

# Towanda Municipal Authority

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Aug 21, 2017

The August 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, Ellen Lacek, Abraham Brandt, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

**ABSENT:** Carmen Venezia

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

**Visitors:**

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None

**Minutes:**

The May 15, 2017 meeting was approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved; the July 17, 2017 (no quorum) meeting was approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Lacek and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer, approved.

**Bills:**

The May and June bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Ms. Sullivan, approved; the July bills were approved on a motion made by Ms. Lacek and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer, approved.

**Mr. Brandt:**

Mr. Brandt was introduced to the Board replacing the vacancy left by Mr. Christian representing Towanda Borough.

**Bridge Street:**

Mr. Lane reminded the Board that the final payment for the Bridge Street project was taken out of the water operating balance that is why there is a drop in the bank balance.

**Water:**

Mr. Lane stated the pilot study is complete we are awaiting the final report from Pall Corporation.

SRBC toured our water system we are awaiting approval from them in order to conduct a 72 hour aquifer pump test.

The pump has been installed at the Church well. We had to purchase 1,500 ft of hose in order to discharge the water used in the 72 hour testing to get to Sugar Creek for the discharge water. Mr. Lane stated we obtained approval from the Railroad and Mr. Mosher to lay the hose from the Church well to Sugar Creek.

Mr. Lane stated we made minor adjustments to the treatment plant in reference to the discharge water; Mr. Lane and Mr. Johnson met with Stiffler McGraw in reference to the design changes.

The Geotechnical study is underway to give us an idea of what is needed for the treatment plant footers.

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Mr. Pruyne is working on the easements needed for the transmission line.

## **Sewer:**

Mr. Johnson explained to the Board the problems we are having with our ATAD; we have an issue with the blowers not working properly, the company who designed the ATAD thinks we need to look at our air lines, we emptied the ATAD and will look for instruction from the company on what maintenance needs to be done in order to get the ATAD back and operational. We are trying to get the grit from getting into the ATAD.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant tour is set for 5:00 P.M. prior to next month's meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>.

The manhole on Washington Street is being replaced.

## **Hemlock Hills:**

The Board reviewed the initial agreement to take over the Hemlock Hills development. Ms. Sullivan suggested removing the word expeditiously from page 2; the Board suggested there be a time limit to the agreement; Mr. Brandt suggested we not put in a dollar amount as a meter pit cost might change. Mr. Pruyne suggested Mr. Lane discuss these changes with M.R. Dirt.

## **Saterlee Run:**

Mr. Lane stated he has spoken with Mr. Roberts who will go out in October or November to start working on our forest stewardship plan.

Mr. Sweitzer asked if we have heard anything on our mineral rights; Mr. Lane stated he has not received any offers that we would consider.

## **Bulk Water:**

Mr. Lane stated we sold \$13,000.00 so far this year; sales are slow.

## **Adjournment**

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary