

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on April 27, 2026, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Olsen Tebbe, Kinsey Nunemacher, Kyden Halton, Johanna Gonzales, Angie Shephard, Riley Harden, Joe Bitner, and Tim Richards.

Mayor Schmicker opened the April 27, 2026, BOW meeting.

Minutes: BOW Member Ehman made a motion to approve the April 13, 2026, BOW Executive Session Memorandum, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. BOW Member Ehman made a motion to approve the April 13, 2026, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Brad Whitman – Alley Closure Discussion: Mayor Schmicker commented that he is trying to get the documented truck schedule from the Manager at Dollar General so we can decide on the alley closure. Councilman Kring stated that Horton's is doing a demo of a building and wants to close the alley as well. Mayor Schmicker stated that we are not sure we can do a full alley closure because of the way the Dollar General Store parking lot is. There is a lot of work that needs to be done, because there are three different projects that will be going on in that alleyway.

Mayor's Youth Council: Mayor Schmicker invited the Blue Devil Builders to the podium to discuss their project. They are requesting to do two crosswalks on Court Street and gave a brief explanation of their project. Mayor Schmicker stated that they need the conceptual agreement approved, that the location is Court Street, and then they will get final approval of the design later. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the Court Street location for the crosswalk, seconded by BOW Member Ehman, with all in favor.

830 Mill Street Property Cleanup Dispute - April 2025 – Lien – Angie Ogden & Becky Schulenburg: Ms. Angie Ogden stated she had a lien put on her property from a cleanup that she was never notified about. She advised that back in September, she had cleaned up her house and paid \$40 for the City dump truck to pick up her trash. Ogden stated that is outrageous to have \$595 put on my tax bill when it was just a recliner. Councilman Kring stated that people put stuff out there waiting for the City to pick it up for them. We have an administrative fee and a one-hour minimum charge. He asked her if she paid for this. Ogden stated only the taxes. Mayor Schmicker stated we will be in touch soon.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated he wanted to acknowledge the Mayor's Youth Council for coming today. He also stated that there are three construction projects. The East Street and the project associated with that stormwater project. It should be heading toward the final asphalt in the next two weeks. We also have some additional work across the city, road-related, where Midwest Paving will remain in town until all that work is completed. All that work should be weather-dependent, satisfied in the next 30 days. The baseball project is moving forward, and right now, they are getting the major utilities installed. Water and sanitary systems have been connected, and stormwater is the next major utility to get connected. Once that has been completed, they will begin putting in helical piers for the dugouts and concession restroom area. After that, they will start bringing in the turf, that's sod grass turf, not synthetic turf. The contractor will start building the actual fields. Right now, you see the soil has been cut five inches deep. That's because the infills for those infield mixes will be five inches deep. Mayor Schmicker commented on the Public Safety Building project that the work is near completion on the front of that building. We should be working with Hearn and Etica to determine what the punch list items are, getting those satisfied, and then working toward the successful close-out of that project. BOW Member Ehman asked about baseball fencing. Will that be completely enclosed, where there is just one gate? Mayor Schmicker asked gated from the community, no, they will exist similarly to how they existed before.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the monthly runs; there were none. He also stated Engine 10 is in service and fully operational. We haven't had any issues with it since we got it back. Chief Bitner commented that they hosed out the park pavilion to get it ready for the season. He also commented that the Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics (FOST) class is in full swing and has been going on for a little over a week now. We have three to four members in the class. Chief Bitner stated he attended the Team Leadership meeting, the Dispatchers Proclamation, and the Safety Fair at the Fairgrounds. He also stated we are fully staffed at this time, and the two new hires have started and seem to be fitting in well. They have all the required certifications that they need. We did have three guys last week go down to Indianapolis for the two-day class for Emergency Services. This was all hands-on firefighting work. Chief Bitner commented that the Firehouse Sub grant opens in July, and Collin is helping work on one for cancer prevention. We are working to get funding for a second set of turnout gear for each firefighter so that after a fire, their front-line set is washed and decontaminated, and they would then have a worthy set to wear until all that's done. He also commented that he got Collin the numbers for what it would cost to get everybody into those second sets. Chief Bitner stated at last month's BOW meeting, he mentioned that Lt. Crane got the work performance evaluation SOP's going and is working with the City to get that implemented.

Police: Mayor Schmicker provided some information to the BOW. There are interviews scheduled for this week on candidates for the position, like every role that I've hired, this will be conducted by a panel of individuals for that position. He also stated another information notice for the BOW is that Brandon Leisure is the ranking member of the

department. So, from a facilitation perspective, he's handling some of those activities here in this interim period.

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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