

Towanda Municipal Authority

Jan 15, 2018

The January meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Paul DeWitt, Charlotte Sullivan, Carmen Venezia, Paul Sweitzer, Abraham Brandt

ABSENT: Ellen Lacek, William Shaw, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Jim Pruyne, Solicitor; Fred Johnson, Superintendent; Matt Hicks, Daily Review

Visitors:

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None

Minutes:

The December 15, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. DeWitt and seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved.

Bills:

The December bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. Venezia, approved.

Water:

Mr. Lane reported to the Board that due to the weather we have been working on frozen pipes, frozen meters and water leaks over the last few weeks.

Mr. Lane is working with the Progress Authority on filling out PA. Small Water and Sewer Grant for the Thomas Street pressure reducing valve and vault; the application must be submitted by February 28th.

The public supply permit was submitted January 2nd, we received a letter stating they received our application and it is in review.

The SRBC report should be turned in next week by Mr. Casselbury; the hydro report. Mr. Venezia asked if the SRBC application has been submitted yet, Mr. Lane stated Mr. Casselbury is reviewing that and the hydro report is essentially part of the application. SRBC has to review our application and issue a water allocation permit.

Mr. Lane has one easement signed; he is working with Wes Mosier on the larger property easement.

The archaeological study has began, soil samples have been taken, the study will cost approximately \$19,000.00, if something is found in the study the cost will be more.

Sewer:

Mr. Lane is still waiting to hear from the USDA on the equipment grant/loan for a purchase of a backhoe.

Bridge Street:

Mr. Lane stated we are still awaiting the reimbursement for the engineering fees.

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Walsh Granite Project:

Mr. Walsh asked Mr. Lane if he received a corrected invoice for this project; Mr. Lane stated he returned the invoice back to Penn Dot and has yet to hear anything.

Budget:

Mr. Lane stated that the fund balance went down overall \$6,534.00 for 2017; the Bridge Street project was paid out of operating.

LB Water:

Mr. Lane got the estimate for the flex net system it is \$164,000.00 initial investment; an additional annual fee of \$20,000.00. The cost does not include meters; Wysox has the meters already but the rest of the system would have to be upgraded to the flex net compatible meter. Mr. Lane would like to revisit this project once the new water source project is complete.

Asset Management:

Mr. Lane stated that PMAA is sponsoring a webinar on Asset Management on January 30th; Mr. Lane will attend that webinar.

Statement of Financial Interest:

Mr. Walsh informed the Board to return the statement of financial interest to Ms. Maynard.

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