
BOARD MEMBERS: Ms. Janet Cunningham; Ms. Laura Frein; Mr. Jeffrey Guzy; Mr. John Kennedy; Mr. Tom Kohler; Ms. Jeannette Quirus; Ms. Allison Slizofski; Mr. John Wichner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Scott Brown

GUESTS ATTENDING: Ms. Susan Nimon, AECOM; Mr. Rob Diehl, Stantec; Ms. Star Ernst, Stantec

STAFF ATTENDING: Mr. Matthew Edmond; Ms. Crystal Gilchrist; Mr. Tom Landauer; Mr. Brian Phillips; Mr. Matt Popek; Mr. Henry Stroud; Ms. Denise VanBuskirk

I. Call to Order

The Montgomery County Transportation Authority (MCTA) meeting was called to order by Ms. Jeannette Quirus, Vice-Chair.

II. Approval of March 14, 2019 Minutes

The minutes from the March 14, 2019 MCTA Meeting were approved by the Board.

Motion: John Wichner motioned and John Kennedy seconded to approve the March 14, 2019 Authority Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by all present.

III. Finance Director Report

Two (2) handouts were given to the Authority: MCTA 2019 Financial Activity; Project Payment Breakdown for April 2019

Mr. Landauer: Gave an update on the MCTA's finances; detailed the expenditures and grant revenues for 2019 through March; and reviewed the check register with the Board totaling \$279,651.11 for April. Deposits include: \$26.69 in interest for March; and \$255,041.95 for reimbursement from the State. The two voided checks were due to technical problems. The expense checks, which the Board will be asked to approve later on the Agenda, are detailed on the Payment Breakdown sheet for April.

IV. Authorization to Accept MCTA 2018 Financial Audit

One (1) handout was given to the Authority: Montgomery County Transportation Authority Annual Financial Report for Year Ended December 31, 2018

Mr. Edmond: Commented that Board members received in their meeting packet a final copy of the 2018 Annual Financial Report, conducted by Maillie, LLP. The draft version was

discussed at the MCTA's March meeting and was reviewed by Mr. Landauer, the MCTA's Finance Director, to his satisfaction. A resolution is before the Board asking them to accept the 2018 Annual Financial Report of the Montgomery County Transportation Authority.

Mr. Landauer: Pointed out some of the important details on the financial statement of the report. He also mentioned that the County is required to have an approved accounting policy for federal grants. The Controller's office has written a draft that is currently under review and will be adopted shortly by the County Commissioners. The MCTA follows the regulations and policies of the County so it will be covered under this policy. The Final Financial Report will be filed with the Federal Audit Clearinghouse before the deadline of May 30th.

Motion: Mr. Guzy motioned and Ms. Slizofski seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.4.1 accepting the MCTA Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2018 performed by Maillie LLP. The resolution was approved by all present.

V. Ridge Pike Improvement Project

Authorization to Reimburse Professional Services Fees – EM Industry LP (Parcel 32)

Mr. Edmond/Mr. Popek: EM Industry Limited Partnership owned certain property at 1001 Ridge Pike (Parcel 32), Plymouth Township which was acquired by the County through condemnation. Claimants are eligible to be reimbursed for professional services they incurred during right-of-way negotiations up to a maximum of \$4,000.00. EM Industry submitted appraisal fees incurred during right-of-way negotiations in an amount that exceeds the maximum eligible reimbursement. A resolution is before the Board to authorize reimbursement of \$4,000.00 for the aforementioned fees incurred by EM Industry Limited Partnership related to the Ridge Pike Improvement Project.

Motion: Mr. Kennedy motioned and Ms. Slizofski seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.4.2 authorizing payment to EM Industry Limited Partnership a not-to-exceed sum of \$4,000.00 for appraisal fees incurred during right-of-way negotiations of Parcel 32 for the purpose of furthering the Ridge Pike Improvement Project in Plymouth Township. The resolution was approved by all present.

VI. County Bridge Projects

Authorization for Property Acquisition – Lawrence R. Ashton and Patricia Johnson (Parcel 3 – County Bridge 262, Moyer Road)

Mr. Edmond/Mr. Popek: Lawrence R. Ashton and Patricia Johnson own property located at 200 Moyer Road, Salford Township (Parcel 3). A portion of that property needs to be acquired for the advancement of County Bridge 262 Replacement Project. Acquisition consists of 529 sq. ft. of temporary construction easement (TCE). The property was appraised in December 2018 at a value of \$700.00, which the owners have agreed to, in lieu of condemnation. A resolution is before the Board to authorize payment for acquisition of the easement as agreed upon.

Motion: Mr. Kohler motioned and Mr. Wichner seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.4.3 authorizing payment to Lawrence R. Ashton and Patricia Johnson, a not-to-exceed sum of \$700.00 for the acquisition of 529 sq. ft. of temporary construction easement from their property located at 200 Moyer Road (Parcel 3), Salford Township to help further the implementation of the County Bridge 262 Replacement Project in Salford Township. The resolution was approved by all present.

VII. Cross-County Trail Extension Project

Authorization for Property Acquisition – Peter McCausland (Parcel 2)

Mr. Edmond/Mr. Popek: Peter McCausland owns property located at 605 Stenton Avenue, Whitemarsh Township (Parcel 2) a portion of which needs to be acquired for the Cross-County Trail Extension Project. Acquisition consists of 2,792 sq. ft. of county trail easement and 2,777 sq. ft. of temporary construction easement (TCE). An appraisal was done in April, 2018 and reviewed in October 2018. The property was valued at \$37,800.00 which the owner has agreed to, in lieu of condemnation. A resolution is before the Board to authorize payment for acquisition of the easement as agreed upon.

Motion: Mr. Kennedy motioned and Mr. Guzy seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.4.4 authorizing payment to Peter McCausland, a not-to-exceed sum of \$37,800.00 for the acquisition of 2,792 sq. ft. of county trail easement and 2,777 sq. ft. of temporary construction easement (Parcel 2), in lieu of condemnation, for the purpose of furthering the Cross-County Trail Extension Project in Whitemarsh Township. The resolution was approved by all present.

VIII. Chester Valley Trail Extension Project

Authorization to Execute Right-of-Way Reimbursement Agreement

Mr. Edmond/Mr. Popek: Two years ago the MCTA entered into a reimbursement agreement with PennDOT for the Chester Valley Trail Extension Project which allows the MCTA to be reimbursed approximately \$1.5M or 80% of costs for right-of-way acquisitions. Construction costs will be 100% reimbursable through federal funds. There is still approximately \$100,000 left on the TIP for right-of-way that is not reflected in the current reimbursement agreement. In order to include the leftover monies in the agreement PennDOT is asking for a letter of amendment rather than a new agreement. The Board is being asked to approve a resolution authorizing the Chair of the authority to sign the Chester Valley Trail Extension PennDOT letter of amendment and for the Secretary of the MCTA to attest.

Motion: Ms. Slizofski motioned and Mr. Kohler seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.4.5 authorizing the Chair of the MCTA to sign the Chester Valley Trail Extension PennDOT letter of amendment 0641118A and for the Secretary of the MCTA to so attest. The resolution was approved by all present.

IX. Ridge Pike Improvement Project

Authorization for Property Acquisition – Conicelli Alan Wood Road LP (Parcel 35)

Mr. Edmond/Mr. Popek: Conicelli Alan Wood Road LP owns property located at 1520 Alan Wood Road, Plymouth Township (Parcel 35) a portion of which needs to be acquired for the Ridge Pike Improvement Project. Acquisition consists of 3,311 sq. ft. of fee simple right-of-way and 6,882 sq. ft. of temporary construction easement (TCE). An appraisal was done in November, 2018 and the property was valued at \$152,300.00 which the owner has agreed to, in lieu of condemnation. It was also agreed to pay the owner \$1,590.00 for remaining property taxes due as of the date of settlement, and \$1,408.20 for various real estate settlement costs. A resolution is before the Board to authorize payment for acquisition of the easement as agreed upon.

Motion: Mr. Kennedy motioned and Mr. Wichner seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.4.6 authorizing payment to Conicelli Alan Wood Road LP, a not-to-exceed sum of \$152,300.00 for the acquisition of 3,311 sq. ft. of fee simple right-of-way and 6,882 sq. ft. of temporary construction easement (Parcel 35), in lieu of condemnation; a not-to-exceed sum of \$1,590.00 for remaining property taxes on the acquired easements; and payment to Universal Settlement Services, a not-to-exceed sum of \$1,408.20 for various real estate settlement costs, for the purpose of furthering the Ridge Pike Improvement Project in Plymouth Township. The resolution was approved by all present.

X. Authorization for Payment of Checks and Invoices

Mr. Popek: Reviewed the project payment breakdown for April 2019 in detail and explained the purpose of each check and invoice.

Motion: Mr. Kohler motioned and Mr. Kennedy seconded to approve the authorization for payments of checks and invoices. The motion was approved by all present.

XI. County Road, Bridge and Trail Projects Update

Mr. Popek: Gave the following project updates along with additional details:

Cross-County Trail (Erdenheim)

- 5 of 7 properties have been acquired.
- Discussions concluding regarding the remaining 2 properties

Chester Valley Trail

- Upper Merion: 5 of 6 properties acquired – expecting last property in May
- Bridgeport: Offers have been made on all 3 properties

County Bridge 262 – Moyer Road, Salford

- 1 of 5 properties acquired

- Negotiations ongoing with other property owners – expecting at least 1 in May

County Bridge 207 – Ludwig Road, New Hanover

- Waivers of valuation finished for 2 properties
- Negotiations nearly concluded – expecting 1 or both in May

County Bridge 150 – Camp Wawa Road, Lower Salford

- All appraisals submitted for review earlier this week
- Need to settle on all 4 in May or June

County Bridge 274 – Henry Road, Douglass

- Settlement documents for only 1 claim on the way – will settle in May

XII. Lafayette Street Extension Project Update

Mr. Edmond: The reconstruction of the north side of Lafayette Street will begin soon. Over the next couple of weeks Allan Myers will be working on the water line replacement for PA American Water. Advance notice of the restart of construction has been given to property owners who have been parking in the area during the construction downtime. Allan Myers completed the lining of an underground sewer pipe that Norristown Municipal Waste Authority owns underneath SEPTA, the trail, and the job.

XIII. Ridge Pike Improvement Project Update – Plymouth Township

Mr. Edmond: Norfolk Southern is still reviewing our 30% TS&Ls for County Bridge 257. Staff will be meeting soon with Plymouth Township again to clear up any misconceptions about the issues surrounding the location of the township's sewer laterals and whether to replace them or not.

XIV. Ridge Pike Improvement Project Update – Whitemarsh and Springfield Townships

Crescent Avenue to Philadelphia Line Section D

Mr. Edmond/Ms. Gilchrist: Mr. Phillips and the Solicitor's staff submitted a Petition to Orphans' Court to allow the county to relocate the graves at the cemetery. Right-of-way negotiations will be starting in the next few months. A right-of-way negotiator has been chosen and we are waiting for the paperwork to be finalized.

Mr. Phillips: The hearing date for the Petition is scheduled for May 28, 2019. A public notice of the Petition and hearing date will be published in the Montgomery County Law Reporter. A Court determination should be forthcoming soon after the hearing.

Butler Pike to Crescent Avenue Status Section C

Mr. Edmond/Ms. Gilchrist: Staff will be having the first public meeting and presentation regarding the project on April 30th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Barren Hill Fire Banquet Hall at no cost to the MCTA. Notices are being sent out through various media outlets.

XV. Other Business

Mr. Edmond: Staff is arranging for a tour of the various project areas along Ridge Pike in May.

XVI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Wichner to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was approved by all present.



The next MCTA Board meeting will be May 9, 2019 at 1:00 pm.