



TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting Agenda

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September 8, 2026

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	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 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, Lori Hoback, Peter Schram, and Mark Raver. Common Council liaison Rick Rippy also attended.

GUESTS

Bob Edinger, Vince Petroy (United Consulting)

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 #28277-28344 totaling \$394,707.65 be approved." Motion carried.

FINANCIALS & CHARGE OFFS

TMU July 2026 Financials were distributed and discussed

RESOLUTIONS

None

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

- Safety: Safety training on Electrical Switching will be held on Wed Sep 23
- IMPA: TMU Electrical Supt Joe Plake will be a guest speaker at the IMPA Linemen Appreciation Event on Sept 17
- Electrical: TMU has begun setting up temporary power stations for Pork Fest vendors
- 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 the RDC property.
- Wastewater: Ankrum is awaiting a response from Strand to a TMU Request for Proposal for Engineering assistance on procurement of a new Blower and new Clarifiers in 2027
- Wastewater: The updated Sewer Use Ordinance passed first reading at Common (City) Council and should pass second and final reading next Monday
- Stormwater: Tipton is potentially being designated as a MS4 City with regards to stormwater compliance efforts. Ankrum, with assistance from Burke Engineering, will be submitting a letter to IDEM to request a Waiver from this designation
- CSO: IDEM will be performing an 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
- Project Updates:
 - Tipton Commerce Center (Patch Development) is moving forward with State READI and County Match funding. TMU water, sewer and electrical utility extensions are included with groundbreaking this Fall
 - Car Wash: TMU awaits a returned variance document from Ricker Oil Co. for the former consideration of the Swifty property on East Jefferson St.
 - Speedway at Campbell Crossing: TMU Water & Sewer are connected
 - 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 Sep 21, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

• **Community Comments:**

Council Liaison Rippy questioned if anything was going on with the former Stellantis building at US 31? Ankrum said the Owner had reached out in June to re-confirm Utility capacities were still available as offered two years ago. TMU confirmed

Member Schram questioned if Electrical sizing for Patch was adequate? Ankrum confirmed that IMPA had assisted with Electrical design to meet a variety of potential customer demands (commercial, light to medium industrial, etc.).

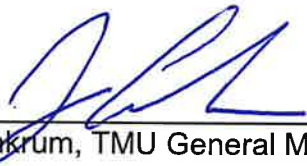
Member Hoback questioned if there was any new news on residential development at CR 400 W and Old SR 28? Ankrum said he had not heard anything from the County in many months but apparently there was discussion and development plans approved at last week's County Plan Commission meeting.

Member Hoback question if TMU had any asset damage from the flood? Ankrum confirmed TMU assets were not damaged, and we had expended approximately \$5,000 of Labor to assist the City with clean-up.

Bob Edinger asked more about MS4 designation? Ankrum answered that the designation stood for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and the City of Tipton was one of 29 entities that had preliminarily received the designation. With all the work Tipton/TMU has done with combined sewer/stormwater separation (CSO's) we will apply for a Waiver this Fall and if not successful, will implement the MS4 program and record keeping next Spring.

Bob also asked if TMU had experienced more electrical outages than usual this year? Ankrum answered that actually, we had experienced less outages and only one "major" outage this Summer on the Jackson station circuit (North and West of the City) that lasted approximately 2 hours from 2 am to 4 am. TMU continues to be vigilant on assessing and repairing all outages with most under 1-hour to accomplish as most occur due to varmints getting into our electrical lines and sometimes after change in humidity/moisture when storms come to the area.

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



Jim Ankrum, TMU General Manager



Don McElfresh, TUSB Chairman