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**BOARD MEMBERS:** Ms. Allison Slizofski; Mr. Jeffrey Guzy; Mr. Tom Kohler; Ms. Janet Cunningham; Ms. Cathy Farrell; Ms. Laura Frein; Ms. Lydia Grose; Ms. Kourtney High; Mr. John Kennedy

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS ATTENDING:** Rob Morrison (Urban Engineers Inc.); Susan Nimon (Keystone Acquisition Services)

**STAFF ATTENDING:** Mr. Matthew Edmond; Mr. Matt Popek; Mr. Brian Phillips; Mr. Thomas Benner; Ms. Lauren Sendel-Grant; Ms. Ann Marie Meehan

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**I. Call to Order**

The Montgomery County Transportation Authority (MCTA) meeting was called to order by Ms. Allison Slizofski, MCTA Board Chair.

**II. Public Comment**

*There was no public comment.*

**III. Approval of March 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the March 10, 2022 MCTA meeting were approved by the Board.

*Motion: Ms. Slizofski motioned and Mr. Kohler seconded to approve the March 10, 2022 Authority Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all present.*

**IV. Finance Director's Report**

*Two handouts were presented to the Authority: MCTA Cash Report as of April 10, 2022, and the MCTA Check Register (Transaction Detail), April 2022.*

On behalf of the Finance Director, Mr. Thomas Benner reported that there was a deposit of \$7,029.89 and an interest deposit in the amount of \$19.26. Five checks totaling \$7,187.34 are being issued in April.

**V. County Road/Bridge Projects**

A. Authorization to Reimburse Professional Services Fees

i Natural Lands Trust, Inc. (Butler Pike Bridge (CB 83A), Parcel 1)

Mr. Popek reminded the Board that the MCTA is required to provide reimbursement to property owners for professional services such as attorney fees, appraisal fees and engineering fees incurred because of right-of-way claims, up to a maximum of \$4,000.00. Natural Lands Trust, the conservation easement owner of Parcel 1 on Butler Pike over Prophecy Creek in Upper Dublin Township, incurred \$2,251.50 in attorney fees during negotiations for Parcel 1 of County Bridge 83A Replacement Project. The fee payment will be made to their attorneys, Pregmon Law Associates.

*Motion: Mr. Kennedy motioned and Ms. Cunningham seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 22.4.1 to pay Pregmon Law Associates \$2,251.50 for attorney fees incurred by Natural Lands Trust Inc. during right-of-way negotiations for Parcel 1 to further the County Bridge 83A Replacement Project in Upper Dublin Township. The motion was approved by all present.*

ii David E. Roberts and Janice H. Roberts (Old Gravel Pike Bridge (CB 101), Parcel 1)

Mr. Popek explained that this is another action of providing reimbursement to property owners for professional services for attorney fees incurred because of right-of-way claims, up to a maximum of \$4,000.00. David E. Roberts and Janice H. Roberts, the owners of Parcel 1 at 1115 Old Gravel Pike in Lower Frederick Township incurred \$2,080.00 in attorney fees during negotiations for a right-of-way claim for the County Bridge 101 Rehabilitation Project. The fee payment will be directed to their attorneys at Meinzer Law Office.

*Motion: Ms. High motioned and Ms. Frein seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 22.4.2 to pay Meinzer Law Office \$2,080.00 for attorney fees incurred by David E. Roberts and Janice H. Roberts during right-of-way negotiations for Parcel 1 to further the County Bridge 101 Rehabilitation Project in Lower Frederick Township. The motion was approved by all present.*

## **VI. Authorization for Payment of Checks and Invoices**

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

## **VII. County Road, Bridge and Trial Projects Update**

Mr. Popek provided a brief status update on these projects; some highlights included:

- 1) Cross County Trail-Erdenheim Farm: County Open Space and Trails working on "Global agreement" with all parties
- 2) County Bridge 27(Fetters Mill, L. Moreland/Bryn Athyn): Negotiations via ARROW; coordination ongoing with FHWA/PennDOT
- 3) Bridge 83A (Butler Pike, Upper Dublin): working towards the signing paperwork for PennDOT right-of-way clearance & final 710 fee submission approved today
- 4) County Bridge 101 (Old Gravel Pike, L. Frederick): Right-of-way cleared; final action taken today
- 5) County Bridge 190 (Keim St., Pottstown): appraisals finished & reviewed; negotiations underway; condemnation actions on Chester Co. properties have begun
- 6) County Bridge 146 (Bergey's Mill, L. Salford): ALROWS in waiver of valuation process; engineering review required
- 7) Bridge 38 (Moreland Ave): ARS contract underway; May appraiser action anticipated
- 8) Bridge 172 (Swamp Pike): ARS contract underway; May appraiser action anticipated.

**VIII. Ridge Pike Improvement Project Update**

Mr. Edmond noted that significant progress has been made on Sections A and D, and provided the following updates to the Board about each section of the project:

- A. DB-116 and County Bridge #0 (TP&D): Granted time extension for PE until November 2022; awaiting PennDOT safety approval and design field view; reimbursement agreements in place. Moving towards final design.
- B. Belvoir Road to Chemical Road (Pennoni): Pennoni submitted revised structures plans and signs; NPDES permits with the Montgomery Co. Conservation District are complete & comments are being exchanged. A verbal agreement has been reached with Norfolk Southern on their needed right-of-way acquisition; the County team is working through some additional hurdles.
- C. Butler Pike to Crescent Avenue (RK&K): Safety submission is with PennDOT, awaiting approval. Working on supplemental engineering agreement with RK&K to cover the final design phase. Once we begin final design, right-of-way activities will begin. We will use a large team of negotiators and with well over 100 claims it will be the biggest ROW project the MCTA has ever done.
- D. Crescent Avenue to Philadelphia Line (Gannett Fleming): Construction has commenced; County Commissioners awarded contract to Allan Myers. Public meeting to be held on April 25, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Whitemarsh Township Building. Board members are invited to attend. The goal is to make a human connection between the community and the construction team; phases and timeline of project will be discussed. Board members will also receive an email invitation from the County next week for the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony, which is scheduled for April 29, 2022 at 10 a.m. and will take place at the corner of Manor Road and Ridge Pike. Members of the press will be in attendance; the project is 100% county funded and Mr. Edmond encouraged the Board members to attend.

**IX. Other Business**

A. 2021 PA Statements of Financial Interest

Mr. Edmond reminded the Board to complete their 2021 PA Statements of Financial Interest and send a copy of confirmation to [Karina Caddick](#) of the MCPC.

**X. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Ms. Slizofski and seconded by Mr. Kohler to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by all present.*

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The next MCTA Board meeting will be held on May 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm.