

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on January 23, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilman Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilman Kring was not present but phoned in to listen only.

Others: Emily Whaley, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Bob Edinger, Greg Armstrong, Judy Coker, Emily Nasser, Angie Heinzmann, Alexis Firks, Mike Firks, Brandon Leisure, Dave Maddox, Brad Robins, Cheryl Emmert, Debbie Frazier, Dave Lacy, Ken Ehman, Joe Bitner, Jeff Stout, Steve Niblick, Abbie Smith and Mark Baird.

Mayor Dolezal opened January 23, 2023, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve January 9, 2023, BOW minutes, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the December 22 monthly report or the 2022 Annual Report. There were no questions at this point. Mayor Dolezal asked about the two-page study report regarding the EMA meeting. Chief Bitner stated he hasn't had a chance to go through it. Chief Bitner commented he had two paramedics and then one is scheduled to finish clinicals in May and take the test in June and another one is to start classes in June. Mayor Dolezal stated you should have three qualified by this summer. Chief Bitner stated by July 1<sup>st</sup>. He also stated Firefighter Eli Crane finished EMT class and started today for FF 1 and 2. Firefighter Lucas Jones is doing FF 1 and 2 and he is already a Paramedic. Chief Bitner commented the TFD participated in Cicero Twp. Deputy Chief Ross's viewing and funeral and the Cicero Twp. fundraiser they had on Saturday for Deputy Chief Ross's family. He also commented they cleaned off the skating rink and hope they get some cold weather so it can be used. Chief Bitner stated the roof in the bay leaked in the same spot with the heavy rains last week. We called Red Diamond and Pete Altherr was also contacted to come and check on it. Chief Bitner asked about the status of the GO Bond. Mayor Dolezal stated he was approached by a couple of Council members about coming together to bid on it. Mayor Dolezal commented he appreciated the help with the ice skating and moving forward with training. He also commented the Emergency Service needs to be done locally, they care most about people.

Police: Chief Stout stated he brought a crew, if it wasn't for these people, they make us look good. He gave a recap of 2022, see attached (TPD's 2022 End of Year Review). Chief Stout stated he would not be in this spot without these guys, he is looking forward to 2023. Mayor Dolezal stated we are blessed by your leadership and TPD, we got resources

and they truly care about the community. Chief Stout stated he was approved for two new police vehicles but we can't get a Ford. He also stated he believes 70K was budgeted. They were not able to secure two police vehicles this year so Chief Stout wants to change it to his administrative vehicle which he would have replaced in 2024. Dan Young has a 2022 Silverado Crew Cab for \$37,429. Chrysler has a 2022 Dodge Durango for \$43,538.47, a 2023 Jeep Cherokee for \$46,531.25, a 2022 Dodge Ram Truck for \$47,083.25, and a 2022 Dodge Durango for \$56,169.25. He recommended moving forward with the Chevy Silverado. There was a brief discussion regarding going from two vehicles to one vehicle and placing an order for next year. The Mayor stated he believes the money was budgeted in the ARP Fund. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the purchase of the Chevy Truck for \$37,429 providing concurrence to change the vehicle purchase from two vehicles to one vehicle with acceptance from the Council, seconded by the Mayor, with all in favor.

Enforcement Division – 134 E. Jefferson – Order to Appear: Enforcement Division Coker stated the Health Dept. and Mr. Greg Armstrong is here. Coker gave the Board an update and stated most things have been updated and are in the process of finishing up the violations. She stated one issue that needs to be addressed immediately is the door needs to have a door knob. Ms. Emily Nasser stated she received a call today stating the water is lukewarm and there is no oven or stove. She also stated she doesn't feel as lenient as Coker does, people are still living the same way. The project manager is not cooperative and fines should be implemented. Mr. Armstrong stated he has met with his electrician and has put in two new 50-gallon water heaters. Ms. Nasser stated today was the first she heard about the water. There was a brief discussion on what has transpired in the last thirty days. Coker stated she believes the property manager is not informing Armstrong of the situation. Mayor Dolezal asked Mr. Armstrong if he could work together with Coker and Nasser in reasonable time and before the deadline. Mr. Armstrong stated the electricity is 80% completed, there are new windows and the flow is almost there. He also stated that he just got a call about the hot water issue today. Mr. Armstrong commented he will have the tenants call him directly or his office. Coker suggested setting it for the first BOW meeting in February, hopefully, he will be done along with the list from the Building Inspector, but she wants the door fixed. Mr. Armstrong stated it will get fixed. Mayor Dolezal stated you have 10 days (February 10<sup>th</sup>) to get everything completed and you need to appear at the next BOW meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> the fines will be retroactive if not done in the 10 days. Mr. Armstrong stated they will be done. Enforcement Division Coker stated she has another case, 522 N. Conde, an abatement letter was sent with no response, and Robert Stapleton was the purchaser on tax sale. She would like to have an order for him to appear. This is right behind the City Garage, it can't be repaired, there are structural issues with the property. The notice was mailed certified and regular mail and a notice was posted on the property. There was a brief discussion regarding the property deed and the tax sale. Coker stated the property is zoned Industrial so you can't live there but you can go to the BZA to rezone. Coker recommended an order to appear and she will speak with Commissioner Niblick about the demolition process along with getting City Attorney Quigley involved. Councilman


Rippy made a motion to have Robert Stapleton owner of 522 N. Conde, appear at the next BOW meeting, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor. Coker stated we are following the process. He excepted the letter just no response. Commissioner Niblick stated Coker accommodates for being patient and after time it gets resolved. He also stated she does a good job, there are a lot of cases that are taken care of before they even get to the BOW. Mayor Dolezal stated she does a tremendous job, keep up the great work.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated the list of intersections provided to Ms. Boyd doesn't mean all need the four-way stops.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Rippy called for adjournment, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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President, Board of Public Works and Safety