

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on July 25, 2022, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilman Kring, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilman Rippy was not present.

Others: Mike Terry, Ken Ehman, Jeff Ogden – Asst. Fire Chief, Jeff Stout, Judy Coker, Steve Niblick, Rob Cochrane, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Jodie Colwell, Logan Colwell, and Doug Fishback.

Mayor Dolezal opened July 25, 2022, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve July 11, 2022, BOW minutes, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Fence Permit & Site Plan approved now denied – 504 Oak Street – Jodie Colwell: Building Commissioner Niblick stated the fence permit application is at Oak and Mount, and the owners are present. The issue is the fence would be in the right of way and needs BOW approval to place a fence in the right of way. There was a brief discussion regarding the fence and setback requirements and the owner's request. Councilman Kring made a motion to allow the fence a one-foot setback off of Oak Street and a six-foot setback off Mound Street, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Doug Fishback – Fence Issue in Right of Way – 302 Columbia Ave.: Mr. Fishback stated his fence is partially constructed, when he researched if he needed a fence permit, he didn't find anything, so he proceeded with the construction of the fence in the right of way along with the height of the fence. There was a brief discussion regarding the fence height having to appeal to the BZA and the type of material for the fence. Public Works Manager Terry stated there could be vision issues, but he is not prepared at this point to make a recommendation. It was determined that Mr. Fishback needed to go to the BZA first and then come back to the BOW.

Fire: Asst. Chief Ogden asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly reports. He stated there were no incidents this year with fireworks, there was a dumpster fire on South Street but that was taken care of. Asst. Chief Ogden commented Tyler Davis started on July 18, 2022, and Cicero Twp. sold us Tyler's gear at a discounted rate. He also commented the Fire Dept. is in the hiring process, there were 13 applicants, 10 took the written test, 6 passed and 5 took the physical test. The Pension Board interviews are on July 28, 2022, and would like to get them on the agenda for BOW's next meeting. Asst. Chief Ogden stated we could be losing two employees in August, so do we want to

interview five? Councilman Kring stated he would leave it up to the Board, if there are five great candidates, we can do all of them. Asst. Chief Ogden commented they received an ice machine from the Tipton County Foundation which will help with the ice cooler in the ambulance. He also commented that Carmel Fire Dept. let us use one of their medical student interactive triage dummies for paramedic student training. Asst. Chief Ogden stated he had two new hire contracts that the Mayor needed to sign.

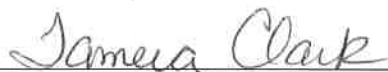
Police: Chief Stout reviewed his stats for last month. He also stated there were seven applicants, and two are current officers but have not had the academy so they will not be lateral. The physical test will be on August 15th at the Park at 9 a.m. Chief Stout commented all the officers' IPEP training video is completed. He also gave Clerk-Treasurer Clark the vacate alley application and he gave the legal description letter to Mayor from Surveyor, Jason Henderson. It was stated the procedure is all the information that needs to be turned in at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Councilman Kring asked how long they hold the application. Chief Stout stated it depends on if they got cut during the process or if they didn't pass the written test they would have to reapply. Chief Stout stated the applicants who are interviewed by the BOW we keep on file for a year.

Enforcement Division: Enforcement Officer, Judy Coker stated there are three properties, 300 Erie Street the tires are gone, and she closed the case. The Needler's property, 899 E. Jefferson St., the project is moving along, an inspection has been done on the foundation, framing, and general inspection. She also stated that 455 N. Conde, Mitchell's the trash in the alley has been removed and there is more stuff back there that she has been cleaning off the porch. Coker commented that Mrs. Mitchell is still progressing and moving forward. She was working out there at 8:45 this morning when Coker went by. Mayor Dolezal asked if we need to consider the case closed. Coker stated no, not yet, she will continue to stop by and continue checking the progress. Councilman Kring stated a good job. He also stated the Red Brick Saloon has an infestation problem. A question was asked about the Lewis property on West Street. Coker advised Josh Frodge got a permit to remodel and a demo permit for the garage. Councilman Kring asked how long the demo permit was good for. Coker stated thirty days and he got it last week. He has taken off the siding and is moving forward. Councilman Kring asked about the fee schedule that he emailed them. Coker stated she contacted Kokomo and they charge a \$150 administrative fee per lot, and they have contractors that do the work where we do the work ourselves. Councilman Kring stated we need to raise the administrative fee and the labor fee has to go up. Coker stated our City looks better. Mayor Dolezal stated the hourly rates are not high enough. It was stated that the Dept. Head says regarding the fees but we need to include other opportunity costs, etc.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated Red Diamond was back at the Public Safety Building. We want to improve the front of it first, we are waiting to get back cost for just the front side.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Kring called for adjournment, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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President, Board of Public Works and Safety