

Towanda Municipal Authority

Feb 26, 2018

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

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Paul DeWitt, Charlotte Sullivan, Carmen Venezia, Paul Sweitzer, Abraham Brandt, Ellen Lacek, William Shaw

ABSENT: 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 January 15, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Shaw and seconded by Ms. Sullivan, approved.

Bills:

The January bills were approved on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Lacek, approved.

Water:

Mr. Lane has submitted the Small Water and Sewer Grant application on February 9th for \$90,000.00 for the Thomas Street pressure reducer valve and vault; he should hear about who was awarded the grant in the summer time. Ms. Pickett sent a letter in support of our application.

Mr. Lane stated that SRBC has sent a letter stating we need to register our system; not only does this have to do with our new water project but all "grandfathered" systems will have to register. The deadline to register is June 1st the application has been filled out and will be submitted prior to that date. We will now be required to submit reports on usage to the SRBC on our entire water system. We were regulated on the water withdraw of the spring and James Street wells by a department that no longer exist.

Mr. Casselbury provided his hydrological report; he submitted to DEP and he is in the process of submitting it to the SRBC. The permit application fee per well is \$13,000.00 which is lower because we are a municipality; Mr. Lane contacted SRBC to inform them of the fact we are a municipality and to request that the Roberts wells be considered a well field instead of two separate wells.

The proposed location of the North Towanda tank was turned down by Schaedler Yesco's engineer; Mr. Cassanave is working with the engineer to explain that the location we surveyed is the best location for the tank.

The archaeological study has eliminated 90% of the water project; he has shovel work to do on the proposed water treatment site and the Mosier/Roberts property.

The wellhead protection for the Roberts wells has encountered an issue as the tax map was incorrect and we need to request right of way from the Lehigh Railroad. Mr. Cassanave has submitted paperwork to the railroad to request the right of way.

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Sewer:

Mr. Lane is still waiting to hear from the USDA on the equipment grant/loan for a purchase of a backhoe; we were supposed to be notified by February 8th.

We need to replace the bio filter media it has been 5 years since it was last replaced; the cost is \$8,000.00

Gateway Green has contacted Mr. Lane again; they state that this is still an ongoing project.

Penn Dot:

Mr. Lane stated we received the engineering costs for the Bridge Street project.

Penn Dot is paving Route 6 from Mix Avenue to the bridge just west of the old Leroy's restaurant in North Towanda; we are addressing the manholes on this project which is set to begin in June.

Penn Dot has offered to return Poplar Street back to the Borough; the reason this is being brought up to the Municipality is that any water and sewer issues need to be addressed by the Municipality; Penn Dot will not give us funds to address any issues they are only giving the Borough the funds to repave and add curbing to Poplar Street. Mr. Johnson stated that sewer needs to be addressed from 3rd to Western. Mr. Lane stated when the Borough takes over the road we will take it down and any water or sewer issues will need to be addressed at the time of the project before we repave it. Mr. Lane thinks the whole project can be done in house.

Saterlee Hollow:

The Ash trees have been removed and the initial logging is complete. Mr. Roberts will need to go back and look at the property for the next trees to be logged.

Superintendent:

Mr. Lane put the job opening in the paper for 5 days the deadline for applications is March 16th.

Union Negotiations:

Mr. Sweitzer mentioned that this is the year for Union negotiations if any Board member wants to sit in on negotiations they are more than welcomed.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary