

## MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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### 2023 AUTHORITY BOARD

John Hertzler, President (2026)  
James Vitale, Vice President (2028)  
Thomas Weaver, Secretary/Treasurer (2024)  
Mark Scappe (2025)  
William Kammerer (2027)

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

### AUGUST MEETING MINUTES Monday, August 7, 2023

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, August 7, 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 – by Phone  
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  
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems  
Damon Rhodes, Larson Design Group  
Glen and Pamela Cobb (Residents, 134 South Patton Drive)  
Barbara Ploy (Resident, 126 Elm Lane)  
Barbara Nolfi (Resident, 204 Essex Knoll Drive)  
Crystal Barr (Moon Area School District, Board Secretary)  
Patrick Callahan (Moon Area School District, Board Vice President)

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Mr. Scappe conducted roll call. All Board members were present except Mr. Weaver who joined by phone.

Mr. Scappe announced that he is stepping down as President of Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) effectively immediately and will be resigning from MTA's Board commensurate with

expiration of his Moon Area School District Board of Directors' term in November.

**Motion** by Mr. Hertzler to accept Mr. Scappe's request to relinquish the position of President of Moon Transportation Authority's Board of Directors. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Hertzler, MTA's Vice President, then presided over the meeting.

### **Election of Officers**

Mr. Hertzler called for nominees for the position of President, which was vacated by Mr. Scappe.

**Motion** by Mr. Weaver to nominate Mr. Hertzler. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion to elect Mr. Hertzler passed 5-0.

Mr. Hertzler called for nominees for the position of Vice President, which became vacant when Mr. Hertzler accepted the position of President. **Motion** by Mr. Scappe to nominate Mr. Vitale. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion to elect Mr. Vitale passed 5-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Mr. Vitale to ratify approval of the Minutes for the regular meeting of June 2023. Second by Mr. Scappe. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Financial**

#### **a. Ratification of Approval of Payment of May/June 2023 Invoices**

Ms. Colosi asked the Board to ratify the approval of May/June 2023 consultant invoices, which were approved by email in July because MTA's Board did not meet in July. She noted that in June, MTA received \$79,963 from Township LERTA RAP diversions.

**Motion** by Mr. Scappe to confirm the approval to pay May/June 2023 invoices. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **b. Payment of June/July 2023 Invoices**

Ms. Colosi presented Revenues and Expenditures (RnE) for June/July 2023. She noted that MTA did not receive any revenues in July. Expenses for the month of July, reported by Ms. Colosi, were \$93,628.

**Motion** by Mr. Weaver to pay June/July 2023 invoices as submitted by the Executive Director. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **c. 2023 Cash Flow Update**

Ms. Colosi, who has been monitoring MTA's budget closely over the past few months, initiated a discussion with the Board about the timing of MTA's LERTA RAP revenues and range of project expenses and how each could negatively impact MTA's budget. The Board reviewed and

discussed an email Ms. Colosi distributed a few weeks prior to August's Board meeting that described said budget issues and illustrated possible solutions. The Board directed Ms. Colosi to develop two alternative budget and cash flow scenarios for their review prior to September's Board meeting. One scenario, requested by Mr. Vitale, consists of modeling a 2023 budget and 2024 cash flow option that pauses all MTA projects except Montour Run-Marketplace Final Design and Stevenson Mill Connector Final Design. The other scenario consists of modeling 2023 budget and 2024 cash flow option that pauses all MTA projects except Montour Run-Marketplace Final Design. Ms. Colosi confirmed she will develop the scenarios and submit them to the Board as soon as possible while continuing to monitor the budget closely.

At this point, Mr. Weaver, who was participating by phone, departed the meeting.

### **Project Updates**

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

Mr. Henry reported that the Right-of-Way (ROW) transfer to Moon Township and the Declaration to close-out stormwater management maintenance was completed and, as such, this project is officially closed.

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

Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems' project engineer, gave a brief update on the projects. Final Design is nearly complete. TranSystems' focus over the past month has been the drainage and right-of-way plans.

Mr. Rusiewicz reported that he and his team have ramped up their work on SMC Final Design after having paused at the direction of MTA.

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

Mr. Rhodes, Larson Design Group's project executive, provided an update on all the Marketplace District efforts. He reported first on results of the Scoping Field View meeting held June 21<sup>st</sup> with PennDOT District 11 at Montour Run-Marketplace Boulevard intersection. Larson Design Group reviewed and compiled all the comments and input from District 11 personnel into a comprehensive meeting summary that also identified next steps.

Mr. Rhodes informed the Board that Larson Design Group kicked-off the Land Development Plan for Marketplace Boulevard Extension, which will identify the site work including most notably the extent of grading and earthwork and costs necessary to construct the extension and implement development.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Ms. Colosi reported that Congressman Deluzio's event to celebrate award of the Community Project/Federal Appropriation of \$3.5 million for Montour Run-Marketplace Reconstruction will

be held Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Moon Township Municipal Building.

### **Comments from the Public**

Mr. Callahan asked what project is envisioned along SMC. Ms. Colosi responded that MTA is currently designing and will be constructing a one-mile missing segment of Stevenson Mill Road plus a 10-foot wide shared-used pedestrian and bike path. Construction of the road will enable development on approximately 40-acres of public owned property that is not on the tax rolls.

Ms. Nolfi asked if and how developers contribute to MTA's transportation infrastructure projects. Ms. Colosi responded that developers contribute by voluntarily pledging real estate taxes on commercial buildings to MTA for a 10-year period and, in the case of Montour Run-Marketplace project, developers also contributed to the cost of preliminary engineering and final design.

Mr. Cobb and Ms. Cobb, residents of South Patton Drive, attended the meeting to get an update on the RRC project and inform MTA that they bought the Huntley property. Mr. Cobb and Ms. Cobb inquired about what impacts the alignment might have on the Huntley property. Ms. Cobb requested a copy of the alignment, which Ms. Colosi confirmed she would send. Ms. Cobb also asked whether the MTA had a survey of the Huntley property. MTA does not, however, Ms. Colosi confirmed she would ask the engineering firm that did the survey whether they had any information that might be relevant to Ms. Cobb's request.

### **Executive Session – if necessary**

There was no executive session.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business before the MTA Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**Motion** by Mr. Scappe to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.