

Towanda Municipal Authority

January 16, 2017

The January meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Charlotte Sullivan, Paul Sweitzer, William Shaw, Carmen Venezia, Joel Christian, Ellen Lacek, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

ABSENT: Paul DeWitt

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Jim Pruyne, Solicitor; Fred Johnson, Superintendent; James Loewenstein, Daily Review; Eric Cassanave, Stiffler McGraw

Visitors:

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None

Minutes:

The December 16, 2016 meeting was approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

Bills:

The December bills were approved on a motion made by Ms. Lacek and seconded by Ms. Sullivan, approved.

Water:

Mr. Cassanave stated that today they met with Pall who will be doing the pilot study; Mr. Cassanave stated that he expects the pilot study to begin in February and last through May; the E-Coli testing that was started on the Robert's wells should be close to completion by then. The design of the water treatment plant will commence after the pilot testing is complete.

Mr. Lane stated he looked at the property in which the treatment plant will go. We are looking at obtaining easements from 5-6 properties.

Mr. Lane stated that we will be placing a 1 ½ inch line from the well to the pilot study site about 1000 feet; we are ensuring that the pilot study site is out of the flood plain.

Mr. Lane stated that he met with Schaedler Yesco for a proposed site for the North Towanda Tank.

Mr. Lane updated the Board on the pre-application meeting with SRBC that was held in December. Mr. Casselbury was supposed to turn in the application last week; Mr. Lane did not get an update from Mr. Casselbury if this is done.

Mr. Lane stated our DEP permits will be obtained before SRBC permits; Mr. Cassanave stated that they both go hand in hand SRBC will govern our water outtake and DEP will issue our water permit.

The springs did come up in the SRBC meeting we need to calculate the water in the creek in compared to how much we collect in our system; SRBC is aware that water is used to feed New Albany and Monroeton.

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Lime Street:

Mr. Lane stated that the road is almost complete; we moved the gate to our property.

Bulk Station:

The bulk station agreements have been signed; we will be doing the construction of the site; we have until June to finish the relocation.

Budget:

Mr. Lane stated we ended 2016 with water revenue being good our sewer was 10% short and indicated in the December meeting.

Water Report:

Mr. Johnson is working on water report we still have a 47% water loss; we had 52% last year. From the springs to the gun club we have a 20% loss; since Monroeton is gravel we might not see any pooling water. Mr. Johnson stated that finding leaks is a daily job. Mr. Johnson is hoping that the water tank will help the North Towanda water line.

Mr. Casanave stated he would give the Board a rough estimate on the cost of replacing the North Towanda water line.

Engineer:

Ms. Lacek made a motion to retain Stiffler McGraw as our engineer for 2017, Mr. Venezia seconded, approved.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary