Chairman Don McElfresh, Peter Schram, Lori Hoback and Mark Raver. Member Parker Woods was unable to attend. City Council liaison Rick Rippey also attended.

GUESTS

Bob Edinger

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by:

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

“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 Peter Schram:

“That claims #27884-27933 totaling \$1,109,177.35 be approved.” Motion carried.

CHARGE OFFS

Charge Offs in the amount of \$530.42 were distributed and discussed.

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

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

FINANCIAL

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

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

- Safety: Safety training on Blood Pathogens will be held this Wed May 20
- IT: TMU is now working with a new third-party website Vendor to assist with website upgrades and maintenance. TMU lost some data during the last website host upgrade, assistance is now needed
- IMPA: Commissioner Ankrum will be attending the May 29 IMPA Board meeting
- Wastewater/SUO: Feedback was received from IDEM. TMU, with the assistance of Strand Engineering, will soon adjust the Sewer Use Ordinance, get Utility Board approval via TUSB Resolution and then proceed to City Council for an updated Ordinance adoption.
- IDEM: Ankrum shared with the Board an IDEM Inspection report and subsequent response from the City/TMU from late April, early May. This process occurs once or twice per year and in this case, TMU was able to remind IDEM of the many investment (nearly \$20 Million) TMU has made to combat Combined Storm Overflows (CSO) that can occur during significant rain events (10 to 12 events per year typically).
- Project Updates:
 - TMU is evaluating an investment of \$45,000 to replace sanitary/storm sewers on Independence near the Library.
 - Ball Fields: Rain has hindered progress and a new water service will soon be installed
 - Car Wash: No new news
 - New Speedway at Campbell Crossing: The Contractor has broken ground
 - West WTP Filter Bottoms: No new news
 - City 12-acre property: No new news
 - County Stroup Property: No new news
 - Jefferson St LPA Grant project: No new news
 - SE US 31/SR 28 Quadrant: No new news.
- TMU offices will be closed on Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.
- The next TUSB meeting is on Monday Jun 1, 2026, at 4:30 pm.


- **Community Comments:**

None

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mark Raver & seconded by Peter Schram to adjourn at 4:40 pm: 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, Tipton 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	For Approval
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	None
RESOLUTIONS	None
UTILITY REPORT	TMU General Manager Jim Ankrum
COMMUNITY COMMENTS	
ADJOURNMENT	

RESOLUTION 2026-03

TIPTON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD (TUSB) CITY OF TIPTON, INDIANA

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE EAST (CITY) WATER RATES IN TIPTON, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Tipton Municipal Utilities (TMU) operates the East (City) Water Plant and distribution system serving the residents of the City of Tipton and nearby areas and the system needs a water rate increase to support operations, maintenance and performance; and

WHEREAS, the Tipton Utility Service Board (TUSB) of the City of Tipton has the fiduciary duty to make recommendations to the Tipton Common Council relative to the adjustment and adoption of new water rates and fees for all utility service areas under the TUSB jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, a water rate study for TMU's East (City) Service Area was completed by Krohn & Associates in the Fall of 2025 to support recommendations as to necessary water rate adjustments to be charged to the users of the East (City) water Service Area; and

WHEREAS, TMU last adjusted the East (City) water rates and fees in 2021 and has since experienced significant operational and maintenance expense increases and project investments; and

WHEREAS, even with the proposed water rate and fee adjustments, TMU's East (City) water rates for residential customers will remain in the bottom quartile of water rates in comparison to neighboring and similar sized communities; and

WHEREAS, TUSB now desires TMU to implement new water rates as indicated in the attached Exhibit A Schedule of Water Rates and Charges for the East City Plant, effective on or about September 1, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TIPTON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD AS FOLLOWS: The TUSB does hereby make recommendation to the Tipton Common Council to adopt the new water rates and fees as shown in Exhibit A for the East (City) water Service Area.

Signed this 1ST day of JUNE, 2026, in Tipton Indiana.

Tipton Utility Service Board



Don McElfresh -- Chairman



Mark Raver



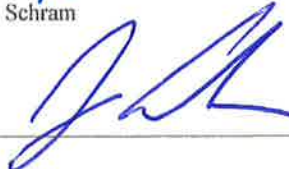
Lori Hoback



Peter Schram



Harrison P. Woods



ATTEST: James E. Ankrum, Utility General Manager

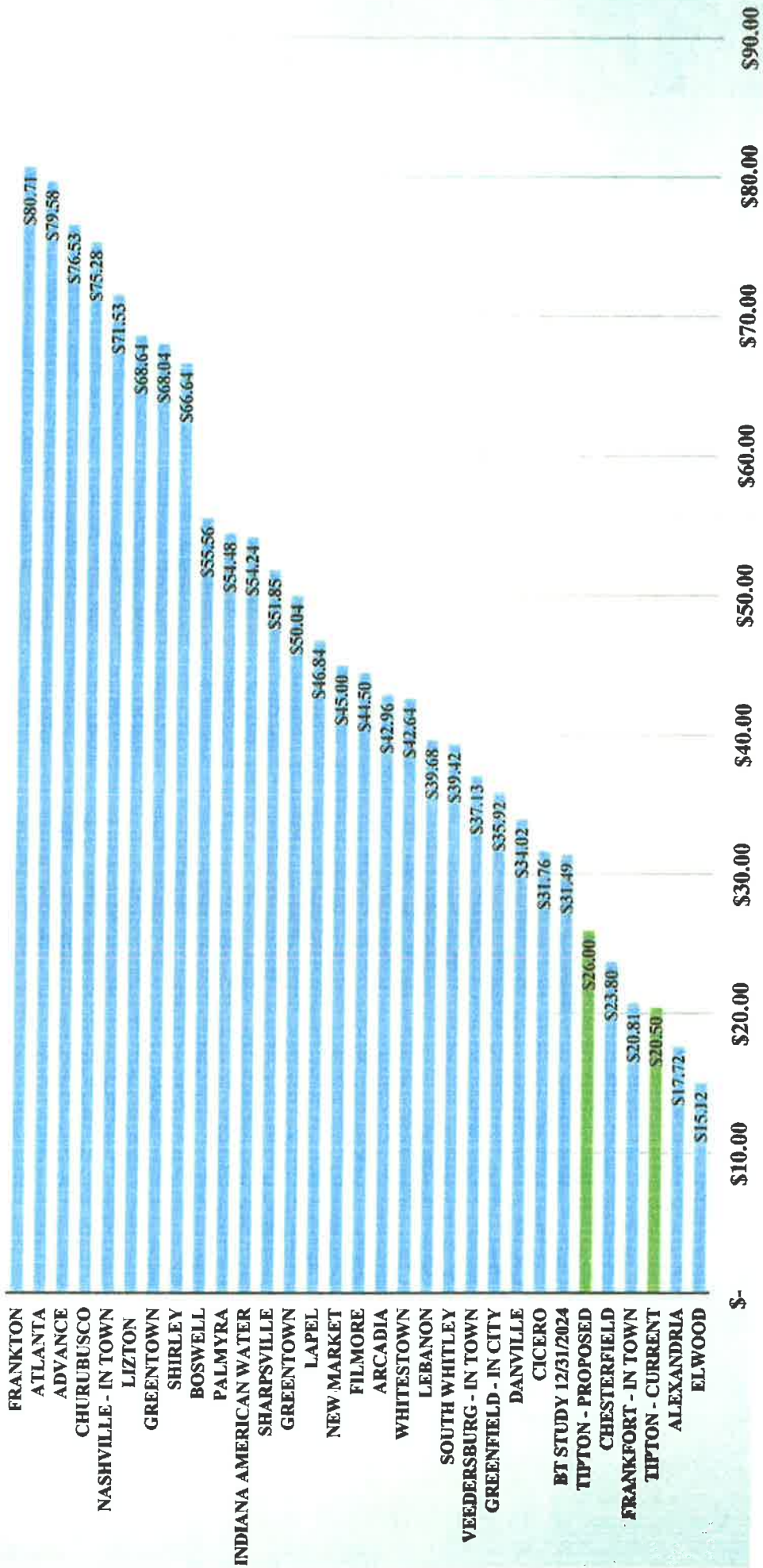
EXHIBIT A

TIPTON MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES - EAST PLANT

				<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
<u>MONTHLY METERED RATES (PER 100 CU. FT.)</u>					
		<u>GALLONS</u>			
FIRST	300 CU. FT.	2,244		\$ 4,053	\$ 5,141
NEXT	1,300 CU. FT.	9,725		3,552	4,506
NEXT	6,400 CU. FT.	47,875		3,037	3,852
NEXT	12,000 CU. FT.	89,766		2,225	2,822
NEXT	30,000 CU. FT.	224,415		1,828	2,319
NEXT	50,000 CU. FT.	374,025		1,521	1,929
OVER	100,000 CU. FT.	748,050		1,210	1,535
<u>MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGES:</u>					
	<u>METER SIZE:</u>	<u>CU. FT.</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>		
	5/8 INCH METER	302	2,259	\$ 12.23	\$ 15.51
	3/4 INCH METER	597	4,466	22.71	28.81
	1 INCH METER	1,384	10,353	50.66	64.27
	1 1/2 INCH METER	3,006	22,486	101.03	128.16
	2 INCH METER	7,998	59,829	252.63	320.45
	3 INCH METER	19,346	144,718	505.22	640.71
	4 INCH METER	46,824	350,267	1,010.17	1,281.22
	6 INCH METER	99,272	742,604	1,817.83	2,305.33
<u>FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES:</u>					
	PRIVATE HYDRANTS (PER ANNUM):			\$ 803.77	\$ 1,019.55
	PUBLIC HYDRANTS (PER MONTH):				
	<u>METER SIZE:</u>				
	5/8 INCH METER			\$ 3.67	\$ 4.66
	3/4 INCH METER			5.26	6.67
	1 INCH METER			9.14	11.59
	1 1/2 INCH METER			21.20	26.89
	2 INCH METER			36.56	46.37
	3 INCH METER			84.08	106.65
	4 INCH METER			146.21	185.46
	6 INCH METER			332.68	421.99
	AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS (PER CONNECTION, PER ANNUM):				
	<u>METER SIZE:</u>				
	3 INCH METER			\$ 116.91	\$ 148.30
	4 INCH METER			182.75	231.81
	6 INCH METER			401.88	509.77
	8 INCH METER			913.30	1,158.49
	ANNUAL WATER ACCESS FEE, PER TOWNSHIP:			\$ 2,920.00	\$ 3,703.91
<u>SURCHARGES:</u>					
	RURAL CUSTOMERS, PER CUSTOMER			\$ 8.41	\$ 10.67
	DOVERVIEW SUBDIVISION, PER CUSTOMER			\$ 7.31	\$ 9.27
<u>CONNECTION FEES:</u>					
	<u>METER SIZE:</u>				
	5/8 - 3/4 INCH METER			\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
	1 INCH METER			\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
	GREATER THAN 1 INCH METER			ACTUAL COST INCURRED	\$1,600.00 OR ACTUAL COST, WHICHEVER IS GREATER
	<u>AVAILABILITY FEES (PER CONNECTION):</u>			\$ 250.00	
	<u>METER SIZE:</u>				
	5/8 INCH METER				\$ 1,350.00
	3/4 INCH METER				1,350.00
	1 INCH METER				3,375.00
	1 1/2 INCH METER				6,750.00
	2 INCH METER				10,800.00
	3 INCH METER				20,250.00
	4 INCH METER				33,750.00
	6 INCH METER				67,500.00
	8 INCH METER				108,000.00
	10 INCH METER				155,250.00
	<u>RECONNECTION FEES:</u>			\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
	<u>BAD CHECK CHARGE:</u>			\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00
	<u>LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES:</u>			10% OF THE FIRST \$3.00, PLUS 3% OF THE EXCESS OVER \$3.00	10% OF THE FIRST \$3.00, PLUS 3% OF THE EXCESS OVER \$3.00

**TIPTON MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY
COMPARISON OF MONTHLY WATER BILLS
BASED ON 4,000 GALLON USAGE**



RESOLUTION 2026-04

TIPTON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD (TUSB) CITY OF TIPTON, INDIANA

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE EAST (CITY) SEWER RATES IN TIPTON, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Tipton Municipal Utilities (TMU) operates the East (City) Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection system serving the residents of the City of Tipton and the residents from the Towns of Sharpsville and Kempton and the TMU system needs a sewer rate increase to support operations, maintenance and performance; and

WHEREAS, the Tipton Utility Service Board (TUSB) of the City of Tipton has the fiduciary duty to make recommendations to the Tipton Common Council relative to the adjustment and adoption of new sewer rates and fees for all utility service areas under the TUSB jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, a sewer rate study for TMU's East (City) Service Area and including the Towns of Sharpsville and Kempton wholesale rates, was completed by Krohn & Associates in the Fall of 2025 to support recommendations as to necessary sewer rate adjustments to be charged to the users of the East (City) sewer Service Area and Sharpsville and Kempton; and

WHEREAS, TMU last adjusted the East (City), Sharpsville and Kempton sewer rates and fees in 2015 and has since experienced significant operational and maintenance expense increases and project investments; and

WHEREAS, with the proposed sewer rate and fee adjustments, TMU's East (City) sewer rates for residential customers will remain in the bottom third of sewer rates in comparison to neighboring and similar sized communities; and

WHEREAS, TUSB now desires TMU to implement new sewer rates as indicated in the attached Exhibit A Schedule of Wastewater Rates and Charges for the East City Plant, effective on or about September 1, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TIPTON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD AS FOLLOWS: The TUSB does hereby make recommendation to the Tipton Common Council to adopt the new sewer rates and fees, effective on or about Sept 1, 2026, as shown in Exhibit A.

Signed this 1st day of JUNE, 2026, in Tipton Indiana.

Tipton Utility Service Board



Don McElfresh – Chairman



Mark Raver



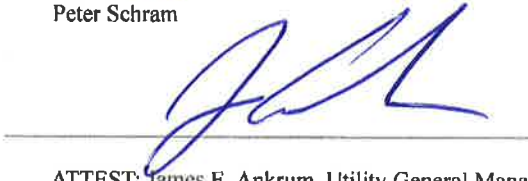
Lori Hoback



Peter Schram



Harrison P. Woods



ATTEST: James E. Ankrum, Utility General Manager

EXHIBIT A

TIPTON MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER UTILITY

SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES - EAST PLANT

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
<u>MONTHLY METERED RATES (PER 100 CU. FT.):</u>	\$ 3.52	\$ 4.41
<u>BASE MONTHLY CHARGES:</u>		
<u>METER SIZE:</u>		
5/8 INCH METER	\$ 22.71	\$ 28.44
1 INCH METER	55.04	68.92
1 1/2 INCH METER	126.08	157.88
2 INCH METER	216.54	271.15
3 INCH METER	496.52	621.74
4 INCH METER	862.65	1,080.21
6 INCH METER	1,961.03	2,455.60
<u>UNMETERED RATE:</u>	\$ 47.24	\$ 59.15
<u>WHOLESALE RATE:</u>		
TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE (PER GALLON)	\$ 0.00385	\$ 0.00482
TOWN OF KEMPTON (PER GALLON)	\$ 0.00380	\$ 0.00476
TOWN OF KEMPTON (MONTHLY BASE CHARGE)	\$ 2,368.00	\$ 2,965.00
<u>CONNECTION FEES:</u>	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,500 OR ACTUAL COST, WHICHEVER IS GREATER
<u>AVAILABILITY FEES:</u>	\$ 250.00	
<u>METER SIZE:</u>		
5/8 INCH METER		\$ 1,750.00
1 INCH METER		4,375.00
1 1/2 INCH METER		8,750.00
2 INCH METER		14,000.00
3 INCH METER		26,250.00
4 INCH METER		43,750.00
6 INCH METER		87,500.00
8 INCH METER		140,000.00
10 INCH METER		201,250.00

**TIPTON MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER UTILITY
COMPARISON OF MONTHLY WASTEWATER BILLS
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