

Towanda Municipal Authority

May 16, 2016

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

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Paul DeWitt, Paul Sweitzer, Ellen Lacek, Charlotte Sullivan, Joel Christian

ABSENT: William Shaw, Gerald Sheets

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

Visitors:

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None

Minutes:

The April minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Lacek and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer, approved.

Bills:

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

Audit:

Mr. Lane stated that our 2015 audit will be completed by end of month.

Engineer:

Mr. Cassanave stated that DEP asked that both wells be tested for E-coli instead of the original plan of testing one well for cryptosporidium. The wells will be tested twice monthly the test is less expense to the Authority. Both wells have pumps installed and testing will begin soon; the wells have to run for 24 hours prior to obtaining samples and they will alternate the wells. Both bacteria will be eliminated prior to delivery to customer but the testing needs to be done. Mr. Cassanave stated he thinks DEP is using our project as a basis for future developments using surface water; that is why we are receiving changes in their testing requirements. Mr. Lane advised the Board if we fail an E-coli test we will be required to test for cryptosporidium.

Mr. Cassanave stated Stiffler McGraw is soliciting minority contractors per Penn Vest requirements, once that due diligence is done they will go out to bid for the electric for the well sites.

The pilot study will begin once permanent electric is in place.

Sewer:

Mr. Lane stated that we are looking at applying epoxy to the clarifier to prolong the life of the unit by sealing cracks.

Mr. DeWitt asked if the Board would be interested in a tour of the sewer plant. Mr. Lane will organize a date with Mr. Walker and contact Board members.

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Gateway Green:

The Board entered executive session at 5:26 p.m. and remained in session until 5:47 p.m. regarding an agreement with Gateway Green. Ms. Lacek made a motion to have Mr. Lane and Mr. Pruyne to discuss an agreement with Gateway Green, Mr. Dewitt seconded Mr. Sweitzer abstained, approved.

Schedule of Fees:

Mr. Lane is in the process of updating our list of fees he gave the Board a copy of the fees. He updated meter flow testing to \$25.00. Any other adjustments to rates will be discussed in the December meeting. Mr. Lane stated in his research our water rates are low compared to other water systems and our sewer is in the mid to high range. Mr. Sweitzer made a motion to enter the schedule of fees on the books seconded by Mr. Christian, approved.

Lead and Copper:

Mr. Pruyne asked about our lead; Mr. Johnson stated we test every three years as required by DEP; we are below the levels DEP dictates. Mr. Pruyne asked about households; Mr. Johnson stated that we cannot regulate nor enforce what individuals have for plumbing in their individual households.

Bridge Street:

Mr. Lane stated two weeks from now Penn Dot will be awarding the bid. Valley Energy has started their line replacement. The project is anticipated to start around the 4th of July time frame.

Lime Street:

Mr. Lane stated that our subdivision on Lime Street will be on next month's County meeting; we will have the Borough crew construct the road.

Chief Oil and Gas:

Mr. Lane stated that the agreement was signed for Saterlee Hollow property the check amount should be \$159,000.00.

Hemlock Hills:

Mr. Lane stated the punch list for the water line extension is complete and Mr. Johnson has inspected and we should be receiving the agreement from Middendorf.

Saring Property:

Mr. Lane received a letter from Mr. Chris Jones who represents People State Bank who took over the Saring buildings; during the title search they overlooked one of our liens and we have current charges as well that they are requesting any type of leniency on. Mr. Lane stated he is willing to credit sewer on the apartment that had a leak in February, which is a standard practice; the Board agreed and Mr. Lane will contact Mr. Jones.

Delinquents:

Mr. Lane and Ms. Maynard met with Rose on the delinquent list. Mr. Sweitzer asked about the people on the list that have a lien and we are still providing service and not received any payment on; Ms. Maynard stated in the conversation with Rose she took down the names of these customers and she is writing a letter stating we

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have a lien in place and have not heard from them and if we do not we will execute the lien; hopefully that will get payments coming in if not we will have to execute the lien.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary