TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting

October 5, 2026

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

GUESTS

Bob Edinger, Tim Bradford (City Building Commissioner and Planning) and THS students Macy Nunemacher, Chase Benson, Kinsey Nunemacher and Trice Marsh

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by:

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Raver 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 Lori Hoback:
"That claims #28397-28459 totaling $313,090.46 be approved." Motion carried.

FINANCIALS & CHARGE OFFS

TMU August Financials were distributed and discussed

RESOLUTIONS

None

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

- Safety: Safety training on Electrical Pole Top & Bucket Truck Rescue will be Oct 21
- IMPA: Tipton IMPA Commissioner Ankrum attended the Sept 25 IMPA Board meeting. He shared the following:
    - The Tipton fuel tracking rate adjustment is anticipated to increase by 5% in 2027. This rate is adjusted on a quarterly basis and measures changes in electric power production, fuel, operations and transportation costs with adjustments made for all TMU Electrical customers.
    - Ankrum noted that over the past decade, the average IMPA adjustment has been 1.7% including the last two years of negative (reduced) cost which is considerably below consumer price index of 3% to 5% inflation.
- Wastewater: Ankrum has received and is reviewing an RFP response from Strand to a TMU for Engineering assistance on design, permitting and procurement of a new Blower and new Clarifiers in 2027-28.
- Stormwater: Tipton continues discussions with Burke Engineering to submit a Waiver request letter to IDEM regarding the MS4 designation. A Waiver will apply for five (5) years at which time Tipton could be again assigned the MS4 designation.
- CSO: TMU has received an IDEM CSO Audit follow-up correspondence. Minor monitoring/reporting deficiencies were identified as well as the need to update the CSO Operations Plan. TMU and Strand will soon address the issues and respond within the 45-day timeline offered by IDEM.
- Project Updates:
    - Tipton Commerce Center (Patch Development): Ankrum has firm and lower pricing for the underground Electrical installation, and the County has accessed $400,000 of additional READI/County Match money. Thus, the gap has now narrowed to $204,000. Ankrum soon craft a reasonable proposal to the County that will have TMU cover a portion of the gap. Ankrum and Board Member Schram will continue to have discussions with the County and report back. The Developer intends to break ground in one month, on or about Nov 1.
    - Car Wash: TMU will be meeting with the proposed Car Wash proprietor later this week to discuss land options and next steps.
    - West WTP Filter Bottoms: TMU has three (3) quotes in hand and will soon meet with Wessler Engineering to discuss options and timing.
    - 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 19, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

- **Community Comments:**

Bob Edinger asked about the following matters:

Re-explain the Patch READI/County/TMU investments: Ankrum explained that in addition to the roughly $2.8 Million READI Grant in hand (and equal amount of Tipton

County match), the READI Grant Administrator has committed an additional $200,000 to the Patch project, to be matched by the County for a total of $400,000. With better and firm Electrical installation pricing by TMU, the anticipated electrical has also reduced by nearly $150,000. Yet, there remains a $204,000 gap in funding for the underground Electrical portion of the project. Ankrum indicated that he would soon put funding options in front of the Utility Board for TMU to participate in closing the gap. Ankrum also reminded all that TMU water and sewer lines valued at hundreds of thousands (if not over a million dollars) is being covered by the READI/County, at no cost to TMU.

Tim Bradford mentioned TMU has been great to work with in his capacity as Tipton City Building Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mark Raver & seconded by Lori Hoback to adjourn at 4:40 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**
RESOLUTION	**None**
UTILITY REPORT:	**TMU General Manager Jim Ankrum**
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:	
ADJOURNMENT:	

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TIPTON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Guest Register

November 2, 2026

Name (please print)	Name (please print)
Bob Edinger	
Tim Bradford	
Macy Nuremacher	
Chase Benson	
Kinsey Nuremacher	
Trice Marsh	