

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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2022 AUTHORITY BOARD

Mark Scappe, *President*
John Hertzner, *Vice President*
Tom Weaver, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Michael Hauser (*Vacant*)
James Vitale

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

MINUTES
Wednesday, January 5, 2022

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

Board Members:

Michael Hauser – Not Present (Term Expired)
John Hertzner – 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
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems
Mike Hnat, TranSystems
Nate Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group

Call to Order

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Reorganization

a. Election of Officers

Motion by Mr. Scappe to appoint Mr. Henry, MTA’s Solicitor, as Temporary Chairman to initiate election of MTA’s officers for 2022. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

President

Mr. Henry called for nominations. Mr. Hertzler recognized Mr. Scappe as nominee for President. There were no other nominations for President.

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to nominate Mr. Scappe as President. Second by Mr. Weaver. Mr. Henry called roll for the vote. Mr. Scappe's nomination passed 3-0.

Vice President

Mr. Henry called for nominations. Mr. Scappe recognized Mr. Hertzler as nominee for Vice President. There were no other nominations for Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Scappe to nominate Mr. Hertzler as Vice President. Second by Mr. Weaver. Mr. Henry called roll for the vote. Mr. Hertzler's nomination passed 3-0.

Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Henry called for nominations. Mr. Scappe recognized Mr. Weaver as nominee for Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion by Mr. Scappe to nominate Mr. Weaver as Secretary/Treasurer. Second by Mr. Vitale. Mr. Henry called roll for the vote. Mr. Weaver's nomination passed 3-0.

Following election of the Board's officers, Mr. Henry relinquished his role as Temporary Chairman and turned over the meeting to President Scappe to chair the remainder of the proceedings.

b. Appointment of Consultants

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to approve Resolution No. 1 of 2022 appointing MTA's consultants consisting of Delta Development Group, Inc. as Executive Director (3-year term), Mills & Henry as Solicitor (1-year term), and The Toal Law Firm as Special Counsel (1-year term). Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.

c. Selection of Official Newspaper

Motion by Mr. Vitale to retain Beaver County Times as the MTA's official newspaper. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

d. Selection of Banking Institution

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to retain PNC Depository as MTA's official banking institution. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Vitale to ratify approval of the Minutes for the regular meeting of November 2020. (MTA did not hold a Board meeting in December 2020.) Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 4-0.

Financials

a. Ratification of Payment of October/November 2021 Invoices

Motion by Mr. Vitale to approve payment of October/November 2021 invoices. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Approval of Payment of November/December 2021 Invoices

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

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to approve payment of October/November 2021 invoices. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

c. Adoption of 2022 Budget

Ms. Colosi presented details of the 2022 administrative and project budgets. The Board discussed specifically the renewal of Delta's contract for a three-year term because the Authority is amid engineering and design of significant transportation infrastructure projects. MTA's Board stressed the importance of continuity in the leadership of the Authority to ensure priority projects, notably Market Place District Improvements, can be completed successfully. Ms. Colosi informed the Board that MTA received 2021 LERTA RAP diversions late December and deposited those funds in the bank in early January.

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to approve the 2022 budget. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

At this point, Mr. Weaver was excused from and departed the meeting.

Project Updates

a. Thorn Run Interchange Project

Ms. Colosi informed the Board that Thorn Run construction has been completed including installation of the mast arm and lighting on the ramp to Business I-376. PennDOT District 11 can now begin close out of the construction and then administrative portions of the Project. Ms. Colosi will keep the Board informed about the close-out process and when MTA's final payment is due to District 11.

Mr. Henry and Mr. Alexander, based upon the Project's official close-out, will resolve the one remaining Right-of-Way item on the Parcel 10 property.

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

Mr. Rusiewicz, SMC, RRC and Offsites project manager for TranSystems, and real estate specialist Mike Hnat, TranSystems, were on-hand to discuss status of the projects.

Mr. Rusiewicz talked about RRC's permit completions and that MTA will need to have

construction funds in place before PennDOT District 11 issues their final approvals.

c. Market Place District Improvements Project

Mr. Hokenbrough, Project Engineer with Larson Design Group, said that Larson is working toward design field view submission. He also reported that the Traffic Impact Study is under review by District 11. Mr. Hokenbrough informed the Board that District 11 likely has some issues with Montour Run/I-376 traffic issues and is advising MTA to look at more and better solutions to mitigate current and future congestion in that area. The Board would like to know exactly what those improvements might entail, the extent and cost, because from the Board's perspective, MTA should not be strapped with the failures of that interchange. Mr. Hokenbrough said that District 11 also would like MTA to take a closer look at Park Manor/Montour Run intersection as well as part of Larson's design scope.

Ms. Colosi will convene Larson's team to gain a better understanding and develop an approach for addressing District 11's concerns and will report back to the Board.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Other Items of Interest

Mr. Scappe reported the School District, and subsequently the Township Board of Supervisors, has yet to identify and approve a representative to fill Mr. Hauser's vacancy.

The Board also decided to move February's meeting from in-person to video conference because the Township building will be closed due to ongoing reconstruction.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Hertzler at 6:51 p.m. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 3-0.