

**MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

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**2022 AUTHORITY BOARD**

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**MINUTES**

**Monday, February 7, 2022**

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met by video conference on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The Board was unable to meet in-person at Moon Township’s administration office due to reconstruction of the building and parking lot.

**Board Members:**

John Hertzler – 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  
Nate Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group  
David Worst, Larson Design Group  
John Wink, Moon Township Tax Collector

**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. Kammerer who arrived about 10 minutes late. Mr. Scappe departed the meeting at 6:24 p.m. at which time Mr. Hertzler directed the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Mr. Vitale to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of January 2022. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

## **Financials**

### **a. Approval of Payment of December 2021/January 2022 Invoices**

Ms. Colosi presented revenues and expenditures, including consultant invoices for the December 2021/January 2022 period.

**Motion** by Mr. Weaver to approve payment of December 2021/January 2022 invoices. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.

### **b. Review of 2022 Budget and Cash Flow**

Ms. Colosi presented notable items in the budget and how it impacts cash flow, most notably a \$250,000 Gaming and Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) grant for Market Place District Final Design that was awarded earlier that day. Ms. Colosi will update the budget to account for the grant funds, which are reimbursement funds. (Reimbursement means that MTA must pay consultant invoices and then submit documentation of consultant invoices and payments to Allegheny County to receive reimbursement for project expenditures.)

### **c. Upcoming Grant Applications**

Ms. Colosi informed the Board that there are several upcoming grant programs that MTA should consider and requested the Board's approval, if applicable, to apply for grant programs and execute appropriate forms and exhibits required for the applications. Programs with open application cycles that Ms. Colosi will be evaluating for applicability include Site Development Fund (Allegheny County); Local Share Account (Department of Community and Economic Development; C2P2 (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources); and RAISE (US Department of Transportation).

**Motion** by Mr. Vitale authorizing the Board President, Executive Director and Solicitors to apply for upcoming grants and execute and submit related forms and letters for grant programs open from February 7, 2022, through July 31, 2022. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

## **Project Updates**

### **a. Market Place District Improvements Project**

Mr. Hokenbrough, Project Engineer with Larson Design Group, reported that Larson is considering District 11's comments and concerns about Montour Run/I-376 traffic issues and analyzing other potential cost-effective solutions to mitigate current and future congestion in that area. Mr. Scappe noted that this additional evaluation costs the MTA money, not only to assess but to design and construct should these other improvements occur as part of the Project. Mr. Scappe asked that District 11 be a supporter and financial partner in a long-term solution for Montour Run Road/Business I-376 intersection, both of which are owned by

PennDOT.

Mr. Hokenbrough provided an update on the analysis of converting Hirshinger Road to a bike/pedestrian corridor that links the community and Market Place to the Montour Trail and high-level options for doing so. There is one residential property north on Hirshinger Road; access to this property must be retained. There was considerable Board discussion about ways to convert Hirshinger into a multi-purpose corridor. The Board reminded Ms. Colosi and Mr. Hokenbrough to engage Hollow Oak Land Trust in the conversation about Hirshinger Road.

Mr. Hokenbrough also noted briefly that Larson is looking at a variety of approaches for storm water management along Montour Run Road including an infiltration trench parallel to Montour Run.

**b. Thorn Run Interchange Project**

Ms. Colosi reported that administrative close-out of Thorn Run construction continues. District 11, according to Ms. Colosi, speculates that PennDOT will request submission of final payment from MTA no later than May this year.

Mr. Henry and Mr. Alexander speculated optimistically that an amicable solution on Parcel 10 property is achievable. Both continue to correspond with Jackie Evans, District 11 Right-of-Way Administrator, and submit appropriate documentation and forms to the District to achieve settlement.

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

Mr. Krul, SMC, RRC and Offsites project executive for TranSystems, and real estate specialist Mike Hnat, TranSystems, were on-hand to discuss status of the projects. Mr. Krul reported that TranSystems is finishing drainage design and working with their subconsultant to complete stormwater and E&S plans at which point will be submitted to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Geo-Tech report is complete and will be submitted to District 11 for review and approval. Design of the retaining wall that that is necessary along a portion of RRC is also underway.

Mr. Krul reported that construction costs are escalating and is currently forecasting about a 5% increase each year.

**Executive Session**

There was no executive session.

**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. Vitale at 7:14 p.m. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.