

# Towanda Municipal Authority

February 28, 2022

The February meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mark Christini, Fred Johnson, Carmen Venezia, Michael Angerson  
via zoom: Michael Walsh, Charlotte Sullivan, Kayla Saxon

**ABSENT:** William Shaw, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

**OTHERS:** Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Lauren Egleston, Borough Manager; Eric Casanave, Stiffler McGraw; Mr. Pruyne, Solicitor; Phil O'Dell, The Daily Review

**Visitors:** None

## **Minutes:**

The January 17, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Angerson and seconded by Ms. Saxon, approved.

## **Bills:**

The January bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Johnson, approved.

## **Water Project:**

Ms. Egleston stated that DEP FPPE (Filter Plant Performance Evaluation) and final Penn Vest inspection was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, minor comments were made at the exit interview but we do not have the final report. The next inspection will be in three years.

## **Water:**

The EPA is requiring us to collect water samples for PFA's and lithium analysis during a 12-month period between 2023 through 2025. According to what we have been provided the testing will be no cost to the Authority.

## **Monroeton Water Line Replacement:**

Ms. Egleston stated we are on target to begin this project in late March.

## **Small Water and Sewer Grant:**

Mr. Casanave stated he is awaiting the PA Steel Certification from LB Water.

## **2018 Flood:**

Ms. Egleston stated we received reimbursement from PEMA for the two DAP 9's we submitted.

## **Local Share Account Statewide Grant:**

Ms. Egleston stated a grant announcement came out late January for projects that improve the quality of life for a community for projects from \$25,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00.

Ms. Egleston stated there is probably going to be a lot of applications as there are no matching funds

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and the grant has not many stipulations.

Ms. Egleston, Mr. Strickland and Mr. Casanave sat down and looked at projects that might fit the criteria and they agreed that waterline replacement for Pratt Avenue from York Avenue to Merrill Parkway and William Street from Packer Avenue to Pratt Avenue; approximately 2,400 feet of water main upgrading the line from 8" to 12".

The grant needs submitted by March 15th; we need a resolution passed with the project and amount of funds requested. Ms. Saxon made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-2 for the Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$998,610.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Pratt Avenue/William Street Waterline Replacement Project, Ms. Sullivan seconded; roll call vote Mr. Walsh - yes, Ms. Saxon - yes, Ms. Sullivan -yes, Mr. Venezia -yes, Mr. Johnson - yes, Mr. Angerson - yes, Mr. Christini -yes; approved.

Mr. Walsh wanted to thank Mr. Angerson for informing us of this funding opportunity.

## **2018 Flood:**

Ms. Egleston stated that we received reimbursement from PEMA for the two DAP g's we submitted. We do have an extension on this project until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Sewer:**

Ms. Egleston stated that the Board should consider getting a Generac installed at pump station 8, that is on Railroad Street, so that if we have a power outage, we will know the pump station is supplied power. Mr., Strickland is getting a quote on a unit for the pump station and for Hemlock Hills as we need one at that location per DEP.

## **Vehicle Replacement:**

Ms. Egleston stated we are looking at getting quotes in May on vehicle replacements.

## **Participation in LIHWAP:**

Ms. Egleston stated that we have had 6 customers use the LIHWAP program, the program can only be utilized one time per customer. Ms. Egleston did state that WTMA is now a vendor as well.

## **LT2 Samples:**

Mr. Strickland stated that we preformed the test during a 12month period for the Roberts wells; we did the testing back in 2016 but we did not have a source id for the wells yet; DEP is now requesting that data; they did accept our samplings from 2016 to 2017 and we received a VIN class I categorization and do not have to perform the test for six years.

## **Letters of Financial Interest :**

Ms. Egleston stated that the forms were attached to last month's packet and need returned to Ms. Maynard.

## **Audit Engagement Letter:**

Ms. Egleston stated we received the engagement letter from HallockShannon P.C. to perform our 2021

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audit; they were in last week and were gathering information for the audit. Mr. Angerson made a motion to accept the engagement letter for HallockShannon P.C., Mr. Venezia seconded approved.

## **Delinquents:**

Ms. Saxon asked what we are doing with our delinquents. Mr. Walsh stated this needs to put on the agenda for discussion next month. Mr. Johnson stated maybe we need a committee formed so that they can provide the Board with recommendations for our delinquent accounts. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Angerson, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Saxon and Ms. Sullivan showed interest in joining the committee. Ms. Egleston stated she will reach out to the Board members who showed interest and meet before next month's meeting and bring recommendations for the next meeting.

## **Adjournment**

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary