Towanda Municipal Authority

September 21st, 2026

The September 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, Katrina Murray, Roger Hatch,
ABSENT: Carmen Venezia, Jerry Howard
OTHERS: Eric Casanave, Stiffler McGraw; Brian Shura, Stiffler McGraw: Chad Strickland, Superintendent; Morgan Madden, Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C. via phone.

Visitors: NONE

Minutes:

The August 17th, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Mr. Hatch, seconded by Mr. Snell.

Bills:

The bills were approved with a motion made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Christini, motion approved.

Water System:

a) Route 220 Eilenberger Line Relocation – Landslide:

Mr. Casanave detailed the relocation of water service line due to PennDOT's landslide repair on Route 220 near New Albany. Mr. Casanave stated that we were in the process of collecting signatures on Letters of Accommodation from six property owners that are due to PennDOT by October 9th so as not to hold up their construction schedule. Mr. Casanave stated PennDOT did advertise the landslide fix and expect to open bids October 1st.
Mr. Casanave stated in the analysis, PennDOT has agreed to cover the equivalent of 93% of the cost.
The board discussed the new line will use high-density polyethylene pipe installed via horizontal directional drilling to allow for future expansion points at the north and south ends.

b) William/Pratt/Burlington Turnpike.

Mr. Casanave stated with priority given to the PennDOT Project, it causes delays in the William/Pratt/Burlington Project, which now has a deadline in February.
Mr. Casanave suggested targeting smaller grant amounts, as recent awards have favored mid-range requests over million-dollar projects.

Sewer System:

a) Head works

Mr. Shura provided an update on construction, noting that equipment is installed in the headworks and bypass pumping is scheduled to begin soon to facilitate trench work between manholes and pipe works sections should be fused in place during excavation next week.
Mr. Shura reported the ATAD feed pumps are operational.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Lobar, Inc. Payment Estimate No. 12 for Contract No. 2025-1, in the amount of $740,981.23. Mr. Christini seconded the motion.
- Ms. Murray made a motion to approve Master Mechanical Payment Estimate No. 10 for Contract No. 2025-2, in the amount of $10,125.00. Mr. Snell seconded the motion.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Urban Electric Payment Estimate No. 7 for Contract No. 2025-3, in the amount of $117,719.86. Mr. Christini seconded the motion
- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve PennVEST Requisition No. 13 for ME No. 77139 (Professional Services) in the amount of $28,345.00. Mr. Hatch seconded the motion.
- Mr. Hatch made a motion to approve PennVEST Requisition No. 12 for ME No. 71499 (Construction) in the amount of $868,826.09. Mr. Snell seconded the motion
- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Contract No. 2025-1 (Lobar), Change Order No. 8, $0, time extension. Mr. Christini seconded the motion.

Other Business:

a. Addendum

Ms. Madden presented an addendum to extend the closing date for the between Patricia Aronson AKA Patricia Aronson, Executrix of the Estate of Bradley C Aronson to Towanda Municipal October 30 due to Bank logistics and Title searches.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the addendum to the sales agreement for Patricia Aronson AKA Patricia Aronson, Executrix of the Estate of Bradley C Aronson to Towanda Municipal Authority. Mr. Snell seconded the motion.

Adjournment:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Gaspar
Recording Secretary