

Towanda Municipal Authority

January 18, 2021

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

PRESENT: Paul Sweitzer

The following via teleconference: Michael Walsh, Charlotte Sullivan, Ellen Lacey, Carmen Venezia, William Shaw

ABSENT: Fred Johnson, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; James Pruyne, Solicitor; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw

Visitors: None

Minutes:

The December 18, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Shaw and seconded by Ms. Sullivan, approved.

Bills:

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

Water Project:

Mr. Lane stated that we are about 99% done with the water project.

We are filtering water at the plant but have not sent it to town yet; we are getting our chlorine operating smoothly. The Scada integrator is at the plant now working on the reporting and working on an error we are getting on the chlorine line.

We submitted our last EDA request on the 21st.

Mr. Lane stated a tour of the plant was done on the 9th, Mr. Venezia attended and the rest were council members, they also toured the waste water plant.

We will be doing an official grand opening of the plant.

The following pay applications were presented:

Contract 2 pay application 19 for \$50,118.17 balance left on this contract is \$33,916.93 not including change orders.

Ms. Lacey made a motion to approve the pay applications, Mr. Shaw seconded, approved.

Mr. Lane stated there is still spring time work to be completed. Mr. Shura stated that there are punch items as well as demolishing the old wells once the plant is up and operational for a few months.

The following Penn Vest requisition was presented:

Penn Vest requisition #19 for \$3,956.58.

Ms. Lacey made a motion for the Penn Vest requisition, Ms. Sullivan seconded, approved.

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The following change orders were presented:

Contract 2 change order 6 for \$14,325.78 for the repair of pipes at the Robert's well, a cover for our monitoring well, onsite start up work for Pall to reprogram Robert's wells, a breaker that has been ordered from Pall for the compressed air system, chemical tubing for the chlorine, chemical containment skids that were required per DEP.

Mr. Shaw made a motion to approve the change order, Ms. Sullivan seconded, approved.

2018 Flood:

Mr. Casanave came up with the designs and plans and they were forwarded to PEMA for approval.

We have to wait for creek crossing permits in order to take these out to bid.

Mr. Walsh asked if we will have to pay the contractors before getting reimbursement, Mr. Lane stated that that depends on the contractor and our reimbursement time from PEMA.

Mr. Sweitzer asked for the cost; Mr. Lane stated that it is estimated at \$700,000.00 but the cost is reimbursed on the actual work as long as it fits the scope of the project.

Sewer:

Mr. Lane stated we ordered a backup mixer the lead tie is 12 – 16 weeks; this is one of the critical items that Mr. Walker identified.

We found out today that we had a drive go down at the plant; we are trying to get that refurbished.

Thomas St. PRV:

Mr. Lane stated we think that we will be able to install the new vault and PRV close to our existing one and just disconnect the old one and use the new one. This is under the Small Water and Sewer grant we were awarded and we have a 15% match.

Relocation of Water Main:

Mr. Lane stated he discussed this previously but Penn Dot is requiring us to move our water main along SR 220 near the bulk station; this will be a 75/25 reimbursement we pay 25% of the cost. We will look at Mr. Casanave determination to either incorporate the project with Penn Dot's vendor or we bid it ourselves. We are looking at getting two valves, manhole, and fire hydrant with this change.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary