

# Towanda Municipal Authority

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Oct 16, 2017

The October meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:10 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Michael Walsh, Paul DeWitt, Charlotte Sullivan, William Shaw, Carmen Venezia, Abraham Brandt, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

**ABSENT:** Ellen Lacek, Paul Sweitzer

**OTHERS:** Kyle Lane, Manager; Jim Pruyne, Solicitor; Fred Johnson, Superintendent; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw, James Loewenstein, Daily Review

**Visitors:**

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None

**Minutes:**

The September 18, 2017 meeting was approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

**Bills:**

The September bills were approved on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Venezia, approved.

**Water:**

Mr. Shura stated they are working on the public water supply permit; the permit should be submitted around the end of the month no later than the first week of November. DEP will not approve the permit without the permit from SRBC. Mr. Lane informed the Board that applying for a new water source opens our whole system for review from SRBC.

We need to obtain the stream and railroad crossing approvals.

We will be meeting with DEP on the 26<sup>th</sup> in reference to the finding of the pilot study.

Mr. Lane asked Mr. Shura on an update on the North Towanda tank; Mr. Shura stated he does not have that information with him at this time but there is a concern at the Schaedler Yesco property that needs addressed in order for us to purchase or lease the land the tank will be situated on; we might want to get an easement as Schaedler Yesco has yet to complete the subdivision from the county of their property.

Initial right of ways has been mapped by Stiffler McGraw for easements needed for the transmission lines.

Mr. Lane stated if all permitting and easements are complete we should be looking at May 2018 for funding of the project. Mr. Lane met with USDA in reference to the water project; he would rather deal with Penn Vest for funding. Mr. Shura stated the goal is get approvals completed by May in order to submit the packet to Penn Vest for their July meeting. Mr. Shura stated if we were to get packet approved in July; we would then go out to bid with anticipated construction to start in January 2019 and should be a year of construction.

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## **Sewer Plant:**

The WWTP tour was conducted prior to start of the meeting.

## **Hemlock Hills:**

Mr. Lane stated that Mr. Pruyne still needs to meet with developer.

## **Resolution 2017 - 1:**

Resolution 2017-1 Allowing Mr. Lane and Ms. Kulick to attest the agreement with Penn Dot for reimbursement of engineering costs associated with the Bridge Street Project. Motion was made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

Yes – unanimous

No – no one

Absent – Mr. Sweitzer, Ms. Lacek

## **Mr. Johnson:**

Mr. Lane stated that Mr. Johnson is unfortunately looking at May 2018 for retirement. Mr. Johnson stated that he would stay around to ensure his predecessor is fully capable of taking over for him.

## **Adjournment**

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shaw at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary