

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
Monday, March 1, 2021

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. In-person meetings resumed at Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

Board Members:

Michael Hauser – Present
John Hertzler – Present
Mark Scappe - Present
James Vitale – Present
Tom Weaver - Present

Also, in Attendance:

Lynn Colosi, Delta Development Group, Inc.
Austin P. Henry, Esq., Mills & Henry
Todd Alexander, Esq., Mills & Henry (arrived late)
David Toal, The Toal Law Firm
Al Quaye, Township Board of Supervisors
Brian Krul, TranSystems
Cindy Rebeck, Township Resident

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Mr. Scappe conducted roll call. All Board members were present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of February 2021. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 5-0.

Financials

a. Approval of Payment of January/February 2021 Invoices

Ms. Colosi presented the invoices for January/February 2021. Ms. Colosi informed the Board about several atypical expenditures: \$127,000 for stream mitigation construction as required by Thorn Run Interchange project; and the first annual Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) loan payment (interest only) of \$106,662.

Motion by Mr. Weaver to approve payment of January/February 2021 invoices. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 5-0.

b. 2021 Cash Flow and 10-Year Cash Flow

Ms. Colosi presented the 2021 budget with February's expenses. She noted several important items about the 2021 cash flow: 1) MTA successfully negotiated the amount of developers' contributions to the Market Place District Improvements project (however, timing of payments are still under negotiation); 2) \$500,000 is being held for right-of-way settlement for the Thorn Run Interchange project; 3) the full cost of the Rouser Road Connector (RRC) project is being shown in the budget with the \$212,000 grant offset; and 4) PNC Loan payments are depicted in this month's cash flow even though MTA hasn't received invoices yet.

Taxing Bodies/Partners Update

a. Outcome of Meetings with Moon Area School District (MASD) on February 10 and February 22, 2021 and Response to MASD

Ms. Colosi and Mr. Henry, both of whom attended the meetings with MASD and made presentations, described the meetings with MASD officials and outcomes. A discussion with MTA's Board of Directors ensued about MASD's treatment of MTA officials, misconceptions about MTA, how to correct MASD's distribution of misinformation and ways to improve communications.

Ms. Colosi informed the Board that she developed a monthly report template with critical information for Mr. Scappe and Mr. Hauser to use during their regular updates to the School Board and for Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Vitale to use for their regular updates at the Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings. MTA's Board concurred that previous reporting protocols with the MASD have not been effective given the School Board's lack of understanding about MTA and, therefore, agreed to use the monthly report template.

Prior to ending the discussion about MASD, Mr. Scappe entered into record of the March Board Meeting that, in the past, MTA loaned MASD \$1 million to help the School District with ongoing financial problems, \$500,000 in 1999 and another \$500,000 in 2016.

b. Presentation to Township Board of Supervisors on March 3, 2021

Ms. Colosi reported that she would be making a presentation to the Township’s BOS on March 3, 2021. Ms. Colosi said the presentation will consist of an update of MTA’s financials, 2021 budget, projects and problems MTA has encountered due to MASD’s misinformation campaign.

Project Updates

a. Thorn Run Interchange Project

i. Project Close-Out and Payment Status

Ms. Colosi asked the Board to review and approve change order (PCN) 42, which is a \$5,795.84 credit to MTA for project underruns

Motion by Mr. Hauser to approve PCN 42, a \$5,795.84 credit to MTA for an underrun identified during Project Close-Out. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Colosi will continue to work with District 11 to close-out the Project and prepare for final payment submission sometime over the next few months.

ii. Covid-19 Expenditures Negotiation

Ms. Colosi informed the Board that she will be attending a meeting with PennDOT District 11 on Friday, March 5, 2021, to negotiate the final settlement approach for expenses incurred by Golden Triangle Construction (GTC). GTC claims it incurred \$102,000 in Covid-19 project shutdown expenses; MTA’s construction inspector has identified \$31,000 in eligible Covid-19 shutdown expenses.

b. Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC)/Rouser Road Connector (RRC)/Offsites

Mr. Krul, Project Engineer, attended the meeting and provided updates on SMC, RRC and Offsites project. Mr. Krul reported that TranSystems is finalizing the Design Field View for RRC, which includes everything other than the traffic control plan.

Brian reported that TranSystems requested a meeting with Township, specifically the Chief of Police, and MTA on traffic control and potential impacts to businesses along the RRC corridor. The meeting will be held later in March.

RRC right-of-way plans will be ready to submit in a few weeks, according to Mr. Krul.

Mr. Krul reported that he submitted Boring Plans on February 26, 2021 for SMC, RRC and Offsites to Ms. Colosi for her review.

Mr. Krul and Mr. Henry provided an update on the Army’s fence design and .33 acres owned by Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA), respectively. Mr. Scappe requested that any issues with the Army be expedited so the RRC project does not fall behind schedule.

Mr. Krul informed the Board that next month TranSystems will be submitting SMC and Offsites Design Field View.

c. Market Place District Improvements Project

Ms. Colosi asked the Board for formal approval to authorize Larson Design Group's Work Order 1.2 for Preliminary Engineering at a cost of \$732,909 and duration of 12 to 15 months.

Motion by Mr. Vitale to authorize Ms. Colosi to execute Larson Design Group Work Order 1.2 for Preliminary Engineering and not-to-exceed budget of \$732,909. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Other Items of Interest

Ms. Colosi informed the Board that Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA) kicked-off its Ewing Road construction project for which ACAA received a PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant and MTA committed local match up to \$250,000.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Vitale at 7:48 p.m. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 5-0.