

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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2020 AUTHORITY BOARD

Mark Scappe, *President*
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Tom Weaver, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Michael Hauser
James Vitale

Mills & Henry
Solicitor
Delta Development Group, Inc.
Executive Director

MINUTES
Monday, January 6, 2020

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the 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
David Toal, Esq., The Toal Law Firm
Brian Krul, TranSystems
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems
Dimitri Rossi, TranSystems

Call to Order

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Reorganization

a. Election of Officers

Mr. Scappe turned over the meeting to Mr. Henry as Temporary Chairman to conduct the election of President. Mr. Henry welcomed Mr. Vitale who was appointed by Moon Township’s Board of Supervisors (BOS) to Mr. Wise’s position on Moon Transportation

Authority's (MTA) Board. Mr. Wise verbally issued his resignation from MTA's Board at the November Board meeting and followed-up in writing in January. Mr. Henry acknowledged Mr. Wise for his many years of service, and that of his father, on MTA's Board.

President

Mr. Henry recognized Mr. Scappe as nominee for President. There were no other nominations for President. Mr. Henry called roll for the vote. Mr. Scappe's nomination passed 5-0.

Following election of the Board's President, Mr. Henry relinquished his role as Temporary Chairman and turned over the meeting to President Scappe to chair the remainder of the proceedings.

Vice President

Mr. Hertzler was nominated for Vice President. There were no other nominations for Vice President. Mr. Scappe called roll for the vote. Mr. Hertzler's nomination passed 5-0.

Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Weaver was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Scappe called roll for the vote. Mr. Weaver's nomination passed 5-0.

b. Appointment of Consultants

Motion by Mr. Hauser to approve Resolution No. 1 of 2020 appointing MTA's consultants consisting of Delta Development Group, Inc. as Executive Director, Mills & Henry as Solicitor, and The Toal Law Firm as Special Counsel. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 5-0.

c. Selection of Official Newspaper

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to retain Beaver County Times as the MTA's official newspaper. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 5-0.

d. Selection of Banking Institution

Motion by Mr. Hauser to retain PNC Depository as MTA's official banking institution. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Weaver to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of November 2019. Second by Mr. Hauser. Mr. Vitale abstained. Motion passed 4-0.

Financials

a. Payment of November/December 2019 Invoices

Ms. Colosi presented the receipts and invoices for November/December 2019 time-period.

Motion by Mr. Hauser to approve payment of November/December 2019 invoices. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Mr. Vitale abstained. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Toal requested partial payment (\$70,000) of a \$219,000 invoice he submitted for work conducted on Thorn Run Interchange Construction Project.

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to authorize a \$70,000 payment now with remaining balance of \$149,000 payable upon MTA's receipt of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) loan proceeds. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Adoption of 2020 Budget

Ms. Colosi presented the 2020 administrative and capital budgets and line-item descriptions. Board members discussed the budget and ways to present more detail on the hard-copy budget so that notes that are illustrated in the electronic version are depicted in the hard copy as well.

Motion by Mr. Hauser to approve adoption of the 2020 budget with additional detail and transparency added to the hard copy version. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 5-0.

Project Updates

a. Thorn Run Interchange Project

Ms. Colosi provided status of the Thorn Run Interchange Construction Project. According to Ms. Colosi, most work on the Project is being suspended over the winter other than demolition of the old on-ramp and assessment of the Project budget and change orders. Ms. Colosi also reported that travelers through the Project area are experiencing confusion about how to access the I-376 west-bound on-ramp. The Construction team will be meeting on-site to determine additional signage needs and identify locations to install temporary lighting.

b. Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC)

Mr. Krul, Stevenson Mill Connector project engineer, presented a PowerPoint describing status of preliminary engineering. Mr. Krul reported that design of SMC is at the 30 percent level and that he submitted design documents to Ms. Colosi for review. The latest construction cost estimate, which includes right-of-way, utilities and construction, has increased from \$7.7 million to \$9.9 million. Mr. Krul said that stormwater solutions and fill needed to achieve a 7 percent grade are the main reasons for the cost increase. The Board discussed ways to mitigate the increase including determining whether partners like the Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA) have excess fill that MTA can use on the

Project. The Board instructed Ms. Colosi to contact ACAA and developers doing projects in the area to inquire about opportunities to obtain excess fill.

c. Rouser Road Connector (RRC)

Mr. Krul, who is also project engineer for Rouser Road Connector, presented a PowerPoint describing status of RRC preliminary engineering and upcoming schedule milestones. Mr. Krul inquired whether MTA had heard back from the Army about RRC's alignment submitted prior to the holidays. Mr. Henry said he would contact the Army this week to inquire.

d. SMC/RRC Off-Site Improvements

Mr. Krul reported that his team has assigned off-site intersection improvements at Moon Clinton and University Boulevard to the SMC Project and segregated I-376 Business intersection improvements to the Off-Site Improvements as a stand-alone project.

e. Market Place Boulevard

Mr. Rossi presented status of the Transportation Master Plan, specifically data related to trip generation and various iterations that subsequently will establish the threshold that triggers infrastructure projects. According to Mr. Rossi and Mr. Krul, the Master Plan will be completed in early March and then, after MTA's review, be submitted to the Township and PennDOT District 11.

Other Items of Interest

Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Vitale departed the meeting following review and adoption of the 2020 budget to attend a BOS function.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Hauser at 9:13 p.m. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 3-0.