

Towanda Municipal Authority

April 17, 2017

The April meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:02 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Joel Christian

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Jim Pruyne, Solicitor; Fred Johnson, Superintendent; Eric Cassanave, Engineer – Stiffler McGraw

Visitors:

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None

Minutes:

The February 27, 2017 meeting was approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Lacek and seconded by Mr. DeWitt, approved.

Bills:

The February and March bills were approved on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. DeWitt, approved.

Water:

Mr. Lane updated the Board on the water project; as of April 3rd the pilot study is in operation. We are pumping 700 gallons a minute and testing 5 gallons the rest is going into the river. We have lost power twice at the well site, we have to go and manually reset the system.

The high water did not affect our wells but it did give us a gauge to see what impact high water will have on the wells. Once we are in operation the wells will have protection around the wells themselves; we are waiting for DEP to approve the plans for the well protection.

The aquifer test plan was submitted last month. Mr. Lane has requested a refund on the application fee due to SRBC requesting we pay for each well site; Mr. Lane considers both wells on the Roberts property as one well; if SRBC considers that correct we should see a refund of approximately \$3,800.00.

Mr. Cassanave stated they closed out the electrical project.

Mr. Cassanave stated he will be working with Mr. Lane and Mr. Johnson for the next couple of weeks and should have a floor plan laid out for the treatment plant by next month's meeting.

Mr. Lane stated that he and Mr. Walker attended the PA Rural Water Association conference. Mr. Lane was able to talk to representatives from SRBC in reference to our water project.

We have been removed from the list that disallowed us from selling bulk water. Mr. Lane identified future projects to help us with curtailing our water loss and submitted them to DEP.

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Mr. Lane is looking at VFD's at the Thomas St. pump station and Wilmot St. pump station; Penelec bills us a higher rate if there is a peak usage; that is what occurred at the Thomas St. pump station; basically we are charged a higher rate because of one incident; an incident that may not occur again. Variable frequency drives (VFD's) will regulate voltage inconsistencies. The cost of VFD's is approximately \$5,000.00 but Mr. Lane stated they would pay for themselves in the long run. Along with the VFD's Mr. Lane looked into a broker to help us find an electric generation company. The broker will look into all companies and get us the best price.

We had to replace the chlorine analyzer up at the springs; we initially thought we could repair it but we had to replace it.

Bridge Street:

HRI started to tie in the water lines; Second St. is done then they will start Fifth, Charles, Mechanic and then Third and Fourth. Third and Fourth are the most complicated streets.

Delinquents:

Mr. Williams asked how our collection process is going; Ms. Maynard stated she has sent reminders to Mr. Jones. The Board discussed certain delinquent accounts.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary