

Towanda Municipal Authority

February 24, 2020

The February meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Charlotte Sullivan, Carmen Venezia, Paul Sweitzer, Paul DeWitt, William Shaw

ABSENT: Ellen Lacek, Fred Johnson, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

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

Visitors: None

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None

Minutes:

The January 20, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer, approved.

Bills:

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

Water Project:

Mr. Lane updated the Board on the water project;

The North Towanda Tank went online on February 7th, the Vo Tech line is complete, the new pump station is active and running; the substantial completion walk through was done this morning, we have a punch list, only minor items found. The SCADA system is not yet online which requires Mr. Strickland or Mr. Tabor to have to go up and check the tank level; the SCADA system will be installed at the completion of the project.

The membrane systems from Pall have arrived and are currently being installed at the treatment plant.

The 12" main has been ran from the treatment plant to well #1 they are approximately 30' from completion.

Mr. Walsh questioned how long it will take to get the system online or does the system have to be ran to get approval; Mr. Shura stated once everything is complete and running, disinfection is completed, we will submit to the state for inspection and once that is complete an operations permit is granted and we can bring the system online.

Mr. Lane asked Mr. Shura where the water is going to be discharged during the disinfection process; Mr. Shura stated a temporary piping will most likely be installed for the discharge water; the clear well will never be emptied as it will be potable water.

Spring:

Mr. Lane stated that the Spring application was going for public comment on February 6th; Mr. Lane incorrectly stated it was going to the Board on the 6th; it is going to the Board March 13th.

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2018 Flood:

Mr. Lane stated Mr. Shura has the service agreement for the project has been approved by FEMA. The cost will be approximately \$45,000.00. Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to accept the Engineering agreement with Stiffler McGraw, Mr. Shaw seconded, approved.

Mr. Lane advised the Board we have already spent \$80,000.00 in emergency repairs, which we will get reimbursed by FEMA.

Sewer System:

Mr. Lane stated we submitted our NFDES permit.

Mr. Lane stated we are replacing the head works at the plant.

SR 3020 Turn back:

Mr. Lane stated we opened bids for the water and sewer portion of the turn back 2 weeks ago, our work came in at \$424,828.60 from Sikora Brothers Paving; Mr. Lane stated he had budgeted \$450,000.00 in fund 25. The project will encompass water main from Convent to Western; sewer main and adding manholes from Western to 3rd; water main and valves from Pine to Bridge.

North Towanda Land:

Mr. Lane was approached to sell the property we have in North Towanda across from Jones' Diner for \$1000.00; the property was going to be where we were going to place our pump station after engineering the project is was not a feasible location. It is approximately a one acre piece of land but due to the right of ways from North Towanda and Penn Dot it may not be buildable land.

The Board discussed the usage of the land and agreed that Mr. Lane review other uses of the land.

Pay Applications:

Mr. Shura presented the following pay applications:

Contract 2 pay application 8 this is some of the cost of the Pall membranes for \$583,162.69

Contract 3 pay application 4 for \$238,574.34

Contract 4 pay application 1 for \$76,770.00

Contract 5 pay application 7 for \$21,622.85

These pay applications are mainly the treatment plant

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

Mr. Shura presented Penn Vest requisition 7 for \$53,898.97; Mr. DeWitt made a motion for the requisition, Mr. Venezia seconded, approved.

Mr. Shura presented the following change orders:

Change order 2 for contract 2 for \$10,555.68 for the piping modifications that were needed for the Pall membrane system installation this is piping fittings and a couple of valves.

Change order 3 for Contract 3 & 8 for \$1,240.00 replacement of fuses in the pump station.

Change order 4 for Contract 3& 8 for \$10640.00 changes needed in the SCADA monitoring system for new requirements from DEP.

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

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Mr. Sweitzer questioned the change orders and the amount we have went over contracted amounts; Mr. Shura stated we are about 1% they budgeted 10% so we are doing good in that aspect.

Mr. Shura also stated to the Board that as of today we are ahead of schedule on the project.

Chapter 110 /SRBC reporting:

Mr. Lane stated the Chapter 110 report has been submitted, as well as the SRBC report we are now required to do our water loss was 43% which is down from last year, it is a work in progress, we should see some improvement with the Vo Tech line being replaced.

Equipment:

Mr. Sweitzer asked if we have any equipment we need to have on hand that needs purchased; Mr. Lane mentioned that Mr. Walker wanted a meter to meter the affluent. Mr. Walker has submitted some potential equipment that might work; Mr. Lane does not want to go with fiberglass for the meter vault. Mr. Sweitzer stated that maybe we want to use our bulk water sales to purchase the equipment next year.

Fox Chase pump station:

Mr. Strickland stated that we found the customer who has been flushing garbage down the sewer; Mr. Lane wrote a letter to the customer and we will continue to monitor the situation.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary