



TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting

June 1, 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, Parker Woods, Peter Schram, Lori Hoback and Mark Raver. Tipton Common Council liaison Rick Rippy was unable to attend.

GUESTS

Bob Edinger, Jarrod Hall (Krohn & Associates) Matt Smith (Strand Engineering), Scott Reecer (TMU) and Tim Bradford (City of Tipton)

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 Parker Woods:

“That claims #27934-27982 totaling \$422,766.32 be approved.” Motion carried.

FINANCIALS & CHARGE OFFS

TMU May 2026 Financials were distributed and discussed

RESOLUTIONS

TUSB Resolution 2026-03 A Recommendation to Increase City Water Rates was presented and discussed with details provided by Krohn & Associates:

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Schram and seconded by Mark Raver:

That Resolution 2026-03 be approved as presented and forwarded to the Tipton Common Council with recommendation to adopt new City Water Rates through City Ordinance process.

Motion unanimously carried

TUSB Resolution 2026-04 Recommendation to Increase City Sewer Rates was presented and discussed with details provided by Krohn & Associates:

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Raver and seconded by Lori Hoback:
That Resolution 2026-04 be approved as presented and forwarded to the Tipton Common Council with recommendation to adopt new City Sewer Rates through City Ordinance process.
Motion unanimously carried.

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

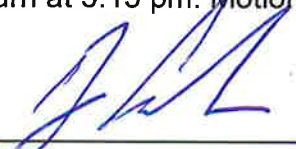
- Safety: Safety training on Blood Pathogens was held on Wed May 20, and very well attended by City and Utility employees
- IT: TMU website upgrades are soon to begin with new Vendor
- IMPA: Commissioner Ankrum attended the May 29 IMPA Board meeting:
 - The Anderson Combustion Turbine (CT) project continues in Design
 - The Richmond Battery Storage project is complete and operational
- Water: TMU successfully completed our 2-year Water Audit. We have under 4% water loss in the system which is phenomenally low! Thanks Jeff Heard, Rick Tilley, Konner Tilley, Paul Ferguson, Delbert Lacy and Brayton Lacy, the TMU Water Dept.
- Water: Drone technology was used to complete pressure-wash cleaning of the ground storage tank at the West water plant. TMU is very happy with the outcome and appearance of the cleaned tank. Ankrum will forward pics to the Board.
- Wastewater/SUO: A TUSB Resolution is forthcoming that will recommend the Tipton Common Council to adopt the SUO changes via Ordinance process
- Project Updates:
 - TMU is evaluating an investment of \$45,000 to replace sanitary/storm sewers on Independence near the Library.
 - Ball Fields: The 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: A meeting will be held this Thurs, 6 pm at the County Courthouse for PUD consideration and approval by the County Planning Commission for Commercial/Industrial use of the property
 - Jefferson St LPA Grant project: No new news
 - SE US 31/SR 28 Quadrant: Patch Development is applying for a PUD through Tipton County Council and RDC this Thurs, 6 pm at County Courthouse.
- The next TUSB meeting is on Monday Jun 15, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

- **Community Comments:**

Bob Edinger inquired as follows:

- How do the rate increases apply to Kempton and Sharpsville? Ankrum confirmed both Towns are Sewer-only customers and the same rate increase percentage would apply to both Towns' sewer rates.
- Do these rate increases apply to customers out west by US 31? Ankrum confirmed that customers out west operate under different Water and Sewer rates and the proposed Resolutions/Ordinances do NOT apply to those customers in the west service area.
- Could a hard copy be provided? Ankrum provided Mr. Edinger with a printed copy of the presentation and indicated copies of the TUSB Resolutions could be obtained at the Utility office. Likewise, once the City drafts the Ordinances, they can be viewed at the City Clerk-Treasurer office and likely hard copies obtained.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mark Raver & seconded by Parker Woods to adjourn at 5:15 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, 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
UTILITY REPORT:	TMU General Manager Jim Ankrum
RESOLUTIONS:	2026-03 Water Rate Increase Recommendation to Common Council 2026-04 Sewer Rate Increase Recommendation to Common Council
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:	
ADJOURNMENT:	



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TIPTON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Guest Register
June 1, 2026

Name (please print)

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Jarrod Hill

Scott Reecer

BOB EDWARDS

Matt Smith

Tim Bradford

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



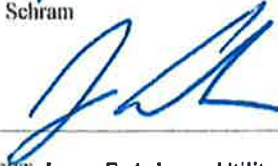
Lori Hoback



Peter Schram



Harrison P. Woods



ATTEST: James E. Ankrum, Utility General Manager

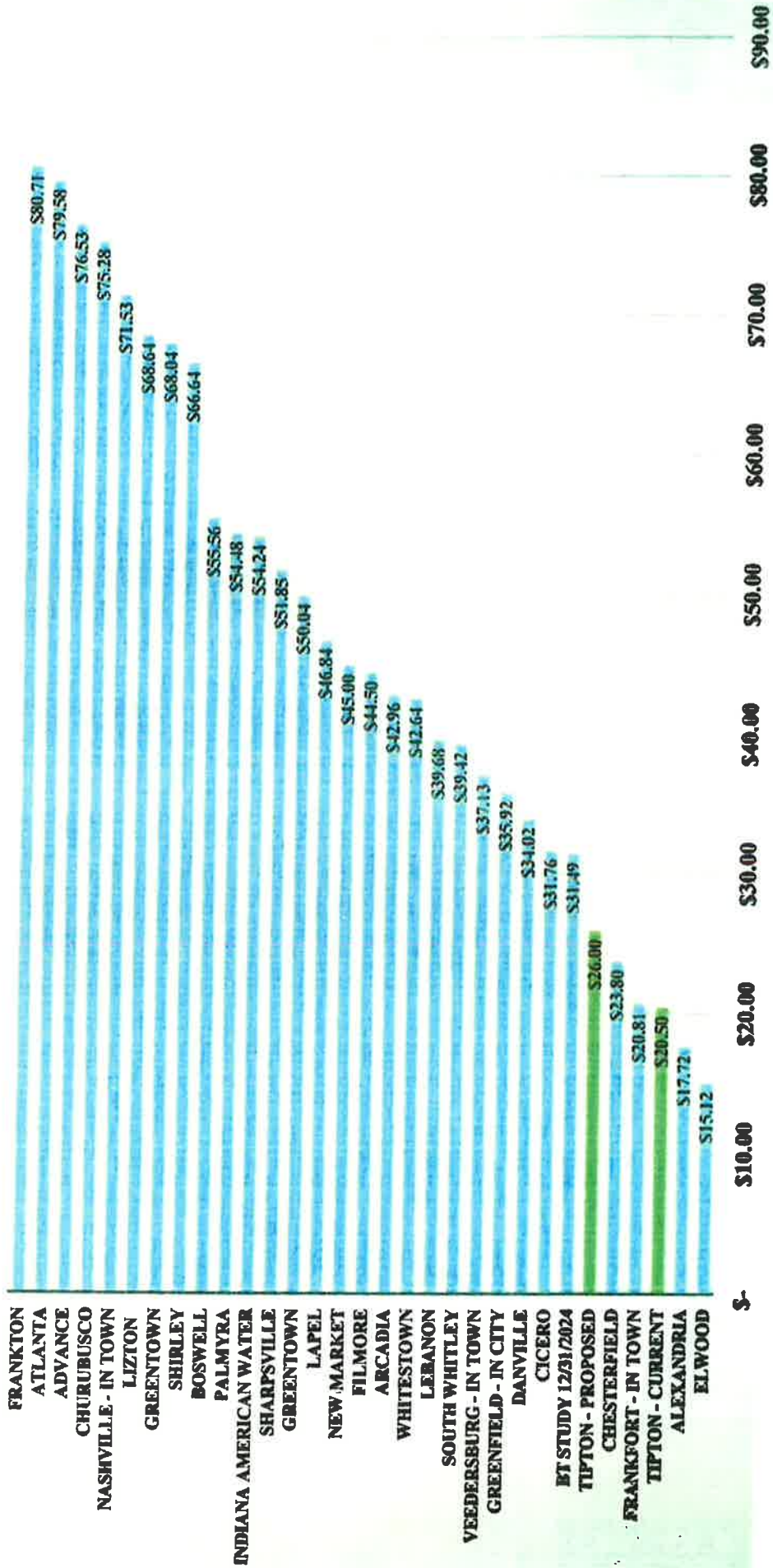
EXHIBIT A

TIPTON MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES - LAST PLANT

<u>MONTHLY METER RATES (PER 100 CU. FT.)</u>			<u>CURRENT</u>		<u>PROPOSED</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 Sharpville 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 Sharpville 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 Sharpville and Kempton; and

WHEREAS, TMU last adjusted the East (City), Sharpville 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



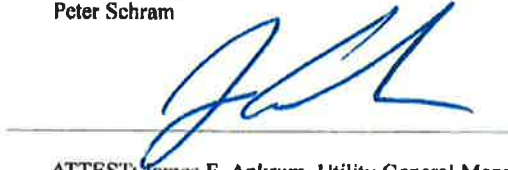
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Peter Schram



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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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