

Towanda Municipal Authority

June 15, 2020

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

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Paul Sweitzer, William Shaw, Fred Johnson

The following via teleconference: Ellen Lacek, Charlotte Sullivan, Carmen Venezia, Paul DeWitt

ABSENT: Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; James Pruyne, Solicitor; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw; Eric Cassanave, Stiffler McGraw; Matt Hicks, The Daily Review

Visitors: None

Minutes:

The May 18, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

Bills:

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

Small Water and Sewer Grant:

Mr. Lane stated he inquired on the grant and they stated a decision will be made on September 16th now. We applied for the Thomas Street PRV replacement.

SR 3020 Turn back:

Mr. Lane stated the water line work is finished from Convent, Poplar to Western the main is installed and are awaiting test results and will tap it into the main and connect the approximate 16 customers to the new line. Today they started on the sanitary sewer line on Third and Poplar and will proceed up to Western. They have also installed two manholes; five manholes will be installed all together in the project.

Sewer:

Mr. Lane stated one of the blowers to the ATAD system failed; the cost was \$18,000.00 for the replacement. There are two blowers one is a backup; Mr. Lane wants to refurbish the other one as well so we do have a good back up if needed.

2018 Flood:

Mr. Lane stated the survey crew from Stiffler McGraw did their work last week, Stiffler McGraw will come up with a design and we will get bids together. Mr. Lane also submitted the first requisition for reimbursement of the work we had done previously which is about \$93,000.00 which includes all the main that was replaced behind the maple leaf and the scouring we had at Brocktown Road and the other work we did in order to get the water line up and running after the flood damage; these funds were taken out of water operating.

Lime Street:

We had to replace our power line to the equalizer tank on Lime Street; we finished the project on June 12th.

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Water Project:

Mr. Lane stated there was left over funds from the EDA Grant; the Grant is only to fund the treatment plant. We used the funds to pave the driveway up to the plant.

Mr. Shura updated the Board on the water project; due to the Covid situation there was a delay in the project so right now substantial completion is August 2nd; the previous start up should have been about now, we are looking at the end of July for initial start up. Stiffler McGraw is awaiting a formal extension from the contractors but that would be acceptable due to the current situation with Covid and the shut down that they had to endure. The generator was delivered to the plant and is awaiting start up by the manufacturer; Mr. Shura thinks the plant will be up and operational by mid August.

Mr. Shura presented the following pay applications:

Contract 2 pay application 12 for \$87,423.42

Contract 5 pay application 9 for \$2,070.65

Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to approve the pay applications, Mr. Shaw seconded, approved.

Mr. Shura presented the Penn Vest requisition:

Penn Vest requisition #12 for \$41,815.97

Mr. Sweitzer made a motion for the Penn Vest requisition, Mr. Shaw seconded, approved.

There will be a formal change order for the paving at the plant; we are only at 1% in change order amounts to date; we budgeted for 10%.

Mr. Lane stated that EDA has been paying.

Identifying Projects:

Mr. Lane stated there is word of an infrastructure bill that may be coming out; he is working with Stiffler McGraw in identifying parts of our system we would like to replace/repair. Stiffler McGraw identified and gave rough estimates on costs; the State is working on issuing a bill that would work with infrastructure of old lead lines for replacement, they are partnering with Penn Vest who would want shovel ready projects. Water lines in the Borough and Monroeton have been identified; costs range from \$1.6 million to \$64,000.00 Mr. Lane stated the smaller projects can be done with Capitol Reserves or bulk water sales, or even Small Water and Sewer Grants. Mr. Shura stated the \$1.6 project can be separated into smaller projects. Mr. Johnson asked why Monroeton was identified as the majority of the projects; Mr. Lane stated they used Mr. Chilson's inventory of the water system and identified the oldest lines in the system; Mr. Johnson was questioning because he knows that Monroeton okay with leaks.

Mr. Lane also discussed that he would identify water line projects that would further reduce the water loss if funding becomes available for infrastructure.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 5:40 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary