

# Towanda Municipal Authority

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July 18, 2022

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

**PRESENT:** Fred Johnson, Michael Angerson, Kayla Saxon, Michael Walsh, Charlotte Sullivan, William Shaw, Carmen Venezia via zoom: None

**ABSENT:** Mark Christini, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

**OTHERS:** Lauren Egleston, Borough Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Eric Casanave, Stiffler McGraw; Mr. Pruyne, Solicitor; Phil O'Dell, The Daily Review

**Visitors:** None

## **Minutes:**

The June 20, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Angerson, and seconded by Mr. Johnson, approved.

## **Bills:**

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

## **Monroeton Water Line Replacement:**

Ms. Egleston stated we had our third contractors meeting last week with Continental; the project seems to be moving along fairly well. Continental is planning on having the customer service lines on Shaw Boulevard completed this week. Mr. Strickland stated that the last of the tie ins should be completed soon so we should not have any more boil advisories.

Ms. Egleston presented pay application 3 for Continental for \$313,882.31; we are 56% complete and 68% of the main has been installed. Mr. Angerson made a motion to accept pay application 3 for Continental, Mr. Shaw seconded, approved.

Ms. Egleston presented Penn Vest Requisition 4 in the amount of \$335,323.46; Mr. Angerson made a motion to accept Requisition 4 for Penn Vest, Ms. Saxon seconded, approved.

Mr. Shaw asked how many hydrants were added; Mr. Casanave did not have the exact number off hand maybe 9 or 10 new hydrants.

Mr. Shaw also asked if we were going to pave Canton Avenue; Mr. Casanave stated only trench plus one foot; not the width of Canton Avenue.

## **Small Water and Sewer Grant:**

Ms. Egleston inquired to Mr. Casanave if we have an update on this project. Mr. Casanave stated that he has no update.

Ms. Saxon asked if we need to look into another supplier; Mr. Casanave stated he will look into it.

## **2018 Flood:**

Ms. Egleston stated that she is still experiencing issues with our PEMA representative. Ms. Egleston was

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able to contact his coworker and she addressed our DAP 9 that was sent back in May that we have yet to receive reimbursement, that is approximately \$60,000.00; Mr. Kratzer is currently on vacation and the coworker insured that he would address this with him.

Ms. Egleston stated that the Paradise crossing is good to go Mr. Casanave stated that work will start on Thursday, with disinfection and testing that project should be complete Monday or Tuesday; Sawmill has two problem areas per Mr. Casanave. Mr. Casanave did state he learned today the EE Root was contacted and they will give Sikora Brothers an estimate to bore under 220.

Ms. Egleston stated we were approved an extension per PEMA.

## **Penn Dot Route 220 Section 223 Project:**

Ms. Egleston stated that plans are due to Penn Dot; Mr. Casanave stated he would get them to Penn Dot next week.

## **Sewer:**

Ms. Egleston stated the new UV bulbs arrived; Mr. Strickland stated they were installed.

Ms. Egleston stated we need to purchase wear plates and impellers for the return / recycle pumps; Mr. Strickland stated they are approximately \$3000.00 each, and we have 8 pumps.

Mr. Strickland stated we are also looking at trying self-cleaning wear plates for the sludge pumps.

## **Rules and Regulations:**

Ms. Egleston stated the Rules and Regulations are still on hold for Portnoff Law Associates decision to take us on as a client; Ms. Egleston stated we will reach out to them again to see if they have made a decision.

## **TMA Audit:**

Ms. Egleston stated that the 2021 Audit was completed she emailed a copy to the Board. Ms. Saxon made a motion to approve the 2021 Audit, Mr. Angerson seconded, approved.

We are also awaiting a single Audit for the EDA Grant, once that audit is submitted, we can close out the grant which currently is holding \$140,000.00 in funding.

## **Penn Vest Funding:**

Ms. Egleston stated that we learned that \$320,000,000.00 is coming in for infrastructure; Penn Vest will probably disseminate the monies amongst their funding sources. Ms. Egleston met with Mr. Strickland and Mr. Casanave last week to outline some projects. One of the projects is to finish up the Monroeton area. Hillcrest for both water and sewer. Mr. Strickland stated Lombard and looping the system. Pratt and Williams which we submitted in the local share grant. Mr. Strickland stated that we also found that Means Street has lead joints; Mr. Johnson stated that this is part of the original reservoir line. Mr. Casanave stated we looked at projects to replace are old lines and to loop the system for different circulation. The sewer plant was looked at. Ms. Egleston stated we do have projects. Mr. Walsh asked about solar, he asked if the intern can research how much money Wysox saves on the pump station that has solar.

Mr. Angerson has heard monies might be available as early as their October Board meeting.

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## **Brennan:**

Ms. Egleston stated we need to find a contractor to cap the well on the property; Mr. Strickland stated he called a contractor to take a look at it. We also need to know who is going to pay to decommission Well 1.

## **Drought:**

Mr. Angerson asked how we are doing with water. Mr. Strickland stated we are okay, we are getting alarms at the Church well, Mr. Strickland contacted Mr. Casselbury. Mr. Johnson asked about the Springs; Mr. Strickland stated they are at 288 not too bad at all. Mr. Venezia asked about the Robert wells, Mr. Strickland stated they are fine no significant changes.

## **5 Year 10 Year Plan:**

Mr. Johnson stated that even though he did not do one Mr. Fairchild always requested a 5- year/10-year plan. Mr. Casanave stated DEP is looking at Asset Management Plans, a 5- year/10-year plan should be implemented. Mr. Strickland stated that we do need to inventory our system because DEP is probably going to implement that soon.

## **Adjournment**

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary