

Towanda Municipal Authority

September 19, 2016

The September meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Paul DeWitt, Charlotte Sullivan, Joel Christian

ABSENT: Paul Sweitzer, William Shaw, Gerald Sheets, Ellen Lacey

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 August 15th, August 25th bid opening and September 6th special meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. DeWitt, approved.

Bills:

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

Water:

Mr. Lane updated the Board on the E-coli testing of the wells we have no hits but still have to continue the testing.

The pilot testing will begin once the electric is in place.

Engineer:

Mr. Cassanave stated he is in touch with TRA Electric they have been given the green light to start the project in order to get the equipment ordered. We are looking at a 3 month project. A preconstruction meeting was held with TRA Electric.

The North Towanda tank site is being relooked at for better circulation of the water system and growth. Mr. Cassanave is looking at maybe the Bradford County Com Center and the State Police Barracks. Mr. Lane mentioned maybe behind Crystal Springs to avoid boring under route 6; the Kinsman property might not be our best choice; further research needs done.

The pump station will be moving according to the location of the tank, which should reduce the pressure in the line which may alleviate some of the problems in the Vo-Tech line.

Mr. Cassanave stated that Wednesday he will take Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lane to the places that he is considering.

Mr. Cassanave presented a standard form of agreement for professional services for the membrane treatment facility for the Roberts well. The agreement is separate from our annual agreement as we are endeavoring in a project outside of the basic agreement for professional services from Stiffler & McGraw.

Mr. Cassanave stated the transmission line, treatment plant and tank are all separate projects. Mr. Cassanave asked the Board if they want one agreement for all projects or separate agreements for each phase of the

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project. Mr. Cassanave stated he feels that having separate agreements for each phase may look better for Penn Vest. Mr. Cassanave will do what the Board needs.

After much discussion the Board agreed that having each part of water project that was initially projected to be 9,000,000.00 outlined with the individual agreements and total costs of the professional services and cost already expended for each aspect of the total project costs.

The Board agreed that the agreements and costs would clarify the individual aspects of this project.

Mr. Cassanave will provide the Board this information for next month's meeting.

Mr. Lane did indicate he requested the agreement(s) as he is looking into ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) to help with these costs if possible.

DCED

Mr. Lane stated that there is a \$500,000.00 grant that is available that can only be used on small projects; so the water project is out. Mr. Lane contacted them and since our overall project is more than \$500,000.00 it does not qualify. Mr. Cassanave also researched the grant and you have to be permit ready so not many projects qualify.

Bulk Station:

Penn Dot informed us we need to relocate our bulk water station; since we do not own the land we will be required to pay 25% of the cost. Mr. Christian made a motion allowing the Borough Manager to sign on behalf of Towanda Municipal Authority to enter a resolution for cost share of moving the bulk water station, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, approved.

Lime Street:

Mr. Lane stated Penn Dot wants us to construct our road so it is inconspicuous from 220. We will construct the road using our own personnel.

Satterlee Hollow:

Mr. Lane said we are looking to solicit bids for the timber sale. Mr. Lane stated Mr. Roberts will get 14% of the harvest costs.

Mr. Lane stated Mr. Fecik who owns the adjoining property will allow us to use his property in lieu of payment he requests us having the loggers fix his trails; Mr. Roberts thinks that would be about 4 hours on a dozer. Mr. Fecik requests this all be put in writing and fix his land so others do not have access to his property.

Sewer:

The College Run project is underway they have replaced the sewer main going from Main to Second Street.

We are continuing to lose drives at the sewer plant due to power surges. Mr. Lane sent the voltage reading we were able to record to Penelec and Jeff Spencer at Stiffler McGraw to investigate. Mr. Johnson stated this is also occurring in Wysox.

Our pump we ordered from Switzerland still has yet to arrive.

Mr. Johnson stated we are now receiving Panda's reject water.

Bridge Street:

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Mr. Lane stated the project is underway the first day a water main was hit but they are progressing.

Mr. Johnson stated that any projects after the 1980's have mapping for the system; prior to that date the information is obviously incorrect.

Mr. Lane said he has requested the county model the water systems in Bradford County to make the county feasible to new business and growth.

GIS:

Mr. Lane stated he was contacted several months ago from someone about applying for a grant to map our water system; no cost the Authority he is waiting to see if we are still on the list for this proposed program.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. DeWitt at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary