



TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting

August 3, 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), Parker Woods, Lori Hoback, Peter Schram, and Mark Raver. Common Council liaison Rick Rippy also attended.

GUESTS

Matt Smith (Strand Associates)

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 Peter Schram:

"That claims #28180-28227 totaling \$356,035.62 be approved." Motion carried.

FINANCIALS & CHARGE OFFS

TMU July Financials were Distributed and Discussed

RESOLUTIONS

TUSB 2026-01 A Recommendation to Common Council to Adopt an Updated Sewer Use (SOU) and Enforcement Response Guide Ordinance.

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

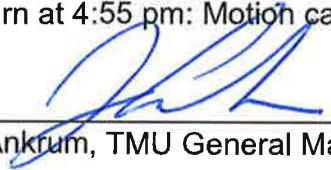
"That the SUO/ERG Update Resolution be approved." Motion carried.

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

- Safety: Safety training was held on Wed Jul 23
- IMPA: Tipton Commissioner Ankrum attended the July 31 IMPA Board of Commissioners meeting and shared information including IMPA Member Electrical Rates compared to Investor-Owned Utilities (IOU) and a short video on nuclear waste disposal.
- Water: TMU still awaits permission from County RDC to access their property near the TMU West WTP to potentially drill test water well(s) on the RDC property.
- IT: Considering recent cyber-attacks on Water plant facilities in Minnesota, Ankrum reminded the Board of investments made to upgrade TMU facilities against cyber-attacks and confirmed with our third-party vendor that upgrades in place should protect TMU against similar attacks.
- Water: The annual water well preventative maintenance and testing was performed at wells for both City and West water systems. Everything checked out nicely, no major well rehabs will be performed this year.
- Wastewater: Ankrum is drafting a Request for Proposal from Strand Associates for Engineering assistance on a new Blower and new Clarifiers
- Project Updates:
 - Sanitary/storm sewers on Independence near the Library. In review.
 - Ball Fields: Water line installed, currently being tested and sampled
 - Car Wash: TMU awaits a returned variance document from Ricker Oil Co. for the former consideration of the Swifty property on East Jefferson St.
 - New Speedway at Campbell Crossing: No new news.
 - West WTP Filter Bottoms: A vendor meeting was held at the plant on July 29th TMU awaits feedback from the Vendor as to options, budgeting and recommendations.
 - 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 17 2026, at 4:30 pm.
- **Community Comments:**

None

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mark Raver & seconded by Parker Woods to adjourn at 4:55 pm: Motion carried.


Jim Ankrum, TMU General Manager


Don McElfresh, TUSB Chairman

RESOLUTION 2026-01

A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE TIPTON SEWER USE ORDINANCE and ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE GUIDE

WHEREAS, the Tipton Public Owned Treatment Works (POTW) is operated by Tipton Municipal Utilities (TMU) under Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) jurisdiction and the City of Tipton Sewer Use Ordinance (SUO) and an Enforcement Response Guide (ERG), and:

WHEREAS, it has been determined by TMU and the IDEM that certain changes to the SUO and the ERG are needed at this time, and

WHEREAS, the last SUO update was adopted by Tipton Common Council in the Spring of 2021, and:

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the Tipton Utility Service Board hereby recommends to the Tipton Common Council that revisions to the Sewer Use Ordinance and Enforcement Response Guide be approved and adopted.

Signed this 3rd day of AUGUST, 2026, in Tipton Indiana.

Tipton Utility Service Board



Don McElfresh – Chairman



Mark Raver



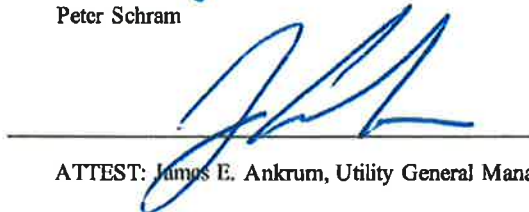
Lori Hoback



Peter Schram



Harrison P. Woods



ATTEST: James E. Ankrum, Utility General Manager



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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
RESOLUTION	TUSB 2026-01 Recommendation to Common Council to Update the Sewer Use Ordinance (SUO) and Enforcement Response Guide (ERG)
UTILITY REPORT:	TMU General Manager Jim Ankrum
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:	
ADJOURNMENT:	



Name (please print)

Matt Smith