

Towanda Municipal Authority

July 21st, 2025

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

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

ABSENT: Eric West, Mark Christini; Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman; Joseph Snell

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

Visitors:

None

Minutes:

The June 21, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hatch. Minutes approved.

Bills:

The bills were approved on a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Walsh, motion approved.

Water System: Eilenberger Spring Line Repair

Mr. Casanave gave an update on Eilenberger Spring Line. Mr. Casanave stated that the line was leaking several months ago. Now the retroactive work begins to get the easement for the private property that the line was installed on and get emergency permit from DEP. This was part of grant application. Unfortunately, all this work was part of the Grant application, but because of the leak that turned into a stream it needed to be addressed. Mr. Casanave stated you had put in grant for 200 some odd feet, and you only did about 100 feet of the emergency area that needed fixed right now, but there is still exposure that FEMA was going to pay for you to move, and that was lost money for FEMA. That is why you went after the grant. Mr. Casanave stated we had some book keeping to take care of on the back end, to make sure it is invented and perfect. Mr. Johnson questioned if we were going for grant money. Mr. Casanave stated it was already submitted for the other spot as only half of it was fixed. Mr. Johnson stated that a lot of spots needed attention.

Sewer System:

Thomas Street-

Mr. Johnson asked about Thomas Street. Mr. Casanave stated they moved the sewer line, and you're going to draw how to fix it. Matt had designs on performing that work in house. The new hole is going to be dug because they moved the store line. I'll talk to Chad about whether or not that's still feasible. Mr. Strickland stated he believed it was.

Mr. Shura presented a summary of original bids and the rebid results, noting a significant cost difference. Mr. Shura stated that we restructured the bid schedule so that we can itemize more items, and put anything we felt was not really necessary at this stage. Mr. Shura stated the base bid was 7.15 million. The total with alternates was 8.7 million. Mr. Shura explained the removal of certain items from the contract to reduce costs, including EFIS repairs sludge cleaning. Mr. Shuras' recommendation was to remove ATAT blower replacement, which is \$90 grand. Remove ATAT building generator for \$340 grand and push and push it out onto process upgrade. This will get you behold the threshold by an extra roughly \$25 thousand to \$30 thousand. Mr. Shura started in the next couple weeks they will talk to some roofing contractors and see if they believe that \$200,000 is indeed excessive. Mr. Shura stated if it is we can pull it out, rebid it and still

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have it funded by the project, maybe you will save another 6 figures. And you can incorporate something back in. Mr. Shura stated what might need to be done is that you might have to pledge maybe \$100,00 of in-house funding as a contingency in case something pops up. Mr. Shura answered questions Mr. Hatch and others had pertaining to the summary that was presented.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to reject the alternate contract, Mr. Venezia seconded.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the base contract, Mr. Venezia seconded

Waste Tank Cleaning Bid:

Mr. Casanave stated we did get bid on Waste Tank Cleaning. The bid we received is from a company called Roseburg Trucking Incorporated. They do business as mobile, solid solutions. Their bid price is \$148,992. That will get you the 6 tanks or vessels. Mr. Johnson questioned whether they are paying for the haul to the landfill. Mr. Casanave stated that we will be paying for the hauling fee's. Mr. Casanave stated in the bigger context that it is not a bad price for what your landing finances are. Mr. Walsh questioned if we need a special container to get it over to the landfill. Mr. Casanave stated that it would be taken just as we do it now. No special container needed. Mr. Wash asked if they had an idea on when they could start. Mr. Casanave stated as soon as possible that every contract is live.

A motion was made to do the Tank Clean Out by Mr. Johnson. Seconded by Mr. Hatch.

Resolutions:

Ms. Madden explained the need to have a motion for each resolution. She explained it is because there are two loans broke out into engineering costs and the project costs.

Roll Call was taken.

Resolution 05-2025 - Mr. Johnson, seconded Mr. Hatch

Roll call was taken

Resolution 06-2025 - Mr. Johnson seconded Mr. Venezia

Other business:

Mr. Johnson asked how we were doing on meter replacement. Ms. Schoonover stated she just sent for a reimbursement of \$69,000.00. She also stated they were almost done.

Ms. Schoonover asked Mr. Walsh if he had received a complaint. Mr. Walsh discusses two complaints: one about a barn meter and one about a swimming pool filling. The Board decided to approve the removal of the barn meter and adjust the billing for the swimming pool filling. The board agreed to update the rules and regulations in the future. Mr. Walsh discussed coming back at a later date to update the rules. Ms. Morgan stated she thought Management had the authority to make those calls.

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Walsh seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Gaspar
Recording Secretary