

## Towanda Municipal Authority

### Agenda

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

1. Call to Order- 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Citizens to be heard
4. Approval of previous month's minutes (August 2022)
5. Regular Business
  - a. Pay Bills-Water & Sewer Systems
  - b. Water System-
  - c. PennVEST- Monroeton Main Replacement Project
    - i. Water main and all services are connected to new water main, the old main is capped and abandoned. Continental is finishing up restoration.
    - ii. Continental Construction Pay Application 5 - \$265,022.84. 90% complete by contract value; 100% of main line installed, down to paving work on Route 220 and across the Dandy Mart parking lot. Expecting to do our substantial completion walkthrough sometime in the next week.
    - iii. PENNVEST Requisition #6 - \$292,061.09.
    - iv. Submitting Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$58,387.50 for extra work that cropped up during construction, related mainly to differing site conditions encountered. This represents 2.7% of the contract price, and is expected to be more than offset by the final reconciliation change order at the end of the project.
    - v. Expecting to close out the contract work by TMA's October meeting, including the final balancing change order.
  - d. Small Water & Sewer Grant (Thomas Street PRV)
    - i. L/B Water is working up a lead time estimate on when the vault would be ready. Once that is known we can think about when to put the excavation work out for bid. Previously, L/B has said they would hold delivery until the excavation was ready, but the excavation timing will depend on the lead time of the vault fabrication. DCED has previously indicated they can grant extensions in 1-year increments for the Small Water and Sewer grant that is funding this project, but to not request those extensions until December. The current grant expiration date is June 2023.
  - e. Flood of 2018-South Branch
    - i. FEMA extended our completion date until November 2023. Our new POC with PEMA is Chris Evans, who has processed the DAP-09 Reimbursement costs from May.
    - ii. Sikora Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$105,602.37 is recommended for approval. This is for all work completed to date, so all that remains is the work at Sawmill.

- iii. Sikora Brothers finished the Paradise crossing.
- iv. PennDOT preferred directional drilling at the Sawmill location. However, due to time constraints, and costs, we asked PennDOT to reconsider an open cut trench across on SR 220 and mill and pave 10' on either side of the trench. PennDOT agreed to this. Initially PennDOT asked for flowable fill and plates across the trench on 220. TMA and Sikora both expressed concerns over liability. On 9/13, PennDOT agreed to allow full compacted stone backfill in the trench so that is how we are proceeding with the Highway Occupancy Permit Amendment. Both other crossings are complete; Sawmill is the last one. An easement for the north side of the stream to the Oxen Hill Lane connection point is needed. SMA will send an exhibit to Lauren.
- f. PennDOT's Route 220 Section 223 project
  - i. Revised plans were sent to PennDOT's consultant last week to confirm no further conflicts with their construction shoring. SMA has the GP-5 permit application ready for TMA signature for the stream crossing. SMA is waiting for final confirmation from PennDOT's engineer as to whether the alignment can be finalized, at which point SMA will finish the construction plans and incorporate them into PennDOT's project.
- g. EDA Grant for Water Treatment Plant
  - i. I have reached out to EDA to close out the grant and draw down the remaining funds. Brian completed all of the closeout documents, and everything was resubmitted.
- h. Fiber to Water Treatment Plant
  - i. I asked Tony Ventello to reach out to Darren Roy regarding their Middle Mile Broadband Project to see if they were ready to pull fiber into the Water Treatment Plant and well locations. Chad and I met with Darren last Wednesday to visit each location.
- i. Sewer System-
  - i. The Plant is really showing its age, a lot of electrical and maintenance issues.
    1. SMA to work with Shane to prioritize plant upgrades.
    2. SMA met with Shane to establish a scope for a comprehensive evaluation of the WWTP. Their proposal is enclosed for the Authority's consideration.
- j. Other Business-
  - i. iWorqs-Public Works Software-we signed an agreement with iWorqs for their Work Management, Water, Sewer, Stormwater and Fleet Management Software. Our first training will take place with the County Planning and Mapping Department, and iWorqs on 9/21. They anticipate 60-Days before we are operational with the software.
    1. We will need to compile all of our as-built plans (that are in CAD) for the County Planning & Mapping Department.
    2. Develop a complete inventory of Borough & TMA equipment, parts and materials.

- ii. Stacy and Chad put a spreadsheet together with the locations for all of our electrical accounts providing the long & latitude to the Planning office to plot the locations. If we utilize a Borough or Authority property for installing solar panels, we can utilize the electricity produced from the panels towards all of our accounts within a 2-mile radius. With the new Climate & Health Bill passed, Municipalities can install their systems through third parties to incorporate the 30% tax-credit savings into the cost they charge the municipalities.
- iii. Brocktown Properties
- iv. PENNVEST Funding-The PA Water and Wastewater portion of the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) monies is planned to be distributed through PENNVEST Drinking Water (DWSRF) and Clean Water, (including stormwater and non-point source), (CWSRF) State Revolving Loan Funds.
- v. We are purchasing a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD Work Truck for Chad, the sewer crew will take Chad's current truck that has the lift gate.

k. Adjournment