TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting

November 2, 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 and Tipton Municipal Utility (TMU) General Manager Jim Ankrum took notes. TUSB Members present were Chairman Don McElfresh, Parker Woods (cell) and Peter Schram. Members Mark Raver and Lori Hoback and Common Council liaison Rick Rippy were unable to attend.

GUESTS

THS Students: Macy Nunemacher, Mason Ejel, Kinsey Nunemacher, Chase Benson Bob Edinger and Tim Bradford (City Planning)

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 Don McElfresh and seconded by Peter Schram: "That claims #28524-28573 totaling $330,007.15 be approved." Motion carried.

FINANCIALS & CHARGE OFFS

TMU September 2026 Financials were Distributed and Discussed

RESOLUTIONS

TUSB Resolution 2026-06 2027 Salaries for Elected/Appointed Officials
TUSB Resolution 2026-07 2027 TMU Employee Wage/Salary Increase and Ranges

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Schram and seconded by Parker Woods: "That Resolutions 2026-06 and 2026-07 be approved as submitted." Motion carried

TUSB Resolution 2026-08 TMU Investment in Tipton Commerce Park

MOTION: It was moved by Parker Woods and seconded by Peter Schram: "That Resolution 2026-08 be approved as submitted." Motion Caried

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

- Safety: Safety training on Electrical Pole Top & Bucket Truck Rescue was on Oct 21
- IMPA: Commissioner Ankrum attended the Oct 30th IMPA Board of Commissioners meeting, normal and customary monthly info was presented
- Wastewater: Ankrum continues to review information from Strand regarding Engineering assistance on design, permitting and procurement of a new Blower, possible Electrical upgrades and new Clarifiers at the City (East) WWTP in 2027-28.
- Stormwater: TMU and Burke Engineering will soon submit a Waiver request letter to IDEM regarding the MS4 designation.
- CSO: TMU continues to address minor deficiency issues from the IDEM Audit.
- Project Updates:
    - Tipton Commerce Center (Patch Development): Groundbreaking was held Tues Oct 27th with Ankrum and Scott Reecer from TMU and TUSB member Schram attending. Ankrum has invoiced the County for Electrical materials and upon payment to TMU from the County, will get materials on order for Spring 2027 installation.
    - Car Wash: TMU recently met with the proposed Car Wash proprietor, and we are completing due diligence follow-up to confirm the former Swifty property currently owned by the City will accommodate a new car wash.
    - West WTP Filter Bottoms: TMU has three (3) quotes in hand and will meet with Wessler Engineering next week to discuss options and timing of repairs.
    - City 12-acre property: No new news
    - Jefferson St LPA Grant project: No new news
    - US 31/SR 28 SE Quadrant: no new news.
- The Mayor's State of the City address will be Wed Nov 18th at 9 am at the Tipton County Event Center (4-H Building). All are invited and welcome to attend.
- TMU offices will be closed next Wed Nov 11 in observance of Veteran's Day
- The City/TMU Christmas luncheon will be held Dec 17th at the CW Mount Center
- The next TUSB meeting is on Monday November 16, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

- **Community Comments:**

Tim Bradford expressed his gratitude and appreciation for TMU collaborative efforts from all TMU departments since Tim begin his role as City Planning and Code Enforcement in March. TMU has answered the call in all ways.

Bob Edginer asked for a copy of the Safety Training efforts, Ankrum will provide.

Bob further stated that he understood from the County RDC that TMU would be investing upwards of $200,000 of additional money during the Tipton Commerce construction. Ankrum indicated TMU would have additional time invested for progress meetings, site inspections, etc. but no additional outgoing money for electrical installation beyond what has been approved tonight in Resolultion 2026-08. Ankrum further stated that since January, TMU has invested their time to the project for similar activities and will continue to do so.

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

Jim Ankrum, TMU General Manager

Don McElfresh, TUSB Chairman

RESOLUTION 2026-06

TIPTON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD
CITY OF TIPTON, INDIANA

WHEREAS, The Tipton Utility Service Board (TUSB) needs to approve the salaries of its elected and appointed officials for calendar year 2027, for those who are drawing a salary from the Tipton Municipal Utility (TMU) funds, as directed under Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-4; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2027, the Tipton City Mayor shall receive $1,087.68 bi-weekly, the Tipton City Clerk-Treasurer shall receive $986.57 bi-weekly. And in accordance with the recently approved Tipton Common Council Ordinance 2026-10, each TUSB Member compensation shall be set at $391.65 for 26 pay periods, same as Common Council members. This Resolution shall remain in effect until such time as the Tipton Common Council and TUSB should resolve to amend these compensations. This Resolution amends and supersedes any other previous TUSB Resolutions regarding this matter.

Signed this 2ND day of NOVEMBER, 2026, in Tipton, Indiana.

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ATTEST: James E. Ankrum, Utility General Manager

RESOLUTION 2026-07

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CITY OF TIPTON, INDIANA

A Resolution to establish Utility wages as per Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-4.

WHEREAS, The Tipton Utility Service Board (TUSB) needs to periodically update employee wage and salary ranges and including here for the calendar year 2027; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the herein attached "2027 Wage Range Schedule", with its respective wage and salary ranges, job titles and pay types, be established effective January 1, 2027, and remain in effect until such time as the TUSB should resolve to amend them. This resolution amends and supersedes all previous resolutions regarding this matter; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the job title, department of each employee, and his or her salary, within the proper range as denoted by the job title shall be established by the Superintendent of that department, approved by the Utility General Manager and properly entered into the payroll system. Anytime thereafter that a change is made in the employee's job title, pay type, and/or wage or salary, the change shall be documented in the employee's permanent personnel file; and

FURTHER RESOVED, that beginning with the first pay period of 2027, all hourly and salaried and non-contract employees with a hire date on or before September 1, 2026 shall receive an increase of 3.5% of their current wage. All increases shall be applied to the rate/salary of the last pay period of 2026, and the updated rate/salary shall not exceed the maximum pay range for their respective classification; and

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26 Pay Periods in 2027

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Utility Development Liaison	2,500.00	3,500.00
Temporary Employees	10.00	20.00
BUSINESS OFFICE		
Manager, Accounting & Customer Service	1,000.00	2,400.00
Accountant	13.00	30.00
Customer Service	15.00	21.00
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Electric Field Technician	15.00	30.00
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ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT		
Superintendent	2,500.00	4,700.00
Assistant Superintendent / General Foreman	20.00	48.00
Foreman	19.00	50.00
Lineman - Class A	18.00	48.00
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WATER DEPARTMENT		
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Water General Foreman	18.00	36.00
Water Crew Leader	17.00	30.00
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Superintendent	1,700.00	3,500.00
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RESOLUTION 2026-08

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WHEREAS, Tipton County has obtained READI 2.0 Grant funds of more than $2.5 Million and the County is matching the grant dollar for dollar, with most of those funds to be invested in infrastructure for the Tipton Commerce Park Development, on County Road 560W; and

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WHEREAS, over $1 Million of the READI 2.0 infrastructure investment will go towards TMU Water and Sewer line extensions to service the Development at no cost to TMU; and

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Board Meeting Minutes: **Accessed at** www.tiptonutility.com/about

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Peter Schram, Member
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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	2026-06 Elected/Appointed Officials Wage for 2027
	2026-07 TMU Employee Wages and Wage Range for 2027
	2026-08 Tipton Commerce Center Investment by TMU
UTILITY REPORT:	TMU General Manager Jim Ankrum
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:	
ADJOURNMENT:	

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TIPTON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Guest Register

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Name (Please Print)	Name (Please Print)
Macy Nunemacher	
Mandy Excel	
Kinsey Nunemacher	
Chase Benson	
BOB EDINGER	
Tim Bradford	