

Towanda Municipal Authority

Jan 18, 2016

The January 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, Richard Schmiege (by phone), Joel Christian

ABSENT: Ellen Lacek, Charlotte Sullivan, William Shaw

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Jim Pruyne, Solicitor; Fred Johnson, Superintendent; James Loewenstein – Daily Review; Robert Williams, WTMA Chairman

Visitors:

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None

WTMA:

Mr. Lane introduced Mr. Williams, chairman of WTMA to the board; he will represent the Wysox Township Municipal Authority.

Re Organization:

Motion was made by Mr. Christian to approve the reorganization of the TMA board, Mr. Schmiege seconded, approved.

Chairman – Michael Walsh

Vice Chairman – Paul Sweitzer

Secretary/Treasurer – Paul DeWitt

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer – Charlotte Sullivan

Legal Counsel – James Pruyne

Compensation Legal \$2,200.00 Secretary/Treasurer \$300.00

Minutes:

The December minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. DeWitt and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer, approved.

Bills:

The December bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. DeWitt, approved.

Penn Dot Bridge Replacement:

Resolution 2016-1 was voted to allow Mr. Lane to sign and Ms. Maynard to attest to incorporate our design for the relocation of our water line in the Walsh/Granite Joint Venture Project. Motion made by Mr. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. DeWitt, approved.

Yes – unanimous

No – no one

Absent – Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Lacek, Mr. Shaw

Water:

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Mr. Lane stated that DEP approved our plans for the well head protection for the Robert's wells.

The pilot study approval has been obtained.

Bulk water sales will be impacted as large water haulers need to submit a water management plan to DEP, we are not on DEP approved list; we can still sell water to the smaller water haulers. Mr. Lane budgeted \$30,000.00 in the 2016 budget for bulk sales. Mr. Lane does not see that this will affect our sales as they have declined significantly over the past years.

The revised chloroform testing from DEP wants us to test our dead end locations where water lays the longest, our tanks where water may lay; if those are good then the rest of the system should be fine; if we have test that are not correct we may need to install flush valves at these points in our system. This will add additional testing but the revision is beneficial to our overall system.

Sewer:

Mr. Johnson is working on the Chapter 94 report along with Stiffler McGraw.

Mr. Lane stated Fenton Welding made the screen that fits in the "muffin monster" this equipment accepts raw sewage; by Fenton Welding making the screen and our employees installing it back in place we saved approximately \$10,000.00 by keeping this project in house. We are back in operation; this equipment generates revenue for the sewer plant. Mr. Johnson stated Mr. Shane Walker did a good job on this project.

The pump for the A-TAD system still has not arrived the old pump was put back in so that the system can be semi operational until the pump we purchased arrives.

Mr. Lane has asked Mr. Walker for a list of items that if they fail the sewer plant would shut down since the time frame for delivery of parts is long; we might want to purchase added items to keep on hand. Mr. Johnson stated since this is a German type system that we cannot get parts in the United States.

Bridge Street:

Mr. Lane and Mr. Johnson will be meeting with Hunt Engineering next week on our plans for the water and sewer replacement / relocation to review the design and make any changes if necessary before we submit the plans to Penn Dot.

Lime Street:

Mr. Lane stated we are negotiating with the Bart Schrader Estate to purchase the property adjacent to our tank. Mr. Pruyne is in negotiation with Landy & Landy the attorneys for the Bart Schrader Estate; once this is accomplished we can work on the permanent right of way off the 220 bypass.

Satterlee Hollow:

Mr. Lane is looking at timbering our property; it was last done in 1988; Mr. Lane is meeting with Mr. Jim Roberts and Mr. Jim Haight next week to see if the property is ready to harvest.

Truck:

Mr. Lane is still looking at the truck for the Water Crew it is being reviewed by Mr. Haight.

Stiffler & McGraw:

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Mr. Lane stated he will sign the agreement to retain Stiffler and McGraw as our engineers.

Delinquents:

Mr. Walsh asked Mr. Pruyne what is being done on our delinquents; Mr. Pruyne stated he is pursuing Mr. William Grogan, and he is working on the most current list of delinquents that Ms. Maynard sent to his office.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweitzer at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary