

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on August 25, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Joe Bitner, Jeff Stout, Cameron Shank, Cathryn Reilly, and Matt Quigley.

Councilman Kring opened the August 25, 2025, BOW meeting.

Minutes: BOW Member Ehman made a motion to approve the August 11, 2025, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the monthly stats. There were none. He reviewed the Fire Department Staff Report with the Board. Chief Bitner stated they hosted Mayor Schmicker as a firefighter for a day. He invited any of the Council to do this as well. There was a brief discussion regarding a structure fire and social media. Chief Stout stated that if you initiate the post, you can delete it. There was a little bit of discussion regarding some tough calls they went on. Chief Bitner commented that one of the firefighters injured his Achilles tendon and will be off work for a while.

Police: Chief Stout reviewed his stats with the Board. He stated Cathryn and Cameron's first workday is today, and we will be going to purchase their uniforms after the meeting. Judge Lett will swear them in on September 2nd. It was stated that the Police Department is fully staffed, with fourteen full-time positions, including the Chief and SRO. Chief Stout said he didn't plan on extending the paid Reserve Officer line for next year. He also stated that tonight and tomorrow, they will be doing interviews for the two Captain positions and the two Sergeant positions. Chief Stout commented that Officer Tipton is now the Field Training Officer. The FTO program is something the new officers do before they go to the Academy. He also commented about the Officers working security at the Pork Festival and that the parade will be starting at South Street this year. Chief Stout stated that 19 contractors attended the Pre-bid meeting for the Public Safety Building. He also provided an update on the wrecked police car and the officers' presence at the football and soccer games. Asst. Chief Lacy will be filling in for SRO Maddox when he is off.


Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated Sgt. Leisure did a nice job keeping an eye on the equipment after the National Night Out until they could get back out there to clean up. Mayor Schmicker welcomed both Officers to the Department and congratulated them.

Councilman Kring mentioned the kick-off meeting for the baseball fields. Mayor Schmicker stated that we have received the draft documents from BW regarding the formal agreement for BOT, and we are still making progress on the DNR permitting.

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