

# Towanda Municipal Authority

September 21, 2020

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

**PRESENT:** Michael Walsh, William Shaw, Paul Sweitzer

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

**ABSENT:** Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman, Fred Johnson, Ellen Lacek

**OTHERS:** Kyle Lane, Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; James Pruyne, Solicitor; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw

**Visitors: None**

## **Minutes:**

The August 17, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Shaw and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer, approved.

## **Bills:**

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

## **Water Project:**

Mr. Lane updated the Board on the water project:

The water plant, the mechanical system for the filtration are up and running, Pall has some minor adjustments to do.

Mr. Strickland received training on sewage pump.

The driveway is laid out with about of 40 feet of storm water drainage.

The Scada integrator programmer has been on site for several weeks, working on the system.

We are awaiting a gas regulator to run gas to the plant for the backup generator.

The clear well was drained and disinfected.

The pole went up for the commercial power at the church well, should be completed by Friday.

In order for Mr. Strickland to get his operating license he needs to have three months working under a certified operator; that will be Travis Long.

DEP is coming Friday; Ms. Schroeder was up last week to go through what she needs and what formats are needed to be done in order to submit reporting to DEP.

The pipeline work is complete we are withholding \$70,000.00 until we get the steel certifications.

Mr. Shura stated that Pall had some issues they had to correct so that put us behind a little but start up should be in 2 weeks.

Mr. Sweitzer asked who was going to have the operating license, Mr. Lane stated Mr. Strickland, Mr. Tabor, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Whinnery.

Mr. Shura stated we are behind approximately a month and a half from substantial completion of the original contract, we need to take in account covid and lack of being able to obtain equipment after the covid pandemic.

Mr. Lane presented the following pay application:

Contract 2 pay application 15 for \$78,479.66 for Lobar

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

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Mr. Lane presented the Penn Vest requisition:

Penn Vest requisition #15 for \$32,902.24

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

Mr. Lane stated the Mr. Shura submitted EDA request # 8 on August 27<sup>th</sup>, and we are awaiting payment.

Mr. Lane mentioned that we initially borrowed 4.3 million from Penn Vest and are approximately at 3.5 million in expenses, we are under budget.

## **2018 Flood:**

Mr. Lane stated that Stiffler McGraw is finalizing the crossing, the wetland delineation representative is coming to look at the plans. We are hoping to get bidding out soon, as we have until May 2021 to get the work done.

## **Sewer:**

Mr. Lane stated that Mr. Walker has made calculations and we need to buy phosphorus credits this year; we need at least 900; we have secured 700 from Shamokin/Coal Township and Mr. Strickland has contacted Clearfield Township for an additional 200. Mr. Sweitzer asked for the cost, Mr. Lane stated approximately \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00.

## **SR 3020 Turn back:**

Mr. Lane stated that the water and sewer lines are complete; Mr. Lane request the Board approve payment for Sykora Brothers for \$117,315.75. The final amount of \$63,000.00 which is retainage will be requested next month. Mr. Shaw made a motion to approve payment to Sykora Brothers for \$117,315.75, Mr. Sweitzer seconded, approved.

Mr. Walsh asked about settling in the areas of construction; Mr., Lane stated we have a year after substantial completion to address such issues.

Mr. Lane stated that this will deplete fund 25 our gas lease money, it was used between the water project to get permit ready and this project.

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

Mr. Lane stated that he electronically signed to accept the grant from DCED to replace the Thomas St. PRV; he is waiting for the grant agreement.

## **Budget:**

Mr. Lane stated he has started working on the 2021 Budget; we need a standby generator for Hemlock Hills approximately \$20,000.00; we need to purchase a new computer server that is \$23,000.00; we want a track steer approximately \$90,000.00; we need to look into a flush truck, Mr. Lane is looking into a jetter/flush truck, a flush truck to replace ours is over \$100,000.00; and a sewer push camera.

## **Water levels:**

The spring is down to 245, our wells are down a bit, and Mr. Lane was contacted by GTP as they have to contact us as part of their drought plan.

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**Adjournment**

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary