

Towanda Municipal Authority

October 20th, 2025

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

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Fred Johnson, Katrina Murray, Carmen Venezia, Roger Hatch.

ABSENT: Eric West; Stacy Schoonover, Borough Manager; Mark Christini

OTHERS: Morgan Madden, Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C. via phone conference; Chad Strickland-Superintendent; Eric Casanave, Stiffler McGraw; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw

Visitors: NONE

The Sept 15th, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written, with a motion made by F. Johnson, seconded by J. Snell.

Bills:

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

Water System:

C. Strickland gave an update on water launch for SRBC. C. Strickland stated two years prior reported SRBC, we were at 41.16% water loss. C. Strickland stated that last year we did get it down to 34.41%. This year we will not have updates until the end of the year. C. Strickland stated with the research meters, between Leesway and Saw Mill Rd, we are losing 150 gallons a minute. We have narrowed down to a surge of 2.3 miles. We know that is where something begins. E. Casanave stated SRBC has a Grant. It's the same Grant that paid for your water meter replacements. E. Casanave stated there are some questions that would need to be clarified about the grant funding for labor and self-performance with SRBC.

Mr. Johnson questioned what specifically the grant was for. E. Casanave stated it was for construction projects to find lost water. E. Casanave stated it could be for that or say its somewhere between this point and that point and go after a grant for the whole thing. E. Casanave stated if you want to zero in on it to produce what you think the scope of the job is might be able to drop a manhole and put an extra quarter cork in and get an insertion meter somewhere between sawmill and not where it is going get hit by plow trucks, out 220 somewhere. B. Shura stated they do have Grants for locating links.

E. Casanave stated he would like to find out what the programs require before pursuing.

C. Strickland offered an update on SCADA. The approved \$35,00.00 We are currently waiting for routers that are back ordered.

E. Casanave gave an update on Thomas PVR. E. Casanave stated we need a 10 foot by 20 foot hole. 9 foot deep. When we relocated the sewer line they ran into some loose material. E. Casanave stated the need to evaluate to see if there was anything there to stabilize the walls. E. Casanave stated we could apply for reimbursement under the grant and wouldn't have to spend it until June 2026. F. Johnson asked if we would still fall into budget. E. Casanave stated as far as he can tell.

Sewer System:

C. Strickland stated that F. Johnson has been digging into sewer regulations. F. Johnson discussed the need to update the authority act to reflect current municipalities.

F. Johnson made a motion to update sewer regulations 9.04. C. Venezia seconded the motion.

M. Walsh stated we need to have council update our authority act because we don't list Towanda Township or Monroeton Borough. M. Madden stated she could work with the Solicitor's. M. Walsh stated updating section would need to be requested from council.

Headworks:

B. Shura stated the primary service coming in is not where it was thought to be relocated. B. Shura stated that we have engaged with Penelec and already have a scheduled contractor installing conduit

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along the property line in the next couple days. F. Johnson inquired if there was additional cost. B. Shura stated there was a cost but it would be close to what we were already anticipating to install the conduit. B. Shura stated there would be a change order close to what we already anticipating.

Sanitary Sewer System:

F. Johnson made a motion to approve Lobar, Inc.'s Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of **\$225,573.48** for Contract No. 2025-1. Seconded by R. Hatch.

C. Venezia made a motion to approve PennVEST Requisition No. 1 under Loan No. 71499 (Construction) in the amount of **\$225,573.48**. R. Hatch Seconded the motion.

F. Johnson made a motion to approve PennVEST Requisition No. 2 under Loan No. 77138 (Architecture/Engineering) in the amount of **\$23,181.25**. J. Snell seconded the motion.

Resolutions:

A vote was taken for Resolution No. 2025-08-HS57-Manhole Saw. Resolution was carried unanimously.

A vote was taken for Resolution No. 2025-09-Basis Inspection Camera Unit. Resolution was carried unanimously.

Other business:

F. Johnson wanted to know with all the personnel changes, is everything up to date. C. Strickland gave an update.

C. Strickland stated we have a customer who owns a carwash looking to see if the Borough would entertain the idea of placing a new sewer meter. C. Strickland recommended the customer wait a few months and see how his reclaim system works to see if it would benefit him and if it would be worth it

C. Strickland stated when speaking with T. Nagel, he wanted to reach out about the RWA. They are interested in seeing if TMA would entertain the idea of a two year intern, water or sewer operator. C. Strickland stated that he and S. Schoonover would need to look into the financial impact of this. F. Johnson stated he would like to trust to do something with a summer program with high school kids. M. Walsh recommended the same with the Mapping System. C. Strickland stated he would be get into to this further with S. Schoonover and report back.

Adjournment

K. Murray made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Gaspar
Recording Secretary