

Towanda Municipal Authority

May 18th, 2026

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

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

ABSENT: Roger Hatch, Jerry Howard, Katrina Murray

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

Minutes:

The April 20th, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Christini.

Bills:

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

Water System:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Eilenberger Spring Emergency-Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc. Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$10,198.13. Mr. Christini seconded the motion.

Ms. Madden stated she had prepared perpetual easements in case there is a need to go in and rebuild, or repair, or maintain the lines. Ms. Madden stated there is one for both parties affected. Ms. Madden stated the owners have not seen or signed off on them. Ms. Madden stated the vote tonight will be contingent on if they find them agreeable. Ms. Madden stated there are provisions in the agreements that essentially says you'll remediate whatever you disturb. Ms. Madden stated we need a motion to approve those easement agreements.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Eilenberger Easements. Mr. Venezia seconded the motion.

Mr. Casanave stated the SRBC Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant – Grant was not awarded in this round. The Program is expected to open up again in November.

Sewer System:

Mr. Venezia made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 8 from Lobar, Inc. for Contract No. 2025-1 in the amount of \$391,357.67. Mr. Snell seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 6 from Master Mechanical Corp. for Contract No. 2025-2 in the amount of \$4,230.00. Mr. Christini seconded the motion.

Mr. Christini made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 3 from Urban Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$92,700.00. Mr. Venezia seconded the motion.

Mr. Venezia made a motion to approve PennVEST Requisition No. 9 for ME No. 77139 (Professional Services) in the amount of \$29,319.50. Mr. Christini seconded the motion.

Mr. Snell made a motion to approve PennVEST Requisition No. 8 for ME No. 74199 (Construction) in the amount of \$488,287.67. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

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Grant updates:

Mr. Johnson wanted an update on Grants.

Mr. Casanave stated we were awarded \$300,000.00 on the local share account program for repairing Eilenberger line, part of this was done last year. The address was 2444 US Route 220. Mr. Casanave stated there was a couple hundred feet of line that showed some distress of the joints. We reached a point where some of the leaks were unbearable if we had to fix them on your own, Mr. Casanave stated we did have \$300,000.00 to put toward something adjacent to that line as long as it picks up where we left off. Mr. Johnson asked how long it was good for. Mr. Casanave stated June 30th, 2029.

Mr. Casanave stated we have \$200,000.00 under the local share account from 2024. Mr. Casanave stated that is money we are putting toward Pratt/William/Burlington Turnpike project. Mr. Casanave stated that expires in June of 2027. Mr. Casanave stated we will probably need an extension for that because of the timing of the project.

Mr. Casanave stated the Thomas Street Project the grant for that was \$80,400.00. the dead line is June 30th 2026. Mr. Casanave stated there will be no problem exhausting the funds for that fund. Mr. Casanave stated this is the oldest grant that we have.

Ms. Schoonover stated that she had already sent for the re-imbursement for the Vault.

Mr. Casanave stated then most recent that was filed was at Thanksgiving for \$496,000.00. This is to map and model your computer through your water system with a computerized model that was a planning study. Mr. Casanave stated we probably may not hear back until later this year. This is pending, under review.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Project:

Mr. Shura provided updates on the Water Plant Construction.

Mr. Shura discussed the challenges with ongoing construction costs and the importance of timing Grant Applications to maximize funding opportunities.

Executive Session:

The Board went into Executive session at 5:45.

The Board came out of Executive session at 5:55

Mr. Walsh stated executive session was to pursue discussion on a Property Acquisition.

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Gaspar
Recording Secretary