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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.)

**STAFF ATTENDING:** Mr. Matthew Edmond; Mr. Matt Popek; Mr. Brian Phillips; Mr. Tom Landauer; Ms. Laureen 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 April 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Cathy Farrell requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect that she was in attendance at the April Board Meeting and not absent. Her request was noted and the minutes were updated.

The minutes from the April 14, 2022 MCTA meeting with correction were approved by the Board.

*Motion: Mr. Kohler motioned and Mr. Kennedy seconded to approve the April 14, 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.*

Mr. Tom Landauer, MCTA Finance Director, reported that there was an interest deposit in April in the amount of \$4.20. Four checks totaling \$5,736.14 are being issued in May. Tom also reported that the MCTA audit was in its final stages and he should have the results at next month's board meeting.

**V. Lafayette Street Extension Project****A. Authorization to Execute Reimbursement Agreement****i. Agreement Number #064100-1**

Mr. Edmond explained the Lafayette Street Project has had a three-party reimbursement agreement between PennDOT, Montgomery County, and MCTA since 2011. This action item is for a supplemental reimbursement agreement with PennDOT on the Lafayette St. Project so that the MCTA can receive reimbursement for two old claims that were recently settled through the courts after Board of View hearings. The dollar amount of the claims have pushed the project's right-of-way expenses beyond the limit of the reimbursement agreement with PennDOT. This supplement will raise the right-of-way "cap" to allow the MCTA to receive 80% back from FHWA on these two claims, which totals over one million dollars. If the motion is passed, the County will execute it at the next County Commissioner's meeting.

Ms. Janet Cunningham said she would abstain from voting on the action.

*Motion: Mr. Kennedy motioned and Mr. Guzy seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 22.5.1 to authorize the MCTA Chair to sign the Lafayette Street Extension Project PennDOT reimbursement agreement 064100-1 and for the Secretary of the Authority to so attest. The motion was approved 8-0.*

**VI. Authorizations for Payment of Checks and Invoices****A. Authorization for Check #s 1403 & 1404**

Ms. Cathy Farrell said she would abstain from voting on the action.

*Motion: Ms. Slizofski motioned and Ms. High seconded to approve the authorization of check numbers 1403 and 1404. The motion was approved 8-0.*

**B. Authorization for Check #s 1405 & 1406**

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

**VII. County Road, Bridge and Trail 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 signing the paperwork for PennDOT right-of-way clearance
- 4) County Bridge 190 (Keim St., Pottstown): Appraisals finished & reviewed; negotiations underway; condemnation actions on Chester Co. properties have begun

- 5) County Bridge 146 (Bergey's Mill, L. Salford): ALROWS in waiver of valuation process; Act 70 funding requires coordination with the township.
- 6) Bridge 38 (Moreland Ave): ARS contract underway; June appraiser action anticipated
- 7) Bridge 172 (Swamp Pike): ARS contract underway; June 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): Now in final design stage, coordinating with utility providers; right-of way to start soon; reimbursement agreement with PennDOT and will hopefully be brought before Board next month.
- B. Belvoir Road to Chemical Road (Pennoni): District 6 has rendered a "no historic effect" determination for the new acquisition area from Norfolk Southern. The engineering team will submit an updated environmental clearance document. ROW plans will be updated and re-recorded. Norfolk Southern is the last claim to be settled.
- C. Butler Pike to Crescent Avenue (RK&K): Final design supplement process is underway; safety submission have been approved. A large team of negotiators from 4 firms will handle 120 complex claims; it will be the biggest ROW project the MCTA has ever done.
- D. Crescent Avenue to Philadelphia Line (Gannett Fleming): Construction open house was held on April 25, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Whitmarsh Township Building. Phases and timeline of project were discussed. Mr. Edmond thanked the Board members who attended the groundbreaking ceremony on April 29, 2022. Construction has been delayed because of utility relocations, and should commence in July; the project website is being revamped.

## IX. Other Business

### A. 2021 PA Statements of Financial Interest

Mr. Edmond thanked the Board for completing their 2021 PA Statements of Financial Interest on time.

### B. 2022 MCTA Audit

He said the MCTA audit was almost complete and will be on next month's Board meeting agenda.

### C. MCTA Bylaws

Ms. Slizofski and the Board discussed the current terms of the MCTA's bylaws and whether they should be revised. The Board agreed that a Committee should be formed to review them and that the Solicitor's Office and Mr. Edmond could act as advisors. The action would be added to the June Board agenda to determine 1) items that need to be discussed by the Committee and 2) to create the Committee, which will then meet with staff and solicitor.

*Mr. Kohler left prior to adjournment.*

**X. Adjournment**

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

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The next MCTA Board meeting will be held on June 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

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