

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on August 8, 2022, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilmen Kring, and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Ken Ehman, Diana Tomlinson, Judy Coker, Mike Terry, Sharon Teuscher, Craig Barnett, Melody Barnett, Jeffrey Ogden, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Steve Niblick, Benny Frazier, and Rob Cochrane.

Mayor Dolezal opened the August 8, 2022, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve July 25, 2022, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Hiring of Firefighter: Asst. Chief Ogden recommended hiring Ross Schulenburg and Eli Crane upon passing Public Safety Medical. Councilman Kring made a motion approving to offer a conditional offer of employment to Ross Schulenburg and Eli Crane upon them passing Public Safety Medical, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. It was reported we interviewed five, it was a good process, and they were all qualified candidates.

Driveway Variance – 343 N. Conde – Craig Barnett: Mr. Barnett introduced himself and his wife Melody. He explained they have parking on the west side of Conde and there is not a lot of parking and would like to add a driveway to the south side of his house. Mr. Barnett stated there are some variance requests and he wants a paver driveway. He also stated the benefits would be approved parking in the neighborhood. Mr. Barnett commented that he has a letter from his neighbor on the South stating he is okay with it. There was a brief discussion regarding the variances, it was determined he needed to go to the Building Commissioner because the setbacks are different than what is in the Zoning Ordinance. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the width of drive and setback contingent on the variance of approvals of the Building Commissioner's office, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Driveway Variance – 210 N. West – Malcolm Raman: Public Works Manager Terry stated he met with Mr. Raman, and he is changing the scope of the driveway and it will adhere to the driveway standards.

Cemetery: Foreman Tomlinson commented there were five burials, three cremations, and six graves sold for \$4,200.

Park: Foreman Tomlinson stated repairs have been made to two of the four damaged pieces of playground equipment. She also stated the new signage has been placed at the bridge. Foreman Tomlinson commented the next concert will be this Saturday from 7-9:30 p.m. with Southern Authority. She also commented the new roof of the pavilion will start this week, weather permitting. Foreman Tomlinson stated the creek project we still need to finish some loose ends, like the fence at the entrance and repairs to the trail and at the entrance with asphalt. Mayor Dolezal asked if there were any camera issues. Tomlinson stated none.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Building Commissioner Niblick reviewed the permit summary report with the Board. Niblick stated the BZA scheduled for Wednesday has been canceled for lack of agenda items. He also stated the Planning Commission for Thursday will be a training opportunity. The Planning Commission has an appointment to get filled for the BZA. Commissioner Niblick commented the small Standing Committee will be making some recommendations to the Planning Commission. Mr. Jim Purvis is an Advisory member, and we need to get a couple of members on the Standing Committee. Enforcement Division – Enforcement Officer Coker reviewed the Code Enforcement report with the Board. She advised the 13 trash complaints that most were cleared up quickly.


Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated we need to get the Standing Committee filled so we can get several items recommended to the Planning Commission.

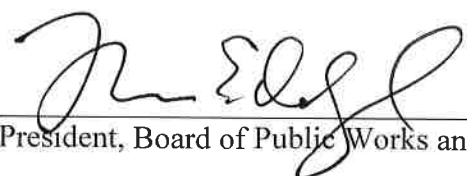
Street: Public Works Manager Terry stated Mr. Book is back to work. He also stated high school and college students are returning to school. Terry commented three of them would be attending the Street Commissioner conference from August 22nd to the 25th. He also commented we meet with other cities in Indiana and share thoughts. Public Works Manager Terry stated he is fully staffed with his full-time but is looking for part-time help. Terry also stated the CCG project for 2021 has been completed. Mayor Dolezal asked about Vectren. Public Works Manager Terry stated they are still working on things, but we have a direct line now. Ms. Vicky Boyd stated the sidewalk across Sweetland on the southside has a big rut. Public Works Manager Terry stated they are working in that area today. Ms. Vicky Boyd stated when driving to Elwood on one side of SR 28 by the dealership it is 45 mph and when coming back into town it is 30 mph (starting at the Mobile Home Park). Public Works Manager Terry stated they have adjusted the speed coming in but not going out, he will check into it.

Mr. Benny Frazier asked when the new stop signs will be installed. Public Works Manager Terry stated this week.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Rippe 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