



TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting Agenda

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September 21, 2026

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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The Tipton Utility Service Board (TUSB) met at 4:30 p.m. in 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 were Chairman Don McElfresh, Parker Woods, Lori Hoback (cell), Peter Schram, and Mark Raver. Common Council liaison Rick Rippey also attended.

GUESTS

Bob Edinger

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by:

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Schram and seconded by Parker Woods:

"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 #28345-28396 totaling \$1,467,620.36 be approved." Motion carried.

FINANCIALS & CHARGE OFFS

TMU Sept Charge-Offs in the amount of \$2,476.74 were distributed and discussed

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

"That Charge-Offs be approved as submitted

Board Member Schram expressed concern that high-dollar overdue accounts continue to grow. Ankrum indicated increased pressure will be exerted now that shut-off leverage can be utilized in the Fall.

Board Member Raver questioned the status and TMU stance on \$4,000+ overdue amount at Parkview Trailer Park. Ankrum indicated this happens on occasion with that account and we have had no issue eventually being paid.

RESOLUTIONS

None

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

- Safety: Safety training on Electrical Switching will be held this Wed Sep 23
- IMPA: TMU Electrical Supt Joe Plake did a great job as guest speaker at the IMPA Linemen Appreciation Event last week!
- Water: TMU still awaits permission from County RDC to access their property near the TMU West WTP to potentially drill a test water well(s) on RDC property
- Wastewater: Ankrum is awaiting a response from Strand to a TMU RFP for Engineering assistance on procurement of a new Blower and new Clarifiers in 2027
- Wastewater: The updated Sewer Use Ordinance has passed by Common (City) Council on second and final reading and is officially adopted
- Stormwater: Tipton has engaged with Burke Engineering to submit a letter to IDEM to request a Waiver from the MS4 designation. Ankrum is investigating how long a Waiver might apply if successful in obtaining one
- CSO: IDEM performed a six-hour Inspection/Audit on Monday Sept 14 to verify many aspects of Tipton's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) with respect to combined sewer overflows, storage and treatment. We believe the meeting, also attended by Mayor Schmicker, went well and will look for follow-up correspondence from IDEM
- Project Updates:
 - Tipton Commerce Center (Patch Development) is moving forward with State READI and County Match funding. TMU water and sewer extension are included but NOT enough money to cover Electrical. TMU and the County will explore options to close the funding gap currently estimated to approach \$750,000 for full scope installation. Ankrum reiterated what he had shared at the County RDC meeting last week:
 - TMU is excited to be involved in this project and has been assisting with Developer since January 2026
 - The Electrical Scope grew from "to the site" to "to and through the site" and is currently estimated at \$750,000.
 - TMU was surprised to recently being asked to participate financially. This ask is beyond the City/TMU commitment to apply resources to assist Developers with planning, coordination, etc. of potential projects.
 - Ankrum provided examples of TMU standard approaches to request for new and/or updated Utility services
 - Ankrum mentioned TMU was not familiar with Reimbursable Agreements mentioned by the County/Developer and further stated that TMU preferred the County hold these types of agreements in light of the County owning, selling and taxing the property in question.
 - Ankrum indicated that TMU prefers to manage the Electrical scope installation regardless of how/who pays for it.
 - The Utility Board asked Peter Schram to assist and participate with Ankrum on this matter moving forward. Member Schram agreed to do so.

- Car Wash: TMU has reached out to the proposed Car Wash proprietor and is awaiting return communication to discuss next steps
 - West WTP Filter Bottoms: TMU awaits Vendor feedback 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 Oct 5, 2026, at 4:30 pm.
 - **Community Comments:**

Bob Edinger asked about the following matters:

- Regarding Pork Fest Electrical use, who pays for it? Ankrum indicated the Pork Fest is metered separately, and the Pork Fest pays for the Electrical use.
- Regarding the factory at US 31 and SR 28, are they current on their Utility bills? Ankrum indicated the tenant typically has a \$25,000 to \$30,000 monthly utility bill, even with little activity, and are timely on payments.
- Please further explain the IDEM CSO Audit. Ankrum indicated that TMU had submitted a Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) in 2010 and an updated CSO Operational Plan in 2018. Furthermore, every few years IDEM will perform an Audit to confirm TMU is performing to the LTCP and Ops Plan, holding us accountable to what we said we would do. Ankrum understands that there were no major issues at last weeks' audit and would expect some minor deficiencies were likely identified and forthcoming in an IDEM follow-up letter.

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



 Jim Ankrum, TMU General Manager



 Don McElfresh, TUSB Chairman