

Towanda Municipal Authority

March 18, 2019

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

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Paul Sweitzer, Abraham Brandt, Ellen Lacek, Paul DeWitt, Charlotte Sullivan, William Shaw, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman,

ABSENT: Carmen Venezia

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw; Coy Goble, The Daily Review

Visitors: John Troutman, M2 Construction LLC; Joe Narcoonis, Kriger Pipeline; Joe DeVincentis, G. DeVincentis Sr.; Rick Marzella, Continental Construction; Kathy Long, Lobar Inc.; Danny Long, Lobar Inc.; Mike Marzolino, G.R. Noto

Visitors: Attended for Bid Opening.

Minutes:

The January 21, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Lacek, approved.

Bills:

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

Mr. Thomas Fairchild Jr.:

Mr. Lane informed the Board that Mr. Fairchild passed away this last Saturday. Mr. Walsh asked if the Authority is going to do something for Mr. Fairchild. The Board discussed some suggestions that have been brought up. A memorial service is going to be held in May the Board will be notified of date and time.

Stiffler McGraw:

Mr. Lane has the 2019 engineering agreement with Stiffler McGraw; Mr. Shaw made a motion to enter into an agreement with Stiffler McGraw for 2019, Ms. Lacek seconded, approved.

Mr. DeWitt asked the amount of increase; Mr. Lane stated that he would assume 3% increase.

C & N Bank:

Mr. Lane, Mr. Unkovic and Mr. Pruyne via telephone closed the loan for the interim financing with C & N Bank on February 28th.

Penn Vest:

Mr. Lane stated they held the first conference call on March 4th; they have another scheduled next week to discuss the bid opening.

Penn Vest wants to see a combined contract with all the projects together; we initially did each contract individually with Stiffler McGraw; the numbers and costs are the same it is just one template with everything

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outlined in one document; Mr. Shura stated he will bring a final copy to our next meeting to be executed then. Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to have the document for the engineering cost for the water project signed and executed when a final draft is available, Ms. Lacek seconded, approved.

Vo Tech Easements:

Mr. Lane stated he is working on the Vo Tech easements; there are a total of 15 easements and he has spoken to all but three of the customers.

Mr. Pruyne stated that the Board should do a resolution for condemnation for the right of ways for customers we need to obtain easements in which Mr. Lane is unable to contact. Mr. Sweitzer made a motion for condemnation, Mr. Lacek seconded, approved; Resolution 2019-2. The easements need filed prior to closing our Penn Vest loan.

Resolution to Borrow from Penn Vest:

Mr. Lane stated we need a resolution to borrow funds from Penn Vest for our water project. Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to accept the Resolution to Borrow from Penn Vest for our water project, Ms. Lacek seconded, approved.

2018 Flood:

Mr. Lane is still waiting from FEMA on the flood.

Mr. Lane stated they found another exposed pipe that needs covered the approximate cost is \$20,000.00.

Sewer:

Mr. Lane stated that a radar sensor failed it has been replaced; it monitors the foam and kicks on a fan to eliminate the foam build up.

The chapter 94 report is complete.

Mr. Walker found a shale type material called Haydite, which is supposed last longer the tree bark used in the Bio Filter, we are going to order and try that.

Audit:

Mr. Lane stated audit is complete and we should have the report soon.

Ulster Water Authority:

Mr. Lane has contacted the Authority with inter municipal agreement similar to what we have with Wysox with contract rates for services. Mr. Cassanave stated he contacted Frank Walker and is trying to set up a meeting with them to discuss what they want or need from us.

SRBC:

Mr. Lane stated he submitted our unaccounted for water report to SRBC, he has not heard from them but expects to.

Mr. Lane stated that Mr. Strickland and the water crew have been working on finding leaks.

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Mr. Lane is still trying to get with Mr. Casselbury on submitting the application for the Spring it needs to be in by August or September.

DEP:

Mr. Lane stated that DEP has charged \$6,500.00 for our annual fee and we will also pay them for their inspections as well.

PA Rural Water Conference:

Mr. Lane stated that Mr. Strickland and Mr. Vandeweert as well as he will be attending the conference next week.

Project Bid:

Mr. Shura opened the sealed bids at 6:00 p.m. the Water Project:

Contract 2019-1 Robert and Church Well Transmission Line

Company	Amount
G. Devincentis & Sons	\$1,177,000.00
James T Ohara Inc	\$1,419,900.00
Continental Construction	\$932,740.00
Kruger Pipe Line	\$2,108,003.50
Pioneer Construction Company	\$1,762,650.00
Sikora Brothers Paving	\$1,085,791.83

Contract 2019-2 New Water Treatment Facility General/Mechanical

Company	Amount
Lobar Inc	\$3,977,000.00
M2 Construction	\$4,748,500.00
Hickes Associates	\$4,913,662.00
Welliver McGuire Inc	\$5,507,944.00

Contract 2019-3 New Water Treatment Facility Electrical

Company	Amount
G. Devincentis & Sons	\$1,222,000.00
Urban Electrical Contractors Inc	\$1,037,000.00

Contract 2019-4 New Water Treatment Facility HVAC

Company	Amount
Kimble Inc	\$188,900.00
Master Mechanical Corp	\$177,500.00

Contract 2019-5 New Water Treatment Facility Plumbing

Company	Amount
Kimble Inc	\$116,200.00

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Contract 2019-6 Old Mills Rd / Tomahawk Rd Waterline Replacement Project

Company	Amount
G. Devinentis & Sons Construction	\$959,000.00
James T Ohara Inc	\$886,560.00
Continental Construction	\$673,433.00
Sikora Brothers Paving Inc	\$741,713.30

Contract 2019-7 North Towanda Water System Improvements General/Mechanical Work

Company	Amount
Pioneer Construction Company	\$772,025.00

Contract 2019-8 New Water Treatment Facility Electrical Work

Company	Amount
G. R. Noto Electrical Const	\$124,000.00
Urban Electrical Contractors Inc	\$71,000.00

Contract 2019-1 & 6 Robert and Church Well Transmission Line and Old Mills Rd / Tomahawk Rd Waterline Replacement

Company	Amount
G. Devinentis & Sons	\$2,128,000.00
James T Ohara Inc	\$2,266,755.00
Continental Construction	\$1,562,212.00
Sikora Brothers Paving	\$1,822,155.75

Contract 2019-3 & 8 New Water Treatment Facility and North Towanda Water System Improvements Electrical

Company	Amount
G.R. Noto Electrical Const	\$1,316,000.00
Urban Electrical Contractors, Inc	\$1,108,000.00

Mr. Shura stated at this point we need to award the low bidder after they review the bid and documents provided for accuracy and to see if the combined bids are going to be awarded or individual contracts; the Board decided on the combined bids for projects 1 & 6 and 3 & 8. Ms. Lacek made a motion to approve the low bidder pending Stiffler McGraw's review of the bid documents and low bid for the combined projects, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, approved.

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

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Recording Secretary