

Towanda Municipal Authority

February 27, 2017

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

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Paul DeWitt, Paul Sweitzer, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

ABSENT: Charlotte Sullivan, William Shaw, Carmen Venezia, Joel Christian, Ellen Lacek

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Jim Pruyne, Solicitor; Fred Johnson, Superintendent

Visitors:

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None

Minutes:

The January 16, 2017 meeting was approved as amended; the January meeting start time was corrected to read 5:05 p.m. instead of 12:05 p.m.; under Water Report the name was corrected to state Mr. Cassanave instead of Mr. Casselbury for the cost of replacing the North Towanda water line; a motion made by Mr. DeWitt and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer, approved.

Bills:

The January bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. DeWitt, approved.

Water:

Mr. Lane updated the Board on the electric to the Roberts Well they have received the controls and the wells are operating under commercial power. VFD's were installed to help with the electrical consumption.

The pilot study is set to begin next week; this is a 90 day testing period.

Mr. Lane was asked by Mr. Sweitzer if we are selling bulk water; Mr. Lane stated that we are beginning to sell some water. We are still not allowed to sell water to the big water haulers.

Mr. Lane stated he was contacted by Niagara a company who wants an easement from the Borough to place a pipe in the river so they can sell bulk water; Mr. Lane informed him that we are a bulk water supplier.

Mr. Casselbury prepared and finalized the aquifer testing plan; Mr. Lane stated if anyone wants a copy of the plan he will supply one to them; Mr. Casselbury is submitting the plan to SRBC as well as DEP.

Mr. DeWitt asked when we will be able to use the Church well; Mr. Lane informed the Board that both water sources will come online at the same time.

The Board informed Mr. Lane that Penn Vest loans take approximately 3 to 4 months depending when their cycle and deadlines are. Mr. Lane is hoping we get some grants for this project.

Mr. Lane stated we are looking at the early part of June to have the pilot and E-coli testing complete.

The water treatment building is being designed as well; we are looking at a 3,800 sq ft building.

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GTP:

Mr. Lane stated that GTP requested to postpone their capital reserve payment until the 3rd and 4th quarter. Mr. Lane contacted Ms. Lacek and Ms. Sullivan by phone in order to get the approval to postpone the reserve payment. Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to have Mr. Lane sign the agreement to have GTP postpone the 1st and 2nd quarter reserve payments until the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2017, Mr. DeWitt seconded, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Lacek approved by phone, approved.

North Towanda Tank:

Mr. Lane stated we are looking at the Schaedler/Yesco property for the tank. Mr. Lane stated that Mr. Jim Schaedler is open to an easement or sale of the property needed to place our tank; we will address this when are plans are more concrete.

We are looking at a 100,000 gallon tank instead of the 250,000 tank we first thought we needed. The 100,000 tank would provide sufficient water flow and fire suppression. Since we might be saving monies on the tank Mr. Lane wants the Board to consider replacing the Vo-Tech line and rolling that in the Penn Vest loan.

Mr. Lane informed the County of the proposed sight of the tank and informed them they would need to account for boring under Route 6 for the new proposed Communication Center.

Sewer:

Mr. Lane informed the Board that Mr. Johnson, Mr. Walker and Stiffler McGraw are working on the chapter 94 report.

Executive Session:

The Board entered into executive session at 5:58 p.m. and remained in executive session until 6:12 p.m. regarding potential lawsuit.

Lime Street:

Mr. Lane stated that our permanent permit to access the tank from SR 220 bypass is completed.

Bridge Street:

HRI is slated to restart the project the week of March 13th. HRI will continue to connect water to the new water main; once that is complete they will start the sewer line.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary