



TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting

July 20, 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 (cell), Peter Schram, and Mark Raver. Members Parker Woods and Lori Hoback were unable to attend. Tipton Common Council liaison Rick Rippy also attended.

GUESTS

Bob Edinger

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by:

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Schram 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 #28113-28179 totaling \$951,556.01 be approved." Motion carried.

FINANCIALS & CHARGE OFFS

TMU July Charge-Offs in the amount of \$1,847.85 were distributed and discussed.

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

"That Charge-Offs be approved as submitted." Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

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

- Safety: Safety training on Hazardous Chemicals will be held on Wed Jul 23
- Disbursement of used vehicle: TMU has recently purchased a replacement vehicle within the fleet. Ankrum recommends that the old vehicle, a 2014 Chevy Equinox valued at under \$2,000, be donated to the City of Tipton for their use.
 - MOTION: It was moved by Peter Schram and seconded by Mark Raver "to donate the 2014 vehicle to the City." Motion Carried
- Water: Ankrum also confirmed that a new Supt pickup truck for the Water Department will soon be acquired as part of the major equipment/asset plan previously approved by the Board. Upon delivery of a large Bucket truck for the Electrical Dept TMU's large asset purchases for 2026 shall be complete.
- Water: Pending a written agreement/permission from the County, TMU will soon have the option to drill test water well(s) in the RDC-owned property directly west of the TMU Water Plant on CR 560W.
- Wastewater: Ankrum will soon provide the Utility Board a Resolution to recommend Tipton Common Council to adopt an updated Sewer Use Ordinance.
- Project Updates:
 - Sanitary/storm sewers on Independence near the Library. No new news
 - Ball Fields: No new news
 - Car Wash: Thanks to efforts of Utility Board Member Schram, TMU with guidance from City Attorney Quigley has sent a Car Wash variance document to Ricker Oil Co. for approval. This variance will allow the City and the Car Wash vendor to consider the former Swity property, in front of TMU's East WWTP, as an option for a new car wash for Tipton.
 - New Speedway at Campbell Crossing: No new news.
 - West WTP Filter Bottoms: A vendor meeting is scheduled for July 29th
 - City 12-acre property: No new news
 - Jefferson St LPA Grant project: No new news
 - SE US 31/SR 28 Quadrant: no new news.
- The next TUSB meeting is on Monday August 3, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

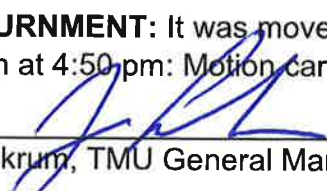
• **Community Comments:**

Bob Edinger questioned the cost of test water wells: Ankrum confirmed approximately \$35,000 for two wells, capping, clean-up, a hydraulic analysis and Engineering report.

Bob Edinger mentioned he was surprised the County required such a written agreement for TMU to access the RDC property. Ankrum confirmed he was also surprised but the County attorney is working on such an agreement this week.

Bob Edinger mentioned that 57 years ago today, the USA put a man on the moon!

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

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