

Towanda Municipal Authority

July 20th, 2026

The July meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:18 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mark Christini, Joseph Snell, Jerry Howard

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

Visitors: NONE

Minutes:

The June 15th, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Mr. Hatch, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Bills:

The May bills were approved with a motion made by Ms. Murray, seconded by Mr. Venezia, motion approved.

Water System:

Mr. Casanave gave an update on Route 220 / Eilenberger Line Relocation-Landslide. Mr. Casanave stated PennDOT is doing an emergency project on Route 220 between Leesway Lane and Donna's Lawn Ornaments. Mr. Casanave stated Penn-Dot has been monitoring some mountainside movement for several years now. Mr. Casanave stated PennDOT noticed in the past couple months it has gotten worse and the area below this point on the east side has affected 2 houses to the point where they are inhabitable, which was not the case last year. Mr. Casanave stated the PennDOT project was going to affect about 2,000 ft of TMA's Eilenberger Spring Line which is currently in danger if the mountain goes. Mr. Casanave stated the project will move about 1,000 feet of South Towanda Creek to the east to make room for a heavy layer of rock affecting the water line. Mr. Casanave stated the water line will be moved to the west side off Route 220, about 30 to 35 feet off the shoulder, to keep it away from the worst points of the slide. Mr. Casanave stated PennDOT will handle all approvals for engineering and moving retroactively, with the project advertised in October and starting in November.

Mr. Johnson questioned who would be doing the engineering for the water line. Mr. Casanave stated that the authority will handle the engineering for the water line, making it part of PennDOT's project with one contractor responsible for everything.

Mr. Walsh questioned what the cost may be. Mr. Casanave stated the project is expected to cost between 1.5 and 2 million dollars.

Mr. Shura discussed the ATAD or the SDNR pump is operational with some hiccups, and the startup of the screens is expected by the end of August.

Sewer System: -Headworks

Mr. Shura gave updates on roof replacement for the control building, mentioning unexpected issues with the garage area's roof decking and blocking. Mr. Shura stated the building's control roof is concrete deck with a metal corrugated deck, requiring an adhered roofing system, which is more expensive. Mr. Shura explained the Change order.

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- Mr. Venezia made a motion to approve Lobar, Inc. payment application No. 10 in the amount of \$1,105,285.11. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.
- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Master Mechanical Corporation Payment application No. 8 in the amount of \$36,898.20. Mr. Hatch seconded the motion.
- Ms. Murray made a motion to approve Urban Electrical Contractors, INC. payment application No.5 in the amount of \$98,569.99. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.
- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Requisition No. 11 for PennVEST Loan No. ME 77139 (Professional Services) in the amount of \$27,598.30. Mr. Venezia seconded the motion.
- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Requisition No. 10 for PennVEST Loan No. 74199 (Construction) in the amount of \$1,240,747.30. Ms. Murray seconded the motion.
- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Change order No. 6 for Contract 2025-1 (Lobar) in the amount of \$23,411.13. Mr. Hatch seconded the motion.
- Mr. Hatch made a motion to approve Change order No. 4 Contract 2025-3 in the amount of \$12,314.39. Mr. Venezia seconded the motion.

Other Business:

Property Acquisition-

Ms. Madden stated the Resolution for property acquisition is for a few different things. Ms. Madden stated it approves the Sales Agreement, but it also accepts the Bank Loan proposal, authorizes the issuance of the note, and approves Conflict of Interest Waiver. Ms. Madden stated we would need a roll call vote.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to approve Resolution **No. 2-2026** authorizing the acceptance of the bank loan and authorizing the issuance to First Citizens Community Bank the Water Revenue Note, Series of 2026, of the Authority, to purchase and improve real estate property in the Borough; authorizing a loan agreement, between this Authority and the bank; approving Conflict of Interest waiver letter; and approving related documents, agreements and actions.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Gaspar
Recording Secretary