

Towanda Municipal Authority

August 18th, 2025

The August meeting of the Towanda Municipal Authority was called to order by Mr. Walsh at 5:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Walsh, Fred Johnson, Katrina Murray, Joseph Snell, Mark Christini, Eric West.

ABSENT: Robert Williams-WTMA Chairman; Carmen Venezia, Roger Hatch

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 July 21, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Christini.

Bills:

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

Water System: No discussion

Sewer System:

Waste Tank Cleaning Bid:

Mr. Casanave stated that we received contracts and everything back from contractor. Mr. Casanave stated that there were a couple errors in their bond and their insurance that they need to correct. Mr. Casanave stated we would still go ahead and try to schedule a pre-construction conference for some time in September. Mr. Walsh questioned if we would be doing the valves ourselves. Mr. Strickland stated we got a bid to hire it out. Mr. Strickland explained the types of valves and the challenges with their maintenance.

Headworks:

Mr. Shura stated that the closing is still scheduled for the 29th. Mr. Shura stated some documents need to be reviewed yet. He stated contractors are going to be ready to go. Mr. Shura stated that we will probably have a pre-conference meeting in the first or second week of September.

Mr. Shura stated that we have Change orders in the contracts to reduce the cost of contracts by scope items for both electrical and the general contract. The first being for the General contract, replacing and removal of blowers with ATAD and a little bit of solid painting. Mr. Shura stated that the total negative change order would be for the GC that is \$114,765.00 for contract one. Mr. Shura stated for contract three we are eliminating the ATAD Generator and discussed leaving the conduit so that we could incorporate it easily later. That would be a decrease of \$340,000.00. Mr. Shura requested approval of the 2 Change orders.

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Resolutions:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve change order on contract 25-1. Mr. Christini seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve change order on contract 25-3. Mr. Christini seconded. All in favor.

An amendment was done on Resolution 2025-5 to change the resolution number to 2025-7. Mr. Johnson made a motion. Mr. Snell Seconded the motion.

Other business:

Ms. Schoonover brought up a discussion with the board pertaining to a property that has a four- unit home so it is has four meters., two of the meters had been removed because they had gutted the property. This property is now getting billed for two meters. Ms. Schoonover stated that she had asked customer if he had the property inspected to which the customer got upset.

Mr. Christini stated the issue is the rules are written such that you pay for the number of sewer connections in your building, has nothing to do with water meters. The rules Mr. Cristini is referring to is sewer ordinance 325, Section 3.06 multiple use properties A discussion ensued to which it was decided to look into the rules and regulations, and table this until another time., so that we can better direct Ms. Schoonover and Mr. Strickland on how to respond to these situations.

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Gaspar
Recording Secretary