

Towanda Municipal Authority

February 22, 2021

The February meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Fred Johnson

The following via teleconference: Charlotte Sullivan, Kayla Saxon

ABSENT: Carmen Venezia, William Shaw Paul Sweitzer, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman

OTHERS: Kyle Lane, Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; James Pruyne, Solicitor; Eric Casanave, Stiffler McGraw

Visitors: None

Ms. Lacek:

Mr. Lane informed the Board of the passing of Ms. Lacek on February 20th.

Ms. Saxon:

Mr. Lane introduced Ms. Saxon to the Board she is replacing Mr. DeWitt; she is a design technician with Milnes so she has experience in water, wastewater and stormwater projects.

Minutes:

The January 18, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Johnson, approved.

Bills:

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

Water Project:

Mr. Lane stated that the new treatment plant is operational and has been operational since the 27th of January. We will start disconnecting well 1 & 2 by the end of the month; TMA 1 will be demolished and filled, well 2 will be an observation well for GTP, all pumps will be removed.

The reporting from the SCADA has been troublesome.

The latest EDA request was submitted on the 27th of January, the funds will not be dispersed as we are at 90% of completion and we need to start to complete the EDA checklist in order to be reimbursed for the last 10% of the grant monies.

2018 Flood:

Mr. Lane stated we have received our stream crossing permits; we need our highway occupancy permit. We would like to get this bid as soon as possible.

Mr. Lane is looking at bids going out and have approval requested at the April Board meeting.

Mr. Lane stated the easements provided by Mr. Pruyne have been mailed and he received one card back and a call from one of the customers.

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Sewer:

Mr. Lane stated we need a new sewer push camera, the estimated cost is \$10,000.00- \$14,000.00, we are awaiting a demonstration from A & H equipment.

Thomas St. PRV:

Mr. Lane stated that we might have to do a DEP amendment for this project.

Hydrant:

Mr. Strickland stated that they were looking into a hydrant when the relocation of the water main is done in Towanda Township but Mr. Casanave agrees it might not be able to be done.

Mr. Lane stated we are looking at getting a hydrant placed between the Elks and Chapel Street.

Daly Property:

Ms. Daly's daughter sent a letter stating there is no estate and she is not paying the bill. Mr. Walsh asked Mr. Pruyne to verify there is a lien filed.

Mr. Applebee:

Mr. Lane stated Mr. Applebee is using the well that was granted for a greenhouse for furnishing water to his tenants when we shut him off for nonpayment. Mr. Pruyne had Mr. Applebee served to inform him to abandon the well.

Mr. Casanave:

Mr. Casanave presented the following Penn Vest requisition:

Penn Vest requisition #20 for \$30,304.94

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

The following change order was presented:

Contract 2 change order 7 for \$17,126.61 for installing the blow off on finished water lines and additional excavation materials.

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

Mr. Casanave presented the substantial completion for the electrical contract, Urban Electric is the contractor, as of today February 22, 2021. Mr. Walsh asked if this includes the SCADA, Mr. Lane stated yes.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve substantial completion for Urban Electric, Ms. Sullivan seconded, approved.

Mr. Johnson asked and discussion was made on the SCADA system; Mr. Lane stated he is not happy with the product but will not do a change order to have the current integrator work on the system any further.

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Mr. Lane is looking at installing an automatic transfer switch on the Church well for the generator as well as purchasing cabling to have the generator(s) capable of being installed at any of our sites; these will be future change orders.

Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Recording Secretary