

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on October 13, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Chad Huff, Dylan Dietrick, Phil Shadday, Michael Nasser, Diana Tomlinson, Sam Draine, and Matt Quigley.

Mayor Schmicker opened October 13, 2025, BOW meeting.

Minutes: BOW Member Ehman made a motion to approve the September 22, 2025, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Mayor Schmicker stated we need to add under New Business to approve the financing of the City's new trash truck. Councilman Kring made a motion to add Financing of the Trash Truck, seconded by BOW Member Ehman, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Alley Closure – Trick or Treat – October 31<sup>st</sup> 4-8 p.m. – West Street Christian Church – Phil Shadday: Mr. Shadday asked for the alley closures for the safety of the kids. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the alley closures on October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4-8 p.m., seconded by BOW Member Ehman, with all in favor.

Trash Truck – Financing: Mayor Schmicker stated the financing we went through Indiana Bond Bank, and they collect the bid information. This would be financing the trash truck for seven years at 4.244 % rate with a annual payment of \$55,383.64. We budgeted \$65K. We wanted to present this for a formal vote. It was also stated with us having two trucks, that will help with the life span. BOW Member Ehman asked what the condition of the current trash truck. Municipal Service Superintendent Dietrick stated it is running the best it has all year, we have put \$14K into it. Mayor Schmicker stated we hope it will last longer with two trucks. Councilman Kring asked how much longer on the current trash truck. It was stated, 3-4 years. BOW Member Ehman asked if you have to have a special license. Dietrick stated CDL Class B. BOW Member Ehman made a motion to accept the terms for the new trash truck of 7 years at 4.24 rate, with annual payment of \$55,383.64, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. It was stated the final payment would be in 2032.

Cemetery: Cemetery Manager Tomlinson commented there were two burials, three cremations, and one grave sold for \$1,200. There was some discussion regarding the sale of graves has been slow.

Park: Park Superintendent Tomlinson stated that there has been some vandalism at the South Street restrooms and in the Park restrooms. We will be closing the South Street

restrooms. The cameras are good, but we can't tell who is doing it. Mayor Schmicker stated he would check with other communities about automatic door locks by 8 or 9 p.m., you would still be allowed to exit. Mr. Draine stated there is something where they ink their fingertips if they vandalize the equipment. Tomlinson commented that the trail head sign broke off. She is getting with the Park Board on new signage by the bathroom that will have new verbiage, and a map. Tomlinson stated she is getting an updated cost on paving in the Park. She also stated TMSA contacted her regarding the concerts in the Park, and Plaza. We will come up with a plan and then get with the Mayor. Tomlinson commented we have a skeleton crew at the Park, she will have a couple guys help during the Christmas season.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Enforcement Division – Michael Nasser handed out the reports. He stated 802/804 Oak Street has made significant progress on the junk nuisance. Nasser stated we are good with this property, he went out this morning to check it out. Nasser commented that 423 Sweetland is a detached garage and mobile home that the Health Department has condemned. We have an order to demolish. It was reported the trash can at 421 E. Washington Street can be picked up.

Tipton Arts Commission: Mr. Chad Huff stated last Friday we wrapped up with the first Video that Landon Caldwell done that summarized the 10 weeks of work over the summer. A fair number of individuals seen the video. It is a 12-minute video. The Public Arts Master Plan has been completed it addresses what the goals are and resources to help other. This is a five-year outlook. There are a couple of projects on the horizon like the baseball project. BOW Member Ehman commented he appreciated all the work.

Street Department: Municipal Service Superintendent Dietrick reviewed his report with the Board. He also stated the West Street final walk through went pretty well; there are a few things on the punch list. The sidewalk will be fixed this fall yet, and the reseeding will be done next spring. East Street is slowly progressing. Midwest pulled off for a couple of weeks but will be back. The water main and service line is done, and the stormwater is completed up to Adams. There was a brief discussion regarding Midwest and Park 100 on working together when closing that area of the street. Dietrick stated East Street has to be paved this year and Midwest stated it will. It was also stated the paving on 100 block of N. Conde and 100 block of W. Washington turned out nice. Dietrick commented that he received notice that INDOT can't store our salt anymore because of liability. Right now we can get brine, but they had to load us. There was a brief discussion regarding the storage of salt and brine. Mayor Schmicker stated from a meeting we had last year, we knew this day was coming. Dietrick stated he found out the skid steer rental program with New Holland was \$2,500 and it is increasing to \$6,000. This wasn't part of the previous budget, he will be short, \$1,500 to pay for the \$6,000. There was a brief discussion regarding the lease program and that they are doing away with the lease programs and what we want to do in the future.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker gave an update on the Baseball Project regarding the DNR application and the development design, getting quotes and estimates so we are ready for construction in March. He also stated the PSB had their kickoff meeting last Monday, and they hope to have the project finished by the end of April. They are prioritizing the outside work. They are accommodating to both departments.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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