

# Towanda Municipal Authority

## September 17, 2018

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The September meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:04 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Ellen Lacek, William Shaw

**OTHERS:** Kyle Lane, Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Coy Goble, The Daily Review

**Visitors:** None

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**Minutes:**

The July 16, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. DeWitt, approved.

**Bills:**

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

**Water:**

Mr. Lane stated we received our SRBC water withdraw permit our DEP public supply permit should be here either this week or next. SRBC did indicate they need more time to review the spring; we had to submit a separate withdraw permit for that which will not affect our current project.

We have our creek crossing permits from DEP; we have our PHMC clearance; we have our Bradford County Land Development conditional approval; our Geotechnical study is done; our PNDI environmental study is complete; we only have to put together our Penn Vest packet to be submitted by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Venezia asked how we are on water loss procedures as that was indicated in the paperwork to bring that down to 20% within the next 5 years. Mr. Lane stated the variables in water loss consists of: we have water blow offs that run 24 hours a day, old meters (as they age they slow or stop recording usage), private water line leaks, fires, flushing and old mains.

The permit for the North Towanda Tank and Vo Tech line delayed us going to Penn Vest earlier as we had to wait for the permit to be issued for that phase of the project; DEP considered the replacement of the Vo Tech line will help with water loss situation.

We are looking to be awarded the funding from Penn Vest in January.

Mr. Lane stated that he received a letter that we have been selected and he hopes we receive the \$3,000,000 EDA grant.

The Geo technical study was completed for the Sugar Creek crossing which Mr. Lane stated is solid rock and the Geo Technical study was done on the North Towanda tank site.

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Mr. Strickland will be taking his water test next week.

## **Flood:**

Mr. Lane updated the Board on the August 14<sup>th</sup> flooding that took place in which 4 of our crossings were compromised; we replaced 80' of pipe on one crossing. All crossings have been repaired but the pipe is currently exposed. Mr. Lane gathered the expense and information for repair of the water lines and submitted to the Bradford County EMA; Mr. Cassanave assisted in pricing which came up to approximately \$730,000.00 in order to bring the system in order and fix our current exposed pipe repairs.

We were able to back feed customers up to Brocktown Rd we had approximately 30 customers without water service for 6 days and a boil advisory for 15 days.

Pump Station 9 flooded and caused approximately \$21,379.00 in damage Mr. Lane submitted this to our insurance. Mr. Walsh asked if we can raise the control panel; Mr. Sweitzer stated we have at least 3 claims on this property already we might want to look at either replacing the structure or adding some type of protection.

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

Mr. Lane stated that the awards will be announced September 18<sup>th</sup> we applied for the Thomas Street pressure reducer valve and vault.

## **Sewer:**

DEP inspected the sewer plant; they had suggestions on reporting our septic receiving for mainly the hydrostatic water there is a DEP report to be filed; the companies have to test the hydrostatic water before dropping it off, they are just looking for that compliance to verify we are receiving what they state we are receiving and that they are doing the appropriate testing.

## **Union Negotiations:**

Second meeting was completed today.

## **USDA Loan:**

Mr. Lane stated we closed on the loan for the backhoe today.

## **Budget:**

Mr. Lane stated he has started the 2019 budget.

## **Customer Complaint:**

Ms. Sullivan asked if we have had any more complaints from Ms. Lewis from North Towanda on her water pressure issues; Ms. Maynard stated no.

## **Adjournment**

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:13 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary