

Towanda Municipal Authority

January 19, 2026

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

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Carmen Venezia, Roger Hatch, Joseph Snell, Mark Christini, Fred Johnson,

ABSENT: Eric West, Katrina Murray

OTHERS: Eric Casanave, Stiffler McGraw; Stacy Schoonover, Borough Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw

Visitors: NONE

The December 15th, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with an amendment of where it said we are adding Monroeton Borough it should also say Towanda Township and the word rural should be changed to Borough, with a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Snell.

Bills:

The bills were approved with a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Venezia, motion approved.

Water System:

Mr. Casanave began by stating the concerns of the repair of the Emergency water main replacement for the leak that was found in the Eilenberger Spring back in December. Mr. Casanave stated he needed a vote from the Board of Directors to approve a resolution retroactively.

Mr. Johnson made a motion for **Resolution No. 1-2026**. Seconded by Mr. Hatch.

A roll call vote was done to approve **Resolution No. 1-2026**. A Resolution declaring an emergency and authorizing Emergency Procurement without competitive bidding. **Resolution No. 1-2026** was approved unanimously.

Mr. Casanave gave an update on the leak. Mr. Johnson asked about the price. Mr. Casanave stated Sikora Brothers, Inc. was \$182,800. Mr. Casanave stated the Sikora Brothers were the ones that responded with a quote and are familiar with the Authority and they got started last Monday.

Mr. Walsh questioned if we had a map of the repairs we have made over the years on the Eilenberger Spring Line. Mr. Strickland stated we do not have a complete map now, but would like to compile it with the Diamond Mapping.

Mr. Casanave discussed the SRBC Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant Program. Mr. Casanave stated the deadline is January 30. Mr. Casanave stated TMA could purchase Location Equipment compatible with Diamond Maps. Mr. Casanave stated we could replace air releases, install manholes, and purchase insertion flow meters to increase the number of flow monitoring points, so leak detection efforts can be better fine-tuned and replace pressure sustaining valve at Brocktown Road.

Mr. Casanave stated the anticipated grant amount looks like it will be between \$350,000 and \$400,000, pending receipt of insertion meter quotation from LB Water. A 20% match is required so TMA share would be expected to be between \$75,000 and \$80,000.

Mr. Hatch made a motion to apply for SRBC Grant. Mr. Venezia seconded.

Sewer System:

Mr. Shura gave an update in Headworks project.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Lobar, Inc. Payment Application No. 4 in the amount of \$255,017.52, a motion to approve Master Mechanical Corporation Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$450.00, and a motion to approve Urban Electrical Contractors, Inc. Payment Application No. 1 in the amount of \$14,400.00. Mr. Christini seconded the motion.

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Mr. Venezia made a motion to pay Requisition No. 5 for PennVEST Loan No. ME 77139 (Professional Services) in the amount of \$25,166.75. and to pay Requisition No. 4 for PennVEST Loan No. 74199 (Construction) in the amount of \$269,867.52. Mr. Hatch seconded the motion.

Mr. Casanave discussed Mobile Solid Solutions. Mr. Casanave stated that they are about 2 Weeks from finishing the job. Mr. Casanave stated weather wise, they suffered a couple mechanical breakdowns and had to rely on TMA staff and equipment for some aspects of the job. Mr. Casanave stated the good news is they are a lot further ahead than they were last time. Mr. Casanave stated the SNDR and the ATAD and the West inner and outer tanks are cleaned and no damage was observed. Mr. Christini questioned when the East and West tanks are clean, when will we have to do this again. Mr. Casanave stated as long as you are diligent with the maintenance and keeping them cleaned as you go, they may never have to be done again.

Mr. Christini made a motion to approve Mobile Solids Solutions, Inc. Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$76,307.40 and to approve Mobile Solids Solutions Inc. Payment Application No. 4 in the amount of \$53,492.40. Mr. Hatch seconded the motion.

Other business:

Mr. Walsh stated Mr. Christini, Ms. Morgan and myself discussed updating the Borough Rules and Regulations to include managing Township or Borough personnel and billing. Morgan sent a sample of regulation or agreement. If any changes are made it will be sent to Borough Council for approval. Mr. Walsh stated it is basically what we are doing now, but it puts it on paper.

Mr. Strickland gave an update on SCADA communications between Robert's Well and the water plant.

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Gaspar
Recording Secretary