

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
Monday, April 4, 2022

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2022, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

Board Members:

John Hertzner – Present
William Kammerer – 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, The Toal Law Firm
Brian Krul, TranSystems
Mike Hnat, TranSystems
Marcy Johnson, RHEA
Damon Rhodes, Larson Design Group
Nate Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group

Call to Order

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Vitale to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of March 2022. Second by Mr. Hertzner. Motion passed 5-0.

Financials

a. Approval of Payment of February/March 2022 Invoices

Ms. Colosi presented revenues and expenditures, including consultant invoices for the February/March 2022 period. Ms. Colosi specifically called attention to the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) grant reimbursement of \$95,786 from Allegheny County for work conducted on Rouser Road Connector Final Design and Delta Development Group's fee of \$7,500 for obtaining \$250,000 from GEDTF for Market Place District Improvements (Montour Run-Market Place Blvd) Final Design. Ms. Colosi also informed the Board that MTA made its' semi-annual loan payment in March to PNC Bank. The next semi-annual payment will be in September.

Motion by Mr. Weaver to approve payment of February/March 2022 invoices. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion passed 5-0.

b. 2022 Budget and Cash Flow Review

Ms. Colosi presented monthly cash flow, which reflects consultant invoices and expenses paid and revenues received for the month of March. Ms. Colosi alerted the Board that, depending on the timing of receipt of revenues and final payment to PennDOT for Thorn Run Interchange project and final payment of Thorn Run right-of-way acquisition (Parcel 10), MTA's operating account is getting critically low.

c. Grant Applications

A new state funding source for planning, engineering and construction of projects called Local Share Account-Statewide opened for application, according to Ms. Colosi and, as such, MTA applied for \$460,000 for Final Design of Market Place District Improvements (Montour Run-Market Place). This request, if successful, will help offset the \$825,194 cost of Final Design. Ms. Colosi will keep the Board posted on the outcome of application awards, which are scheduled to be announced in July.

Ms. Colosi also reported that she is applying for both Congressman Lamb's and Senator Casey's Community Project Funding (CPF) for Market Place District Transportation Improvements, specifically for construction of Montour Run Road and Market Place Boulevard. The cost estimate to construct the Montour Run and Market Place is \$6.6 million. MTA will be requesting \$3.5 million from CPF.

Project Updates

a. Thorn Run Interchange Project

Ms. Colosi reported that administrative close-out of Thorn Run construction remains status quo with close-out anticipated in May. (This status is consistent with reports from previous months.)

Mr. Henry said he believes Parcel 10 property acquisition will be resolved within the next month.

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

Mr. Krul, SMC, RRC and Offsites project executive for TranSystems, real estate specialist Mike Hnat, TranSystems, and Marcy Johnson, RHEA Engineers, a subconsultant to TranSystems that specializes in geo-technical, site surveys and environmental, were on-hand to discuss status of the projects. Mr. Krul introduced Ms. Johnson who presented results of the Geotech report and permitting for RRC and SMC projects. Ms. Johnson reported that there were no issues/findings with the soil in either project area. For RRC and SMC, according to Ms. Johnson, some wetlands will be destroyed therefore requiring a joint permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Ms. Johnson recommended using soldier pile and lagging for the retaining wall needed for RRC because this solution will provide better anchoring of the wall and be less expensive. Ms. Johnson informed the Board and Ms. Colosi that she would be seeking information from MTA for completion and submission of the DEP permit.

Mr. Hnat provided an update on Right-of-Way acquisition plan and informed that he will be setting up a meeting with Mr. Henry and Mr. Alexander, Solicitors, to review the plan and prepare it for submission to the Board for their review. Mr. Henry said ROW for RRC will be discussed further in executive session.

Mr. Krul and Ms. Colosi talked about scheduling the next SMC/RRC Steering Committee to inform project partners about status of both projects and next steps. Ms. Colosi said she will work with Mr. Krul to schedule the meeting for mid-May.

c. Market Place District Improvements Project

Mr. Hokenbrough, Project Engineer with Larson Design Group (LDG), provided the Board with an update on Montour Run and Market Place Boulevard design. Mostly, his report focused on PennDOT District 11's comments and how to respond. Mr. Rhodes, Project Executive with LDG, briefly summarized his conversation with District 11 and advised MTA to follow the District's procedures and respond accordingly. Mr. Hokenbrough reported that his team will prepare a letter responding to District 11's questions and suggestions then submit it to Ms. Colosi for her review and approval.

Ms. Colosi informed the Board that per Mr. Hertzler's advice she met with Sean Brady, Director of Hollow Oak Land Trust, about Hirshinger Road as the potential pedestrian and bike solution for Market Place Boulevard reconstruction.

On an unrelated note, Ms. Colosi passed on a request to MTA's Board from Mr. Brady for a support letter for a trail project (and property acquisition) that Hollow Oak is undertaking. Township Board of Supervisors members on MTA's Board (Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Vitale) said the Township BOS received the same request from Mr. Brady. MTA's Board directed Ms.

Colosi to comply with the BOS' decision relative to providing the support letter for Hollow Oak's project.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Hertzler at 7:13 p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss RRC Right-of-Way and other potential legal issues. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Kammerer at 8:17 p.m. to exit Executive Session. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Vitale to direct Ms. Colosi to refrain from any appearances before Moon Area School District Directors until otherwise directed due to the unprofessional, discourteous, and aggressive treatment of Ms. Colosi by the Directors. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 5-0.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Kammerer at 8:19 p.m. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 5-0.