

Towanda Municipal Authority

May 15, 2017

The May meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:03 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Christian

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Eric Cassanave, Engineer – Stiffler McGraw; Brian Shura– Stiffler McGraw
James Loewenstein, Daily Review

Visitors:

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None

Minutes:

The April 17, 2017 meeting was approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. DeWitt, approved.

Bills:

The April bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Ms. Lacek, approved.

Bridge Street:

HRI started the sewer line the water portion is now complete.

Stevenson Bridge Project (Penn Dot):

The original estimate was \$61,000.00 in which we would pay 25%, however the bill which we received was for \$113,000.00; Mr. Lane contacted Penn Dot to ask why we were not informed of the additional cost of the project, he is waiting to hear back from Penn Dot.

Penelec:

On April 13th we experienced a power outage which affected our VFD at the James Street Well, the power supply to our SCADA system, and our chlorine analyzer; the approximate loss is \$10,000.00 in equipment; Mr. Lane turned it into Penelec and was informed that they are not responsible; Mr. Lane might turn this into our insurance.

Executive Session:

The Board entered into executive session at 5:07 p.m. and remained in session until 5:10 p.m. in regards to potential lawsuit.

Water:

Mr. Cassanave and Mr. Shura with the treatment plant division updated the Board on the water project.

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Mr. Cassanave submitted plans on the water transmission line and the proposed treatment plant; we will be needing right of way from 6 landowners, a crossing of the railroad tracks, and the crossing of Sugar Creek; the route of the transmission line was walked by Mr. Lane, Mr. Johnson and Jeff Mason from Stiffler-McGraw to ensure the route was laid out and out of everyone's way; for the most part the line will be parallel to the railroad tracks on unusable land so easements should be easy to obtain. The transmission line from the Church well will be an 8" line and the Robert's a 12" line they will run parallel and meet at the treatment facility, they are separated because the Roberts needs to go through treatment and the Church only needs disinfection. We will have approximately 6,000 feet of 12" line and 2,000 feet of 8" line; the lines will be ductile iron. If there are no major changes in the route, the next step is to get the plans, specs, permits, easements and get it ready for construction.

Mr. Shura explained to the Board the proposed treatment plant. The overall dimensions of the plant will be 64' x 92' the plant will be located as far away from any existing neighboring structures on our land. Mr. Shura proposed a water reclamation; so that we can recycle some of the water since the treatment plant works by having half the membranes doing filtration on the others back washing; the back washed water will go the reclamation unit and be recycled so that we do not send all the water discharged during filtration back to the waste water treatment plant; this will allow us to maximize the water that enters and leaves the treatment plant. The plant has space for up to three units we will currently have two units installed. Mr. Shura stated he is in contact with Pall on the pilot study; he is waiting to get more in-depth information from them on how the pilot study is going. The treatment plant will not need to be manned 24 hours a day the system is self sufficient someone will have to go daily to ensure the system is working properly. Plans will go to DEP for approval

Mr. Lane told the Board he expects a visit from SRBC this summer, they will review the TMA water system. Mr. Cassanave and Mr. Lane agree that the Laddsburg Springs may be curtailed but not eliminated as the springs service areas that cannot be served by other means.

North Towanda Tank:

Mr. Cassanave stated we would need to make a minor amendment to our water supply permit the turnaround time is about 3 to 4 months to get the application approved by DEP. Mr. Cassanave stated that he plans on working on the design and permits within the next couple of months. Mr. Lane reminded the Board that we did receive funds from the county for the tank (\$500,000.00) if the plans come within that amount we can do the project but if the estimate is over that amount we might need to roll the tank into the water project for the additional costs involved.

Mr. Christian:

The Lane informed the Board that Mr. Christian has relocated to Binghamton N.Y. and has resigned from the Board; the vacancy will be reviewed and filled by Council.

Sewer:

The price we were quoted from Sherman Williams for the clarifiers was not within budget Mr. Walker went back to Sherman Williams and requested a quote for the price of material for what is exposed and maybe 4 ft under what is not exposed; he is waiting to hear back from them on that price. The ATAD system needs repaired they are in contact with the manufacturer to see how to clean out and repair the system.

Tour of Facilities:

Mr. DeWitt mentioned that we would like to see if there is any interest in touring the Water and Sewer system. Mr. Lane stated he would like to schedule one in the near future.

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Delinquents:

Mr. Williams asked how our collection process is going; Ms. Maynard stated she has begun to send a copy of our delinquent list to Mr. Jones.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary