

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on July 14, 2025 at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Dylan Dietrick, Diana Tomlinson, Judy Coker, Michael Nasser, Riley Hardin, and Anna Tragesser.

Mayor Schmicker opened July 14, 2025, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve June 23, 2025, BOW Executive Session Memorandum, seconded by BOW Member Ehman, with all in favor. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve June 23, 2025, BOW minutes, seconded by BOW Member Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Cemetery Manager Tomlinson commented that there was one burial, four cremations, and three lots sold, totaling \$3,600.

Park: Park Superintendent Tomlinson stated that to date, they have 33 grass violations to monitor and mow. The next concert will be on August 8th with the American Fools Band. The repairs to the Scout Cabin roof have been completed. She also stated she was meeting with her rep to discuss another piece of playground equipment and replace some outdated pieces. A few trees at the Park have been trimmed due to storms, and one dead tree was removed last week. Tomlinson commented that she was hoping for enough money in the budget to have some stumps removed. She also commented that there are three trees scheduled to be removed in the City's right-of-way. There is another incident that has caused property damage, reportedly by the Lions Club. We are determining if it is in the right-of-way. These costs will be deducted from Tree City funds. Park Superintendent Tomlinson stated that she requested the Park Board's help with the verbiage on a new trail sign that needs updating and installation, as per DNR requirements for the grant we received. This sign will be taken out of the 2026 budget. Mayor Schmicker stated that this is the map perspective. It was noted that the sign outside the restroom needs attention. BOW Member Ehman asked about the high water. Tomlinson stated it was great, not too bad.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Building Commissioner Coker reviewed the permit reports with the Board. Mayor Schmicker asked if the reports were from the City and County. Coker stated she could split them up if we want the City permits broken out. She also stated that DMT Capital, located on W. Jefferson by the Side Street Mall, had received its State Design release. They have been working on that and also on sign-related tasks. The BZA will be addressing the sign request. Coker commented that there

is no BZA or Planning meeting this month, but there will be one BZA hearing in August. Mayor Schmicker asked about the East Street property (Red Brick). Coker stated there is continued progress. Mike, the State Fire Marshal, inspected the property, and they are moving forward with plans to convert it into a restaurant. She also stated in her office that they are looking for a new Building Inspector. BOW Member Ehman noted that the Girl Scouts had completely blocked off the sidewalk by the Courthouse. Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick stated that they should have obtained a sidewalk closure permit from the Street Department. Councilman Kring asked what if they left a five-foot space. Dietrick noted that if the sidewalk is passable, they don't need to close it. Councilman Kring asked about the old chamber building. Did Mr. Cox renew his permit? Coker stated that he has one open, has provided plans, and is putting offices in there. Enforcement Officer Nasser stated 822 Mill Street, Chris Mills' property, has been cleaned up. This has been a slow month; some tasks have been taken care of since May, and others in June. Mayor Schmicker asked if there was a resolution with the Whitman property. Nasser commented that he hasn't applied for a permit.

Street: Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick stated that they have run regular trash, recycling, and yard waste collections. They have filled potholes on city streets and alleys, installed street signs, sprayed weeds, and removed military banners. He also reviewed the trash and recycling numbers with the Board. Dietrick commented that the City Garage is doing preventive maintenance on police and TMU vehicles. He also commented that West Street should be paved this week, weather permitting. They will come back in and do the sidewalk sections. Midwest will do Main and Independence at Jefferson Street intersections as well. Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick stated the trash truck went down, and we got it back on Friday. Last month was the AC; this month was the PTO shaft. He also stated that last week we trialed a truck. We got good feedback from employee Simmons. Dietrick commented that he requested a quote to see the cost. He also commented he was going to get a few more quotes. Mayor Schmicker asked about the boom truck. Dietrick stated they used it for street sign installation. They used a ladder to hang the 4H banners. Dietrick also stated that TMU replaced their bucket truck, so we received their old one last week. We have to have it recertified in two months. We are getting it scheduled. Councilman Kring commented that we are going to have to pull the trigger on raising the trash rate and keep the old truck as a backup. There was a brief discussion regarding raising prices, purchasing trash truck(s), and repairs/costs on the old trash truck. Councilman Kring asked about spraying sidewalks. Dietrick stated they have sprayed twice this year. Once we get a break in the weather, we will do it again.

Tipton Arts Commission: Ms. Anna Tragesser stated visiting Artist, Landon Caldwell, has been busy hosting events at the Library, Encore, and Boys & Girls Club. He will be doing an event at the Farmers Market on July 26th and August 2nd. She also stated he is taking snapshots at these events and around the community and will be making a short film. This Premier Event Celebration will be sometime in the fall. Tragesser gave a brief update on some other items the Art Commission is working on. Mayor Schmicker stated that they are working with the University of Indiana Bloomington's Place Making Studio.

They are graduate students who are designing our gateway signage. We will invest in one Gateway sign per year based on budget and cost.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker commented that a review panel for the baseball bids was in place and should deliver a recommendation at the next meeting. He also commented that they advertised for an RFP for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Grant, which is part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. The plan will identify areas of vehicle and pedestrian safety. One of the areas is on the east side of town. The RFP is due in August. Mayor Schmicker stated that the Public Safety Building project will go out for bid in the second week of August. It should be almost completed by the end of the year. He also stated the East Street project should kick off this month with fewer disruptions. BOW Member Ehman commented that there is no alley on the east side of East Street. Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick stated they will maintain access the whole time. Midwest Paving is well aware to maintain access, the access may be a gravel path. There was a brief discussion about the East Street project being in three different phases. The first phase will be the south end and will eventually march North to East and Madison.

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