

# Towanda Municipal Authority

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July 15, 2019

The July meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Michael Walsh, Paul Sweitzer, Paul DeWitt, Charlotte Sullivan, William Shaw

**ABSENT:** Ellen Lacek, Carmen Venezia, Abraham Brandt, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

**OTHERS:** Kyle Lane, Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Jim Pruyne – Solicitor; Eric Cassanave, Stiffler McGraw; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw; Coy Goble, the Daily Review

**Visitors:** None

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None

**Minutes:**

The June 17, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

**Bills:**

The June bills were approved on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer, approved. Ms. Sullivan mentioned the bill for the Stevenson Bridge water main relocation for approximately \$26,000.00; Mr. Lane stated the projected was completed 2 years ago but the first invoice was incorrect and we just recently received a corrected invoice.

**Water Project:**

Mr. Lane stated that the ground breaking ceremony last Friday was well attended.

The first progress meeting was held today; Lobar the general construction contractor has some excavation completed, the road is formed in; Continental the pipeline contractor is going to start the first week of August. Continental is going to start the North Towanda section.

A meeting was held with Patty from Stiffler McGraw, C & N Bank and Ms. Miller to go over the flow of payments and reimbursements for the project; Stiffler McGraw will be doing the paperwork for Penn Vest and the EDA Grant reimbursement.

Mr. Shura presented to the Board the request for reimbursement from two contractors Contract 2 Lobar is requesting \$161,937.67 for bond insurance, clearing and grubbing and their initial site work, and Contract 7 Pioneer is requesting \$29,309.85 for clearing and grubbing for the tank. Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to approve payments for Contract 2 and Contract 7, Mr. Shaw seconded, approved.

Mr. Shura presented Pay Requisition 1 for Penn Vest in the amount of \$66,554.44 this amount only includes Contract 7 reimbursement as Contract 1 will be going through EDA and other sources for reimbursement. Mr. DeWitt made a motion to approve Penn Vest Pay Requisition 1, seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

Mr. Sweitzer questioned the wells; Mr. Lane stated the Roberts Wells are done controls are in; the Church well is dug but needs a pit-less adaptor installed and controls.

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We are digging underneath the historical sites.

## **County Project:**

Mr., Lane met with Bishop Construction; the contractors for the County project; we are coordinating their project and our project. We had to put in the Highway Occupancy permit for the water line extension; we are initially paying the cost but are getting reimbursed by the County. The water line extension will be approximately 1800 feet to the North Towanda Tank; we did not include this portion in our water project as we are getting reimbursed by the County. We need to bid out that line; Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to have Stiffler McGraw advertise the bid for the tank fill line extension, Mr. Shaw seconded, approved.

## **Spring:**

Mr. Lane stated a call was held between the SRBC, Mr. Cassanave and Mr. Casselbury in reference to application for the Spring; the continued use of the Spring will be approved after we file our application and provide the requested information SRBC needs on what is drawn during wet and dry years historically.

## **2018 Flood:**

Mr. Lane stated we reimbursement from FEMA on Pump Station 9 that included our deductible and items not covered under our insurance policy like depreciation and our man hours on the job; FEMA reimbursed \$6,900.00 and we are expecting \$2,300.00 from PEMA.

The other flood items are in the queue in the FEMA portal.

## **Pump Station 8:**

Mr. Lane stated we received \$41,000.00 initially from the insurance company, the pumps are ordered should be 6- 10 weeks; we will receive the other monies after the job is complete

## **Sewer:**

Mr. Lane stated we are working on North 4<sup>th</sup> street adding storm sewer and tying sewer lines in our new sewer main before we pave. We are fixing the drainage.

## **Delinquent:**

Mr. Sweitzer asked about customers on the delinquent list and Mr. Walsh asked about the current tax sales that were in the newspaper; Ms. Maynard stated now new customers on the list we did have 48 shut off notices this month and she has contacted Mr. Jones on the properties on tax sales to verify our liens or balance due are acknowledged at time of sale.

## **Water Leaks:**

Mr. Lane discussed our efforts in finding water leaks in the system.

## **Penn Dot:**

Mr. Lane met with Penn Dot on the Route 6 project; we do not think our sewer line will be affected as they are not digging down enough, unless plans change.

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**Property:**

Mr. Lane he has not heard from First Citizens on the South Main St. property.

**Adjournment**

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary