

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on December 8, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Dylan Dietrick, Chad Huff, Michael Nasser, Diana Tomlinson, and Paige Cunningham.

Mayor Schmicker opened the November 24, 2025, BOW meeting.

Minutes: BOW Member Ehman made a motion to approve the November 24, 2025, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Cemetery Manager Tomlinson stated that two different accidents at the Cemetery damaged the fence. We are getting quotes from the fencing company for the repairs. She also said we purchased a John Deere Zero-turn for \$10,296.30, with a \$500 trade-in. This is being paid out of the Perpetual Fund

Park: Park Superintendent Tomlinson commented that they have spent six weeks on Christmas decorations. Beth Rippey donated a piece for decorations. She also donated some last year. Tomlinson stated that she currently has two staff members, but all staff will return next season, except for the person who watered the downtown flowers. She also said she is having an electrician move and install an outlet in the Splash Pad building as a preventive measure in case of flooding inside the building, due to a pump malfunction. Superintendent Tomlinson noted that as soon as the Mayor gives me notice, she will begin planning for the 2026 concert series. BOW Member Ehman stated the Park looks nice.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Enforcement Officer Michael Nasser distributed the monthly permit and code enforcement report and asked whether there were any questions. There were no questions. Nasser stated that we have a hearing for 423 Sweetland Ave. and an order to demolish. He summed up what has transpired with this property. Mayor Schmicker asked Mr. Spencer if he uses the property. Mr. Spencer stated he planned to sell the property and obtain a permit to demolish the trailer. He also said he didn't know why they had to destroy the garage. Mr. Nasser noted that after the Fourth Street incident, we decided to take all parts of the property. He also stated that windows in the garage are missing or broken. Can the windows be boarded up? There was a lengthy discussion about the permit cost, the City demolishing the trailer and placing a lien on the property, or obtaining a permit to tear down the trailer. You would need to secure the concrete garage as well by boarding up the windows. Councilman Kring made

a motion to allow 30 days for the property owner to secure a permit to demolish the trailer, to make substantial progress on the demolition, and to secure the garage and board up the windows, seconded by BOW Member Ehman. All in favor.

Street: Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick reviewed his staff report with the Board. He stated that he purchased the brine maker and that it will be in use very soon. BOW Member Ehman asked if the leaves had been picked up before the snow. Dietrick advised that they worked one Saturday to pick as much as possible, but not all was picked up, so it will now be picked up by the loader. The leaf vac is done for the year. Dietrick commented that the County purchased two 10-gallon storage tanks for the brine maker. Ehman asked if the cost was spent evenly. Dietrick stated it was an even split. Mayor Schmicker commented that our salt is now being stored at the County.

Tipton Arts Commission: Tipton Public Arts Chair, Chad Huff gave an update on the projects they are actively working on. He also advised that some appointments to the Commission are up for renewal. Anna Tragesser and Shelly Powell need to be reappointed. Two current members, Kendra Tragesser and Abbi Overdorf, are not completing their terms, so we will need replacements. Mayor Schmicker stated that it would be helpful to receive any recommendations. Huff noted that downtown business owners or practicing artists.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated that we have collected RFP responses for Build Operate Transfer. This focuses on the two bond issuances that we completed for the City of Tipton, Park District Bond, and Redevelopment District Bond. He also stated he has two responses, which will be reviewed, and then a recommendation will be presented to this Board at the next meeting. We are reviewing those proposals now.

The Municipal Services Superintendent stated that we submitted a grant application for Phase 2 of Jefferson Street on Thursday. We will see how it goes. We applied last year but were not selected. Councilman Kring stated this LPA Grant. Dietrick stated yes through INDOT. Councilman Kring asked if this is Mill Street going east. Dietrick advised it would be from Independence to Ash Street

Clerk-Treasurer Clark commented that she felt the Street Department had done a great job cleaning the streets during the past two snowfalls. The Board agreed.

BOW Member Ehman stated that, with both events downtown and the cold weather, there were strong turnouts for both.

Councilman Kring commented regarding the snowfall, people need to have patience. If you start plowing too early, it's kind of a waste of time in some places. Not sure how many people we have working in the Street Dept. Dietrick stated that he has only seven plow trucks. Kring stated that you also got to the sidewalks and the trail.

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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President, Board of Public Works and Safety