

# Towanda Municipal Authority

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January 20, 2020

The January meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:12 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Michael Walsh, Charlotte Sullivan, Carmen Venezia, Fred Johnson, Paul Sweitzer, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

**ABSENT:** Ellen Lacek, Paul DeWitt, William Shaw

**OTHERS:** Kyle Lane, Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw; Coy Goble, The Daily Review

**Visitors: None**

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None

**Water Project:**

Mr. Lane updated the Board on the water project;

The transmission main is mostly completed just the line to the vault needs completed and landscaping will not be done until spring so we will be able to close this contract out then.

The Vo Tech line is complete from the Creek to Best Line and is currently in use.

The Tank has been filled and we are waiting for DEP for the operations permit; we have passed all sanitation testing. That contract will also be complete once we get DEP approval and then we can remove the existing equipment and start using the new equipment.

The water treatment plant is being painted the HVAC and electrical is being done on the building; the membrane filters should be here in two weeks.

**Spring:**

Mr. Lane stated that the Spring application is going to the Board on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**2018 Flood:**

Mr. Lane stated his project has been approved by FEMA; he has asked Mr. Cassanave for service agreements for the repair of the flood damage.

**Sewer System:**

Mr. Lane stated we submitted our NFDES permit.

We purchased a new computer that will help Thermal Processes that designed the ATAD; the new computer will provide remote capability which will help with paying the cost of having someone flown out to fix the problem. The representative will be here in February and will set up the remote capability on the new computer.

**SR 3020 Turn back:**

Mr. Lane stated we will be doing some of the water and sewer lines during the repaving process; he budgeted \$400,000.00 for that.

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## **Budget:**

Mr. Lane went over the 2019 financials; in water we ended the year in revenue at 106% of what was budgeted; \$30,000.00 was FEMA reimbursement. The water expenditures for the year were 98% of what was budgeted. We made \$91,000.00 in bulk water sales that sits in fund 24. In sewer our revenue was at 101% of what was budgeted the funds include the insurance payment for the pump station (other insurance payment was put in the capitol reserve account). The sewer expenses came in at 102% of budget again that is partly due to the expense for repairing the pump station. Overall the 2019 expenses and revenues came in on budget.

Mr. Lane wanted the Board made aware of the legislature looking at a water use fee in order to pay for the Chesapeake Bay obligation; this would be an expense of a tenth of a penny a gallon which in our case would be \$1,000.00 a day.

## **Minutes:**

The December 20, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Venezia, approved.

## **Bills:**

The December bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. Johnson, approved.

## **Pay Applications:**

Mr. Shura presented the following pay applications:

Contract 1 & 6 pay application 4 (revised from last month's approval- we were missing some items it previously was approved for \$130,256.40) for \$202,938.59 for Continental Construction

Contract 2 pay application 7 for \$91,611.84 for Lobar

Contract 5 pay application 6 for \$17,451.11 for Kimble

Contract 7 pay application 5 for \$107,206.50

Contract 9 pay application 3 (final pay application for EOC line) for \$7,846.85

Mr. Venezia made a motion to pay the above pay applications, Mr. Johnson seconded, approved.

Mr. Shura presented Penn Vest requisition 7 for \$344,274.91; Mr. Johnson made a motion for the requisition, Mr. Venezia seconded, approved.

Mr. Shura presented the following change orders:

Change order 2 for contract 1&6 for the Vo Tech line extension for adding the line from the creek to the pump station and for changing the drop pipe for the well from galvanized to stainless which added an additional \$3,500.00 to our approval from last month for \$93,560.75

Change order for Contract 9 that deducts \$57,325.05 for paving and restoration that did not have to be done.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to approve the change orders as presented, Mr. Venezia seconded, approved.

Mr. Shura presented certificates of substantial completion for Contract 1 & 6 and Contract 9 both dated December 16, 2019 (our last inspection date). Continental still needs some restoration work to be completed.

Mr. Venezia made a motion to sign the certificates of substantial completion, Ms. Sullivan seconded approved.

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## Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Venezia at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary