

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on September 25, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Ken Ehman, Judy Coker, Joe Bitner, Benny Frazier, Jeff Stout, Jeffrey Ogden, Jordan Davis, Ross Schulenburg and Tyler Davis.

Mayor Dolezal opened the September 25, 2023, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve September 11, 2023, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Police - 12 Hour Pitman Schedule: Mayor Dolezal stated the Police Chief will provide the report.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the August monthly report. Mayor Dolezal asked if the medical assist dropped off in the fall, because it's under 31. Chief Bitner stated those are the runs we do on the medical truck with Seals. He also stated there were no issues at the Pork Festival, it went well with the Street closures, there was a little confusion at first, but it went well. Chief Bitner reported Eli Crane finished his Probationary FF as of September 11, 2023, he is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Firefighter. Mayor Dolezal asked if he was living in Tipton. Chief Bitner stated he is looking. Chief Bitner commented that the Tipton Fire Dept. was awarded the County ALS contract by the Commissioners at \$198,000 annually. Councilman Kring asked what the bids were? Chief Bitner stated Seals came in at \$330,000 at what they are currently doing and \$600,000 for Seals to be standalone by themselves. Mayor Dolezal stated that will save the taxpayer \$132K. Chief Bitner stated this is a three-year offer/contract. The RFPs was for a three-year contract. Councilman Kring asked what the termination clause was. Chief Bitner stated 180 days opt out clause on either side. Chief Bitner commented that the Tipton County Foundation application for the equipment was submitted last Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. With the traditional grant process, we won't know anything until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. They are looking into a Donor Fund Account that they could pull from if it's acceptable and we would get that money a lot quicker. He also commented that they assisted with the THS Homecoming activities and bonfire. The Elementary is hosting a Community Helpers' Day with the Elementary kids, we will be attending tomorrow at noon. The kids will be able to look through the Engine and Ambulance. This was a big hit last year. Chief Bitner stated they would start the application process for the two additional firefighters. He asked if they could get Ross Schulenburg approved for Public Safety Medical, that is a 9–10-week process also with the 77 fund. That would make it around the first week of December. The first pay in 2024 will be hours from December 17 to December 30<sup>th</sup>, paid January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Chief Bitner stated if the budget

would not be approved or changed, we would just be out the cost of the Public Safety Medical. Councilman Kring made a motion to get Ross scheduled for Public Safety Medical, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated if he passes his official hire date won't be until January of 2024. Chief Bitner stated the first payroll in 2024 is December 17<sup>th</sup> hours. Councilman Kring asked if we had anyone else. Chief Bitner stated we have one that we would love to have but with his farm job now it wouldn't allow for it. Councilman Kring asked about the Fire Engine that Madison Twp. has. Chief Bitner stated they still have it their new engine had some electrical issues and alarms going off, they got that figured out now. Firefighter Tyler Davis stated Madison Twp. doesn't have the engine back yet.

Police: Chief Stout handed out the stats and asked if there were any questions. He stated the threats at the school are still under investigation, but no actual real threats. Chief Stout commented that the Pork Festival had no major issues, once we figured out the Street closures. He also commented that Paige Cunningham was hired as the new CSO, she is doing the crossing guard by herself, we haven't had any escorts or dog calls. Chief Stout stated at the Community Helper Day, she was the Safety Pup. Officer Maddox took the Golf Cart out for the day. He also stated Senior Kaiya Money is doing the Internship Program this year. She likes the forensic side. We want to thank Christine Smith, THS Counselor, for making the internship program a success. Chief Stout commented that Sgt. Robins is leaving the Department to go to Westfield on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be at minimum staffing. We want to go to the 12 Hour Pitman Schedule, where the officers work 12-hour shifts, two on, two off, three on, two off, two on, three off, with a 14 day rotation. We will start this on October 8<sup>th</sup>, but we are still working out the details with Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilman Kring asked how many officers we were down; it was determined five. There was a brief discussion regarding the application process and the new schedule.

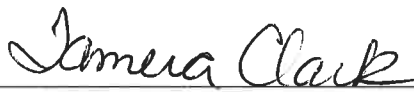
Enforcement Division – Judy Coker:

Order to Appear - 225 Maple Street: Enforcement Officer Coker stated the individual called and advised she was sick. She paid to have trash removal done, one was picked up and the other one is to be picked up. There was a lengthy discussion on having the debris moved or picked up by the City or third party at her expense. Councilman Kring made a motion to pick up the trash and send a bill minus the \$35, with no courtesy letter, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal stated to call Public Works Manager Terry or a Third-Party service. Enforcement Officer Coker stated 124 Fourth Street, the fire damaged house, was advised to demolish and get the property cleaned up by today and it hasn't been done. She asked the Board for an Order to Appear for October 9<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Kring made a motion to issue an Order to Appear for October 9<sup>th</sup> for the 124 Fourth Street property, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor. Enforcement Officer Coker commented on a letter that went out to the Red Brick, we have the process started again. Councilman Kring asked about the Car Wash, Mr. Mooney, there is trash, and he doesn't mow in the rear of the property. Coker stated she would reach out to them.

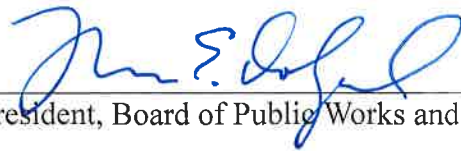
Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated there are numerous people coming in on both sides of the four-way stop issue. We have some business folks asking for two other locations for a four-way stop. He also stated he has had two folks in the last three weeks ask for a stop sign request.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety