

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2021; 11 a.m.

Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) held a Special Meeting to discuss financial and legal matters on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Due to Covid-19, the Special Meeting was held by video/phone conference only.

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.
Rick Rossi, Delta Development Group, Inc.
Austin P. Henry, Esq., Mills & Henry
Todd Alexander, Esq., Mills & Henry
David Toal, The Toal Law Firm
Jerry Testa, Moon Area School District, Board Member

Call to Order

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Scappe conducted roll call. Mr. Scappe, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Vitale were present. (Mr. Hauser joined at 11:55 a.m. and Mr. Hertzler joined at 12:15 p.m. Mr. Weaver departed at 12:06 p.m.)

Financial

a. Moon Area School District's (MASD) response to MTA's memo about LERTA RAP revenues and reconstructed buildings

As a reminder and to establish context, Ms. Colosi summarized the reason for the Memorandum dated December 16, 2020 (the "Memo") provided to the Moon Area School

District (“MASD”) and its contents. Mr. Testa reported on the School Board’s response to the Memo and his perception that MASD board members do not understand MTA’s role, mission and processes, and that school board members may not be inclined to develop an understanding of the same. Mr. Testa said the school district has financial challenges and is looking at MTA to offset those challenges. As such, MASD was not satisfied with MTA’s Memo and positions stated therein.

b. Report on MASD’s January 11, 2021 business meeting

MTA’s Board and Mr. Testa discussed recent school board meetings and public attacks made by MASD against MTA during those meetings, as well as negative social media postings shared by school board members relative to the MTA.

Mr. Scappe expressed specific concern that Ms. Colosi and her employer, Delta Development Group, as well as Mr. Weaver, a long time, local businessman in Moon Township, could be negatively impacted and have their reputations tarnished by MASD’s misunderstanding of the MTA and public misstatements of fact.

MTA’s Board, Solicitor, Special Counsel and Executive Director discussed at length various ways to effectively communicate with MASD to ensure the MASD understands its role and responsibilities as MTA’s primary partner and participant in the LERTA RAP. Particularly disturbing to MTA is that MASD unanimously approved, and directed the MTA to proceed with, the MTA’s infrastructure projects twice over the past four years, yet it appears the MASD does not understand the ramifications of such approvals and direction.

Ultimately, the Board directed the Solicitor to develop a bullet point list of MASD’s misstatements, inconsistencies, and public misrepresentations, attribute said statements to their sources, and counter each allegation with factual responses. The Board requested that MTA’s Solicitor present these responses verbally to MASD at its February 22nd school board meeting.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Other Items of Interest

There were no items of interest.

Comments from the Public

Jerry Testa provided comments and discussion throughout the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Hauser at 12:18 p.m. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 4-0.