

# Towanda Municipal Authority

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Apr 16, 2018

The April meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:02 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** William Shaw

**OTHERS:** Kyle Lane, Manager; Jim Pruyne, Solicitor; Fred Johnson, Superintendent; Eric Cassanave, Stiffler McGraw

**Visitors:** None

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None

**Minutes:**

The March 19, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. DeWitt and seconded by Ms. Lacek, approved.

**Bills:**

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

**Superintendent:**

Mr. Lane has decided on Chad Strickland as Mr. Johnson's replacement; his start date is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Johnson will stay until Mr. Strickland is efficient in the position.

**USDA Loan/Grant:**

Mr. Lane stated we received the grant/loan for the backhoe; we received a \$37,000.00 grant and \$50,000.00 loan we have to match \$13,000.00.

**Water:**

Mr. Lane stated we received our general permit today.

Mr. Lane asked Mr. Cassanave why the Army Corp of Engineers is involved; Mr. Cassanave stated because every water way is considered navigable.

Mr. Lane stated we received to PAGO2 permits for the plant and water line; NFDES permits. Submerged land license agreement has also been received.

The public water supply permit was submitted in January and the withdraw permit to SRBC was submitted April 2<sup>nd</sup> a little behind schedule. Mr. Lane stated that the SRBC stated they will try to ensure that our permits are reviewed prior to August to ensure we submit to Penn Vest for their October deadline.

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## **North Towanda Tank:**

The County is building an Emergency Communication Center and we are interested in placing the tank on that property. They are expanding the water line to the new building so we would need to extend the line to the tank. Mr. Cassanave presented a map of the proposed new building as well as our water line and proposed extension and tank placement to the Board. Mr. Johnson will speak with the engineers on the County project to check the rational on where they are placing the water line.

The land we received for the pump station is not feasible for the system. We will look at upgrading our existing one.

Mr. Cassanave asked if we want a standard generator at the pump station, Mr. Johnson stated yes; Mr. Lane would rather have a portable one. Mr. Cassanave stated we need an answer within the next month; Mr. Lane stated we need a generator so put that in the plans; we will decide which one later. The Board agreed that we might want to put a couple of portable generators on the project.

We will also be adding fire flow and need to look at sites for hydrants.

## **Vo Tech Line:**

Mr. Cassanave stated the estimate to replace the Vo Tech Line is approximately \$990,000.00 for 6,400 feet of the line. Mr. Walsh asked if the engineering costs for this are included in the total project; Mr. Cassanave stated that no this will be an additional project. Mr. Johnson stated that we might need to consider replacing the line up to the Sugar Creek crossing; the Board agrees. Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to enter into an agreement with Stiffler McGraw on the replacement of the Vo Tech line from the Sugar Creek crossing, Ms. Lacek seconded, approved. The added line will obviously increase the pricing; the board agreed we need to address the Vo Tech line.

## **Roberts Well Heads:**

Mr. Cassanave stated we ran into an infringement due to the tax maps being incorrect that will require us to ask for a right of way from the railroad. Mr. Cassanave spoke with Norfolk Southern who agreed to the right of way and they dropped it down to Lehigh Railway; Mr. Cassanave is in contact with Tom Clark from Lehigh Railway and we are awaiting a signed agreement.

## **Archeological Study:**

Mr. Cassanave stated the archeologist found prehistoric Native American pottery and Indian heads on the Mosier property and on the other side of Tracks Road they found a historic site foundation. Mr. Cassanave spoke with PHMC (Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission) and they are in agreement to bore under those two sites, Mr. Cassanave contacted Mr. Raber the archeologist and placed him in contact with PHMC. If this is unacceptable we will have to go to a Phase II testing or move the lines; this is feasible on the foundation site but not on the Mosier property because they did not test to see how much land is involved. PHMC and Mr. Raber are supposed to talk on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Scada:**

Mr. Cassanave stated we will be looking at upgrading to the Scada system throughout the water/sewer system; Mr. Johnson is in agreement the system needs to be on the Scada system.

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## **Visitors:**

The Board asked about the visitor request from last month. Mr. Johnson stated he has not heard about any progress on Ms. Hart's issue. Ms. Lewis never contacted us back in order to check her issue. Ms. Sullivan found Ms. Lewis's delinquent account on the aging; Ms. Maynard stated that she was delinquent, a lien was filed, but she was allowed to be set back up and has not made payments on this old account.

## **Adjournment**

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary