

## MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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### MINUTES

**Monday, February 5, 2024**

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

#### **Board Members:**

John Hertzler – Present  
William Kammerer - Present  
James Vitale – Present  
Lynn DeLorenzo – Present  
Adam Gill - Present

#### **Also, in Attendance:**

Lynn Colosi, Delta Development Group, Inc.  
Austin P. Henry, Esq., Mills & Henry  
Todd Alexander, Esq., Mills & Henry  
David Toal, The Toal Law Firm  
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems  
Mike Hnat, TranSystems  
Damon Rhodes, Larson Design Group  
Port Vue Drive Residents: Pamella Cobb; Glenn Cobb; John Mapel; Cindy Mapel; Terri Hartzel;  
Bill Hartzel; and Billy Hartzel

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Hertzler opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Mr. Hertzler conducted roll call. Mr. Vitale and Ms. DeLorenzo were present. Mr. Kammerer and Mr. Gill reported that they would be a few minutes late.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Ms. DeLorenzo to approve Minutes for the regular meeting of January 2024. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 3-0.

(At this point in the meeting, Mr. Kammerer and Mr. Gill arrived.)

## **Financial**

### **a. Payment of December 2023/January 2024 Invoices**

Ms. Colosi presented the revenues and expenditures for December 2023/January 2024. There were no revenues received in January and expenditures totaled \$70,116.79.

**Motion** by Mr. Vitale to pay December 2023/January 2024 invoices as submitted by the Executive Director. Second by Mr. Gill. Motion passed 5-0.

### **b. 2024 Administrative and Capital Budget**

Ms. Colosi handed out copies of the administrative and capital budget, with notable items highlighted in yellow. The focus of the discussion was on the decrease in LERTA RAP revenue forecasts for the year due to an assessment appeal by Tapestry Senior Living. Tapestry successfully won appeals for the calendar years 2022 and 2023 thereby reducing their total building assessment from \$19,713,800 to \$12,679,600. (Note: MTA LERTA RAP revenue portion for Tapestry was \$3,673,800 and the post-appeal amount is \$2,362,929.) MTA is therefore responsible for refunding Tapestry for 2022 and 2023 exonerations for Township and School District LERTA RAP diversions. The Board and Ms. Colosi discussed other commercial properties in the LERTA RAP that might have filed and won appeals, which would also negatively impact revenue. Ms. Colosi told the Board she will be meeting with the tax collector to determine whether there are other such properties.

Mr. Henry advised the MTA to amend its 2024 budget by identifying reductions in LERTA RAP revenues because of exoneration payments and reduced assessed values of Tapestry and any other buildings in the District.

## **Project Updates**

### **a. Stevenson Mill Connector/Rouser Road Connector/Offsites**

Mr. Rusiewicz, TranSystems' project manager, reported on the status of RRC and SMC. He informed the Board that TranSystems submitted the draft RRC Right-of-Way (ROW) plan to Mills & Henry for review. Mr. Henry confirmed the status of the ROW plan and said that Mills & Henry is reviewing title issues and related design items and, when finished, will collaborate with TranSystems to make modifications if necessary.

Regarding SMC, Mr. Rusiewicz reported that he received most of the stormwater information he requested from the Township but not all of it. TranSystems continues to work on SMC's stormwater plan, which is impacted by both former and future development.

Ms. Colosi reported that she, Mr. Vitale, and Township Manager Dawn Lane will be meeting with

Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) about Moon park-and-ride and ways to collaborate on modernizing transportation infrastructure and facilitating economic development on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **b. Marketplace District Improvements**

Mr. Rhodes, Larson Design Group, project executive, reported that a Safety Review meeting was held with PennDOT District 11 and that the meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the MTA. District 11 assigned yet another Project Manager to the Montour Run-Marketplace Reconstruction project; this PM is assigned permanently to the project. According to Mr. Rhodes, the design team and Ms. Colosi will be meeting in a few weeks with District 11 to review the project's stormwater management plan and permitting requirements. Also, he reported that a meeting is being scheduled with District 11 and applicable utility companies.

Ms. Colosi provided an update on Hirshinger Ped/Bike Pathway Master Plan. She and Assistant Township Manager, Scott Brillhart, met with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), which provided a \$100,000 grant to the Township to conduct the Plan, to receive instructions on how to upload documents to the grant portal and to draft the Request for Proposals.

Ms. Colosi reported that Marketplace Boulevard Extension is status quo and still in the planning phase and expected to be completed at the end of the month.

#### **Other Items of Interest**

Ms. Colosi requested to meet with Ms. DeLorenzo and Mr. Gill to orient them to the MTA, and its projects and processes. She said she will email them to set up the meeting. Mr. Kammerer expressed his interest in attending.

There were no other items of interest.

#### **Comments from the Public**

There were comments from the residents of Port Vue Drive, none of whom are in favor of reconstructing Port Vue Drive or upgrading conditions along Port Vue. One resident said they just want to be left alone. Another resident expressed desire to have Township water and sewer connected to her home. Their primary interest, however, was seeing RRC ROW plan and how it might be impacting their properties. However, as Mills & Henry and Ms. Colosi informed the residents, MTA is not permitted to specifically discuss ROW with the respective property owners until PennDOT District 11 approves such communications. For now, Mr. Henry reported to the residents that his firm is reviewing the ROW plan and, when finished, the MTA's engineers will submit it to PennDOT for its initial review. Ms. Colosi said the MTA will be having its third public meeting on the project later this year and will inform Port Vue Drive and Moon Township residents about the meeting by legal newspaper advertisement, posting on MTA's webpage, robo

calls, etc.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Gill addressed the public by asking them to be patient and allow the MTA to follow ROW and project regulations. Mr. Gill then departed the meeting for a previous commitment.

**Executive Session – if necessary**

There was no Executive Session.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business before the MTA Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

**Motion** by Ms. DeLorenzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.