

Towanda Municipal Authority

Sep 18, 2017

The September 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, Abraham Brandt, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

ABSENT: Ellen Lacek

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

Visitors:

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None

Minutes:

The August 21, 2017 meeting was approved as written on a motion made by Mr., Shaw and seconded by Ms. Sullivan, approved.

Bills:

The August bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

Water:

Mr. Lane stated Pall Corporation is picking up the pilot test equipment either Tuesday or Wednesday; we are still awaiting the report from Pall, which will give us direction on the treatment plant. Mr. Cassanave stated that what was found during the pilot study was we expected to be found; except from some organics that Mr. Casselbury did not encounter in his initial testing.

The aquifer pump testing on the Robert's well #2 started on Monday September 11th and was supposed to be completed on Thursday; the testing was extended to Saturday due to a rise in the river level due to release of water from a dam upstream. The Church well aquifer testing will begin tomorrow.

The testing is 48 hours of baseline monitoring then the well is pumped for 72 hours at full capacity, and then water levels are monitored to verify how long it takes the monitoring points to recover.

The Robert's well #1 will be tested around the 25th of September. The Roberts wells will not be ran simultaneously.

Sewer Plant:

The ATAD maintenance was completed and it is back and operational.

The WWTP tour will be held next month due to the maintenance on the ATAD and vacations by personnel at the plant.

Hemlock Hills:

Mr. Lane and Mr. Pruyne added the wording to the agreement to take over the Hemlock Hills development. The Board requested removing the word expeditiously from page 2; there be a time limit to the agreement; we

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not put in a dollar amount as a meter pit cost might change. Mr. Lane stated expeditiously was changed to 90 days; MR Dirt agreed to that wording as well as no fixed dollar amount on the tap in fee as we would subtract the meter pit cost, and they agreed for the agreement for reimbursement to be 12 years. Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to tentatively approve the agreement contingent on the approval and turnover of easements to the Authority, Mr. Venezia seconded, approved.

Mr. Johnson requested we ask for the as built sets.

Saterlee Run:

Mr. Lane informed the Board that Mr. Roberts will start working on our forest stewardship plan.

Bulk Water:

Mr. Lane stated that due to the Penn Dot construction we are not selling bulk water because there is no access to the bulk water station.

Treatment Plant:

The treatment plant plans are going to be submitted to DEP in November; Mr. Cassanave asked for a meeting with Mr. Lane and Mr. Johnson next week to go over the plans. The geotechnical study did not show anything significant for the footers of the treatment plant. Mr. Cassanave will have more particulars of the plant next month.

The transmission line from the Church an Robert wells has been granted approval from the railroad to go diagonally across Sugar Creek as long as we miss the pier to their bridge; the conservation district has allowed up to open cut it which is the most cost effective way. Mr. Cassanave will give Mr. Lane and Mr. Pruyne the exhibits for right of ways needed for the transmission line.

Mr. Cassanave is going to a seminar on Wednesday in which SRBC will be at; if anyone has questions he will be happy to address them.

North Towanda Tank:

Mr. Cassanave stated they are looking at the Schaedler Yesco property for the tank; approximately ¼ acre, we need to approach the owner for the property. Mr. Lane has been in contact with Penelec to see if we can bring the water line along their right of way. Mr. Cassanave stated once the landowner is approached and agrees to the sale of the land Stiffler McGraw can start working on the design of the tank; we are looking at a 97,000 gallon tank.

Vo-Tech Line:

Mr. Johnson stated he is noticing detonation from within the Vo-Tech line itself. Mr. Sweitzer stated we need to probably get the cost of the entire Vo-Tech line then go from there. The Board agreed we need to address this transmission line; Mr. Cassanave will get an estimate written up for the replacement of the Vo-Tech line.

GIS Mapping:

The GIS mapping will help us identify service lines within our system; we have encountered unknown service lines during the College Run project and the Bridge Street project, we are hoping that we can accurately map our system.

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Delinquents:

The Board discussed accounts on the delinquent list; Ms. Maynard is to contact Dianna at GDDJ to check on the progress of accounts that were previously turned over to them for lien or execution of lien.

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