

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on June 23, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Clerk-Treasurer Clark, Councilman Kring and BOW Member Ehman.

Others: Dylan Dietrick, Joe Bitner, Jeff Stout, Judy Coker, Michael Nasser, Chad Huff, Holli Smithson, Susie York, Ben Gifford, Bobby York, Matt Quigley, and Tim Richards.

Mayor Schmicker opened June 23, 2025, BOW meeting.

Minutes: BOW Member Ehman made a motion to approve May 27, 2025, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Police Dept. – New Hire: Chief Stout made a recommendation to offer Cameron Shank and Cathryn Reily a conditional offer of employment pending passing Public Safety Medical. BOW Member Ehman made a motion to approve the conditional offer of employment pending passing Public Safety Medical to Cameron Shank and Cathryn Reily, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. BOW Member Ehman congratulated Cathryn on being the first female.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated that the baseball project will be doing the Build, Operate, and Transfer process. The first advertisement will be on Wednesday, and we should be able to approve it at the last meeting in July.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the May monthly report; no questions. He stated Firefighters Vinson and Hougesen are attending the Fire Academy in Muncie; they are in the third week of ten. This training includes Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations, FF1, and FF2. Chief Bitner commented that the CSR (Controlled Substance Registry) must be received before the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) License. He also commented EMS Captain Moss has been working on this license. Chief Bitner stated Ladder 10 was at First Baptist Church for a preschool tour, about 10-15 kids. He also stated that the SCBA bottles were tested, and we will need to be replaced in 2030. Chief Bitner commented that the landscaping of the concrete was completed by the members on shift. They tilled, spread grass seed, and put down straw. Chief Bitner and the Board discussed training for fire extinguishers.

Police: Chief Stout asked if there were any questions on the stats; no questions. He also stated the PIO position is going to be split between Officer Money (midnight shift), and Officer Huffman (day shift). Chief Stout commented that the Dispatch and Officers are now on the same system, so the reports won't be different now.

**Enforcement Division:**

Enforcement Officer Nasser stated that 525 E. Jefferson was sent a letter for trash, grass, and was given an order to appear. Nasser provided photos and stated that one camper was removed. Mayor Schmicker asked if the blue tarp had been removed. Nasser stated yes, and some of the property has been cleaned up. Mr. Bobby York and Ms. Susie York attended the meeting and discussed their property with the Board. Information was provided to the York's that they could contact the Street Dept. for a dump truck load which would cost \$35. You stop by the Street Dept. and pay them, then they will schedule a pickup. Ms. York stated we can deal with that, and we will put the trash out by the alley. Councilman Kring stated we might explore vacating the N/S alley, it is a Utility easement. Mr. Nasser stated the second property is 224 Taft Street – RV – Brad Whitman. He gave a summary of the letters sent and the nuisances addressed along with the camper. Mr. Whitman addressed the letters and stated that one of the letters doesn't even address the code. The other letter states a code but is not in the ordinance. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the camper, and the debris they are talking about is for his business. Building Commissioner Coker stated Mr. Whitman is not allowed in the office without checking in with security first. After the lengthy discussion, Mr. Whitman stated he is in the process of designing a 40x80 pole barn to put the camper, trailer, and building materials in. Councilman Kring suggested adding a couple of panels around the red shed to enclose the materials until you can get a permit for the pole barn. Coker agreed with that. Mayor Schmicker asked if you could send us a building plan in two weeks. Coker stated that if we could have something by August/September, and have a plan in place, they would be fine with that.

Mayor Schmicker asked Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick or Chad Huff if they had any questions or anything for the Board.

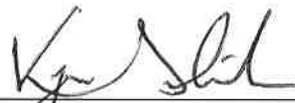
Councilman Kring stated regarding 135 Diehl Street, York property, stated there is refuge around the trees. There is tremendous activity with rodents. They also discussed that the grass needs to be cut along the creek, it is overgrown. Ms. Holli Smithson commented about the burn ordinance and that it fell on deaf ears. She also commented that there is a lot of trash at 122 Diehl Street, and trash is even in the road. Mayor Schmicker stated in regard to the creek, he would call our local contact with the Drainage Board, Jason Henderson-Co. Surveyor. We need to get around the garage cleaned up. Ms. Smithson stated that the debris and weeds have both been cleaned up.

BOW Member Ehman asked Mr. Huff if anything exciting was happening with the Arts Commission. Mr. Huff stated that we have a contract with the visiting artist; he was originally from Elwood but lives in Indianapolis now. He has nine engagements: the Boys & Girls Club, Encore Center, and an engagement at the library. Mr. Huff commented that we have an event coming up that is "Inspired by Tipton County", it will premiere in September and will be a community engagement. He also commented that next Friday at the library, he is having an engagement, which is cool stuff. We are happy to have him.

Adjournment: With no further business, BOW Member Ehman called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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President, Board of Public Works and Safety