

# Towanda Municipal Authority

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March 15, 2021

The March meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Michael Walsh, Fred Johnson, Kayla Saxon, Carmen Venezia, William Shaw  
The following via teleconference: none

**ABSENT:** Paul Sweitzer, Charlotte Sullivan, Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman  
**OTHERS:** Kyle Lane, Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Eric Casanave, Stiffler McGraw

**Visitors: None**

## **Minutes:**

The February 22, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

## **Bills:**

The February bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Shaw, approved.

## **Water Project:**

Mr. Lane stated the chemical feed lines for the clean in place process that is to be done every quarter; the welds starting leaking we replaced the stainless steel with CPVC.

The contractor has started removing the piping from wells 1 & 2, they have been removed from the distribution system.

Mr. Casanave stated that they are looking at a different contractor to fill the well, as the quote we received from the one onsite is way overpriced.

Mr. Lane stated that Mr. Shura and himself will be working on the grant checklist to get that closed and final payment released.

Mr. Lane stated we will have final payments for the contractors for Penn Vest.

## **Mr. Casanave:**

Mr. Casanave presented the following Penn Vest requisition:

Penn Vest requisition #21 for \$13,807.83

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

Mr. Lane stated there are no pay apps as we are awaiting steel certifications, and prevailing wage sheets.

## **2018 Flood:**

Mr. Lane stated that the ad for the bid on the work on the 3 crossings was placed in the paper; it ran on March 11<sup>th</sup> and will run again on March 18<sup>th</sup>; bids are due and will be opened on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

We have one executed easement agreement.

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We have an approximate \$400,000.00 to cover and secure 9 other locations we identified from New Albany to Laddsburg.

## **Sewer:**

Mr. Lane stated we removed two chemical storage tanks from our NPDES permit a few years back and we are looking into getting the tanks removed from the property.

## **Thomas St. PRV:**

Mr. Lane stated that we have to do a DEP amendment for this project. Mr. Casanave is starting to work on the design. This project will have to be bid out.

## **Hydrant:**

Mr. Casanave stated he has looked at the placement of the hydrant in Towanda Township and it will not be able to be placed in the Penn Dot project but the road would be torn up so we could run a line for the hydrant, but that would be at the expense of the Authority.

## **County Extension Request:**

The County has asked for a 500-foot extension off the Vo Tech line to go towards Best Line. They are looking to place a fireman's training facility. Mr. Lane gave them an approximate cost for this project.

## **Penn Vest Program:**

Mr. Lane stated that about a year ago he discussed a Penn Vest program that was introduced to reduce lead in water systems. We have identified Monroeton area that qualifies due the age of that system. The program was introduced last year and they had little to no response; with all Penn Vest programs we need to be shovel ready in order to apply. Mr. Lane stated in order to be shovel ready we need to have Stiffler & McGraw design the project. This is a grant program but we may not qualify for total grant funds; Mr. Casanave stated we might have to expend some funds; we can apply and if funding is not favorable, we do not have to do the project but we will have designs ready for any future funding.

Mr. Lane asked if Penn Vest has qualifications; Mr. Casanave stated that no information has been given.

Mr. Lane stated that the Board needs to make a decision to proceed with the engineering of this project to present to Penn Vest at their May meeting; Mr. Casanave stated design cost is approximately \$65,000.00 we are looking at a 1.2 million project. Mr. Walsh stated that Monroeton is one of the oldest parts of our system even if we have to table it, we will at least have plans.

Mr. Johnson stated that if we are planning on replacing water lines, we might need to upsize some of the lines; Mr. Casanave stated that we would need to amend our DEP application to upsize water lines.

Discussion started on other undersized lines in the Borough; Mr. Johnson stated Pratt Avenue needs upsized; Mr. Walsh agreed since our water is now coming from that area, we might want that engineered as well.

Mr. Lane stated that the Board also needs to keep in mind that we will need to address Hillcrest as well.

Mr. Walsh stated he need to proceed with the Penn Vest program and we would also like to have Pratt Avenue also engineered as well. Mr. Venezia made a motion to have Stiffler McGraw engineer the design for the water main replacement in Monroeton for the Penn Vest program and to separately design the upsize water line for Pratt Avenue, Mr. Shaw seconded, approved.

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## Adjournment

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*April Maynard*  
Recording Secretary