

Towanda Municipal Authority

March 16, 2026 (amended)

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

There was an introduction of the new Board Member Jerry Howard.

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Joseph Snell, Roger Hatch, Mark Christini, Fred Johnson and Jerry Howard.

ABSENT: Katrina Murray, Carmen Venezia

OTHERS: Eric Casanave, Stiffler McGraw; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw; Stacy Schoonover, Borough Manager; Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Morgan Madden, Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C.

Visitors: NONE

The February 23rd, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hatch.

Bills:

Mr. Snell confirmed the list of bills in the packet is accurate and there are no unusual items. The bills were approved with a motion made by Mr. Christini and seconded by Mr. Johnson, motion approved.

Water System:

Mr. Casanave stated the Eilenberger spring repairs that were done the end of January, the flows and pressures are showing to be stable. Mr. Casanave stated we will continue to keep an eye on that. Mrs. Casanave stated we need to get easement from the land owners.

Mr. Walsh asked about the SRBC mitigation grant. Mr. Casanave explained it was submitted in January and the results are expected in June or July.

Mr. Casanave gave an update on the Pratt/William/Burlington Turnpike Waterline. Mr. Casanave stated that Chad's group did a great job exposing the man holes we needed. Mr. Casanave stated there are some sanitary lines that we need to measure and find the location on so we can make sure we're either over or under them, depending on how deep they are, and our crew is supposed to be on site tomorrow, now that those manhole lids have been exposed to get less.

Mr. Casanave gave a description of the Pratt/William/Burlington Turnpike Waterline per a request from Mr. Walsh.

Sewer System:

Mr. Casanave stated he had some good news on the tank cleaning project. Mr. Casanave stated it is completed and in service as of a week and a half ago. Mr. Casanave stated we are able to fill the East Tank. Mr. Casanave stated there is some paperwork that needs to be finished up.

Mr. Shura provided an update on the headworks upgrade. Mr. Shura stated the concrete work is progressing well.

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Waste water treatment plant project:

Mr. Snell made a motion to Approve Lobar, Inc. Payment Application No. 6 for Contract No. 2025-1, in the amount of \$313,401.70. Mr. Christini seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Master Mechanical Payment Application No. 5 for Contract No. 2025-2 in the amount of \$7,577.10. Mr. Snell seconded the motion.

Mr. Hatch made a motion to approve PennVEST Requisition No. 7 for ME77139 (Professional Services) in the amount of \$20,577.00. Mr. Christini seconded the motion.

Mr Johnson made a motion to approve PennVEST Requisition No. 6 for ME71499 (Construction) in the amount of \$320,978.80. Mr. Hatch seconded the motion.

Mr. Christini made a motion to approve Contract No. 2025-3, Change Order No. 3, in the increase amount of \$2,405.38. This change order is for an additional exterior wall pack light fixture on the front of the building. The operators were concerned there wouldn't be sufficient light after the existing headworks building is demolished since there is limited lighting on the control building. This change order will provide a wall pack in approximately the center of the headworks building in the front above the vicinity of the overhead door and includes conduit and conductors to power the lighting. Mr. Snell seconded the motion.

The Board went into executive session at 5:46 PM.

The board came out of executive session at 6:02 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Gaspar
Recording Secretary