

Towanda Municipal Authority

Mar 21, 2016

The March meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:03 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Gerald Sheets, Joel Christian

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Jim Pruyne, Solicitor; Fred Johnson, Superintendent; Robert Williams, WTMA Chairman

Visitors:

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None

Minutes:

The February minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Lacek and seconded by Ms. Sullivan, approved.

Mr. DeWitt wanted clarification on the “sewer runs”; Mr. Johnson stated this is the checking of the pump and water stations in the entire system; this is done daily.

Bills:

The February bills were approved on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Lacek, approved.

Water:

Mr. Lane stated our second draw from GTP was approved for \$122,000.00; payment should be on its way.

Mr. Lane informed the Board that the conduit lines for the electric is being done in house by our personnel. The electric control panel is being raised; the panel will be elevated 4-5 ft to keep it out of the flood plain.

Mr. Lane obtained the right of ways required by Penelec. We are hoping to have power poles installed in a couple of months. The electrical contractor who takes the lines to the control panel will be another phase in the project.

Mr. Lane request we allow Mr. Casselbury to procure the pump to start testing the cryptosporidium; that testing will be done for a year. Mr. Casselbury will be able to procure this equipment without going out to bid as it is part of the initial testing. This pump will be running on a generator until permanent power is in place.

Mr. Lane explained to the Board the testing of all three wells for the Church and Robert’s property will be going on simultaneously until the point that the filtration system is introduced in which time the Church property will be able to go on-line since it does not require filtration. Mr. Lane would like a design to have the ability to have the Church well able to go into the filtration plant in case of any future DEP regulations.

Mr. DeWitt questioned our lead levels; Mr. Johnson stated we are well within the required limits.

Mr. Lane stated the Stevenson bridge replacement (Walsh-Granite project), Bridge Street and Main Street man hole riser projects have been approved by Penn Dot; we are responsible for 25% of cost.

Sewer:

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The pump for the A-TAD has been installed and is operating.

Mr. DeWitt asked if we are still doing infiltration studies. Mr. Johnson stated we are still looking into the problem not as aggressively as when the Army Corp of Engineers were involved, but we are looking into the issues we have with infiltration. The studies done in the past found certain locations that when revisited certain connections tied back in; monitoring is a 24 hour job.

Mr. Johnson stated we need another meter for our effluent, currently we are double metering our flow; we need to only account for what is being discharged into the river. The meter used to exist but in the last upgrade of the sewer plant the meter was moved which now causes us to inflate our actual effluent numbers.

Mr. Lane received the list of critical items needed to keep the sewer plant operational. Mr. Walker is going through the list and getting quotes on the key components on his list. Mr. Lane is putting monies back into the sewer capital fund to help in funding these items now and in the future.

Lime Street:

Mr. Lane asked Mr. Pruyne to inform the Board of his progress on obtaining the information needed to go ahead and purchase the property from the Bart Schrader Estate so we can obtain our permanent right of way from Penn Dot off of the 220 by pass for our tank. Mr. Pruyne explained his progress and is hoping to get more information on Wednesday. Mr. Lane asked Mr. Pruyne to get the information by the 1st week of April so that the subdivision can make the next Bradford County's meeting date. Mr. Walsh asked Mr. Pruyne if the Bart Schrader Estate is holding the property for us; Mr. Pruyne stated he is in contact with the attorney handling the estate.

Delinquents:

The Board discussed the delinquent list and asked Mr. Pruyne what he is working on. The Muir property was discussed and the Saring properties were discussed. Ms. Maynard informed the Board that she has not sent accounts to Mr. Pruyne as there is no progress on the intent to lien letters from November.

Mr. Schmieg:

The Board decided to get a wall clock with engraving for our appreciation of his service to the Board.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary