

**MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

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**MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 3, 2023**

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

**Board Members:**

Mark Scappe - Present  
John Hertzler – Present  
Tom Weaver - Present  
William Kammerer - Present  
James Vitale – 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  
Brian Krul, TranSystems  
Mike Hnat, TranSystems  
Nate Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group

**Call to Order**

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Mr. Kammerer to approve Minutes for the regular meeting of March 2023. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 5-0.

## **Financial**

### **a. Payment of February/March 2023 Invoices**

Ms. Colosi presented Revenues and Expenditures (RnE) for March 2023. No revenues were received in March. Ms. Colosi specifically called out two March expenditures – PNC bi-annual loan payment (\$125,964.64) and Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) annual loan payment (\$548,249.17). Otherwise, expenditures consisted of payments to engineering firms for design of the Authority’s capital projects and to the Solicitor and firm administering the MTA.

**Motion** by Mr. Hertzler to pay February/March 2023 invoices as submitted by the Executive Director. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 5-0.

### **b. 2023 Cash Flow Update**

Ms. Colosi presented an update on the budget and cash flow forecasts. She reiterated that she would monitor the budget closely to ensure expenditures are balanced with revenues, which are received intermittently throughout the year. Cash flow forecasts, according to Ms. Colosi, illustrate that the budget dwindles in the Fall as the MTA awaits receipt of most of its LERTA RAP diversions.

## **Project Updates**

### **a. Thorn Run Interchange Reconstruction**

Mr. Henry provided an update on Right-of-Way (ROW) transfer to the Township and PennDOT and documentation of responsibilities for maintaining stormwater solutions that were required to be installed as part of the project. Ms. Colosi reported that the Township has been maintaining their respective stormwater measures since August 2020.

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

Brian Krul, TranSystems’ project executive, gave a brief update on the projects.

Mr. Krul reported that MTA and TranSystems met with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which has a communications tower along Port Vue Drive and wants to ensure the RRC project accounts for FAA’s needs. MTA has been conducting meetings throughout the project with FAA and incorporating their needs consisting of access and egress, utilities – particularly communications duct banks, and water run-off/drainage. Mr. Krul said he will summarize the meeting with FAA and submit the notes to Ms. Colosi for review.

Mr. Krul also reported that he met with property owners along Rouser Road including Mr. Weaver and Mr. Tobin, owner of the Gateway Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Weaver noted that the discussion was about ROW and parking limits, and no follow-up from the meeting is needed.

ROW plan for the properties along Port Vue is advancing, according to Mr. Krul. Mr. Scappe

asked Mr. Krul to provide to the Board, at May's meeting, data comparing Port Vue ROW plan before the public meeting and the plan after the public meeting to illustrate adjustments the MTA made because of public input.

Regarding SMC, Ms. Colosi reported that Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA) hired a timber company to cut trees on the ACAA's 50-acres in the SMC project area. Residents called the Township inquiring whether the trees were being cut by MTA to prepare for the SMC project. The Township asked the MTA to investigate the situation and Ms. Colosi concluded through information gathering that ACAA is thinning trees on their property.

Mr. Krul provided status of SMC Final Design, which started last month. He said that TranSystems initiated work on the Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) study, a requirement of the project.

Ms. Colosi informed the Board that RRC/SMC/Offsites Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Township office if they would like to attend.

### **c. Marketplace District Improvements**

#### **i. Montour Run-Marketplace Reconstruction**

Nate Hokenbrough, project manager, Larson Design Group (LDG), gave an update to the Board on the mistake discovered with the survey work conducted by Monaloh Basin, LDG's subconsultant survey firm. A summary of the issue was submitted in writing as requested by MTA's Board during March's meeting. Mr. Hokenbrough said the error, which impacted elevation and alignment, took about three weeks to remedy. Mr. Scappe thanked Mr. Hokenbrough for his honesty, transparency, and approach to informing the MTA's Board about the error.

Mr. Hokenbrough updated the status of the stormwater management plan, which LDG is coordinating with Burns Scalo for a shared solution using their stormwater basin. Following QA/QC of the stormwater plan over the next week or so, LDG will submit the plan to regulatory agencies.

Ms. Colosi updated the Board on the Federal Earmark for Montour Run-Marketplace reconstruction and how that grant will flow from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to PennDOT District 11 for construction of the project. Montour Run-Marketplace reconstruction will be conducted in same manner that Thorn Run Interchange was implemented, i.e., by an agreement between PennDOT, MTA and Moon Township for construction, funding, and maintenance, respectively.

#### **ii. Marketplace Boulevard Extension**

Ms. Colosi reiterated her report from March that she and LDG will be meeting with Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA) on April 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss collaboration and coordination of Marketplace Boulevard Extension and the most prudent approach to accomplishing site access

and pad ready sites.

**iii. Marketplace Ped/Bike Installation (Hirshinger)**

Ms. Colosi reported that MTA, on behalf of Moon Township, applied for a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to master plan Hirshinger Road as the pedestrian and bike solution for Montour Run-Marketplace reconstruction.

**Other Items of Interest**

MTA was awarded a \$460,000 Local Share Account (LSA) grant for Final Design of Montour Run-Marketplace reconstruction. Ms. Colosi will be coordinating a meeting with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to set up the grant.

There were no other items of interest.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Executive Session – if necessary**

There was not an Executive Session.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business before the MTA Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

**Motion** by Mr. Hertzler to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 5-0.