

# Towanda Municipal Authority

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Mar 19, 2018

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

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

**ABSENT:** Ellen Lacek

**OTHERS:** Kyle Lane, Manager; Jim Pruyne, Solicitor; Fred Johnson, Superintendent

**Visitors:** Eric & Blythe Jones, Michael Tabor, Mary Lewis

## **Visitors:**

Mr. & Mrs. Jones asked the Board if they are planning on addressing the Vo-Tech line; they have to close their business because of the lack of water when there is a leak on the line. Mr. Johnson stated that the Board has been informed of the problems with the Vo-Tech line and plan on addressing the issue; he also suggested the Jones acquire a holding tank that can get them through any loss of water to keep the business open during water leaks.

Ms. Lewis had a concern with her water pressure; she stated she has had issues in the past but now the problem is severe and taking a shower is all but impossible due to the lack of water. Mr. Johnson stated that the water crew has been up on several occasions but has been unable to obtain access to Ms. Lewis's premises in order to determine what the issue is. Ms. Lewis agreed to set up an appointment in order to have the water crew check is she is in need of a booster pump or might have something in the meter blocking water flow.

Mr. Tabor was in just to observe the meeting.

## **Minutes:**

The February 26, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. DeWitt and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

## **Bills:**

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

## **Vo-Tech Line:**

Mr. Lane did receive the estimate from Stiffler McGraw on the replacement of the Vo-Tech line; 1.3 million is the estimate. There are only 33 connections on the line itself; but it does need addressed; there have been at least 2 leaks on the line this year already; Mr. Johnson thinks there has been more.

Mr. Walsh suggested we try a VFD on the pump station to see if that takes some of the pressure off the line to avoid leaks; Mr. Johnson stated that might help the tank in North Towanda should really improve the line. The Board needs to keep in mind the line itself is deteriorated.

## **North Towanda Tank:**

Mr. Lane stated the County is building an Emergency Center in North Towanda; the property might be an ideal place for the new tank; it is not as high in elevation as the Schaedler Yesco property but that would be a 1,700 foot extension. Ms. Sullivan stated we might want to research the airport air space due to the size of the tank;

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the Board agreed to have Mr. Cassanave made aware of that situation. Mr. Lane stated Mr. Cassanave will be attending next month's meeting.

Mr. Lane will be meeting with the commissioners next week on the tank.

## **Archeological Study:**

The archeologist found prehistoric Native American pottery and Indian heads on the other side of Tracks Road they found a historic site foundation. Mr. Raber is recommending we move the line; Mr. Lane stated by moving the line they would have to excavate in the new location and might find the same thing; a phase II study could be done and would be rather expensive and open ended; or we can use the railroad right of way; Mr. Lane stated that the Phase II would be less expensive then asking the railroad for a right of way; Mr. Cassanave is looking into this for us. Mr. Lane stated these are the only sites found in the entire study so we are fortunate in that way. Boring under the findings might be our cheapest way of moving on with the project.

## **USDA Loan/Grant:**

Mr. Lane received a verbal notification we received the award to purchase the backhoe.

## **Sewer:**

The Chapter 94 report is complete; Mr. Lane can provide a copy if anyone is interested in reviewing it.

## **Superintendent Position:**

Mr. Lane provided copies of the resumes received for Mr. Johnson's position to Mr. Walsh, Mr. DeWitt and Mr. Sweitzer; they will set up interviews starting next week.

## **Granite Walsh Project:**

Mr. Walsh asked if we received a corrected billing yet for the project; Mr. Lane stated no correspondence has been received and he will wait to hear from Penn Dot.

## **Sugar Creek:**

Mr. Walsh needs to sign an agreement with the Commonwealth in order to drill under Sugar Creek along with a onetime payment for \$750.00

## **Adjournment**

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary