

BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Scott Brown; 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:

GUESTS ATTENDING: None

STAFF ATTENDING: Mr. Matt Edmond; Ms. Crystal Gilchrist; Mr. Matt Popek; Ms. Robin McLean; Mr. Tom Landauer; Mr. John Marlatt

I. Call to Order / Public Comment

The Montgomery County Transportation Authority (MCTA) meeting was called to order by Mr. Scott Brown, Chairman. There was no public comment.

II. Approval of June 13, 2019 Minutes

The minutes from the June 13, 2019 MCTA Meeting were approved by the Board.

Motion: Mr. Kennedy motioned and Mr. Kohler seconded to approve the June 13, 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 January 1 – July 11, 2019

Mr. Landauer: Gave an update on the MCTA's finances; detailed the expenditures and grant revenues for 2019 through July 11 as well as reviewing the check register with the Board for June. Deposits included: \$19.16 in interest for June and \$6,972.14 for reimbursement from the state. Check #985 for \$6,500 was issued to Maille for the 2018 Audit which was done and approved before the June deadline. The expense checks, which the Board will be asked to approve later on the Agenda, are detailed on the Payment Breakdown sheet for July. Mr. Landauer also mentioned that on the next meeting register the board will see 8 voided checks on the register due to duplication.

Ms. Quirus asked about the state reimbursement. Mr. Popek informed the board that it was a Chester Valley Trail reimbursement and that there are still reimbursements to be submitted.

IV. County Bridges Project

Mr. Edmond explained that there are a number of acquisitions on the agenda and most have to do with bridges in the county. Mr. Popek talked about the first three bridges moving closer to completion and the last three will be starting the valuation process.

A. Authorization Property Acquisition – Sherif Salib (County Bridge 150 – Camp Wawa Road, Parcel 5)

Mr. Popek: Explained that Parcel 5, located at 592 Camp Wawa Road, Lower Salford Township, is part of the county's bridge replacement program. He talked about four properties surrounding this bridge and what was taking place. The MCTA intends to acquire 828 square feet for fee simple right-of-way, 1,656 square feet of permanent slope easement, and 4,095 square feet of temporary construction easement. The appraisal was completed in April 2019 at a value of \$2,500. The property owner negotiated \$3,000 for acquisition, with \$30 for property taxes and \$677.75 for settlement costs, totaling \$3,707.75. This is all going through Universal Settlement Services and once done the MCTA can issues right-of-way clearance for this bridge.

Motion: Ms. Slizofski motioned and Ms. Quirus seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.7.1 authorizing MCTA to offer in lieu of condemnation a sum not to exceed \$3,707.75 for fee simple right-of-way, permanent slope easement and temporary construction for Parcel 5 in Lower Salford Township. The resolution was approved by all present.

B. Authorization for Property Acquisition – Bart Golf Club (County Bridge 207 – Ludwig Road, Parcel 2)

Mr. Popek: Spoke about how we have already settled with the property owner on the north side and are now working with the owner on the south side, Bart Golf Club (also known as Hickory Valley Golf Club). The first part claimant was a temporary construction easement and a very small piece of fee simple area. This action is on the south side of Ludwig Road, which is entirely a temporary construction easement. It is 5,055 square feet in total. A waiver of valuation was done in February with Keystone Acquisition Services and appraised for \$200 which is being increased to the minimum claim amount of \$500 for the acquisition of this property under PennDOT policy. It was delayed due to obtaining numerous corporate signatures, which took a little longer than was anticipated by Keystone. This is the last claim on this bridge and the MCTA can issues right-of-way clearance.

Motion: Mr. Kohler motioned and Mr. Guzy seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.7.2 authorizing property acquisition of Parcel 2, owned by Bart Golf Club, for the purpose of acquiring 5,055 sq. ft. of temporary construction easement from their property located on Ludwig Road, New Hanover. The resolution was approved by all present.

C. Authorization for Property Acquisition – Douglas and Joy Klein (County Bridge 262 – Moyer Road, Parcel 5)

Mr. Popek: Talked about how this bridge straddles 3 municipalities (Salford, Upper Salford, Franconia). Five properties are involved and have already settled with Parcels 3 & 6 and are working with Parcels 7 & 8, which condemnation proceedings were filed on last month. A small piece of property is needed from the Kleins along Cressman/Moyer Roads in order to complete the project. This works out to 385 sq. ft. of fee simple right-of-way and 126 sq. ft. of temporary construction easement. The appraisal was approved in March 2019 at a value of \$500. The settlement costs were would be: \$500 for acquisition, \$4.50 for property taxes and \$777.50 for settlement costs, totaling \$1,282.00.

Motion: Mr. Wichner motioned and Ms. Quirus seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.7.3 authorizing property acquisition of Parcel 5, owned by Douglas and Joy Klein, for the purpose of acquiring 385 sq. ft. of fee simple easement and 126 sq. ft. of temporary construction easement from their property located on Moyer Road, Salford Township. The resolution was approved by all present.

D. Authorization to Supplement Contract for Appraisal Services – Appraisal Review Specialists, LLC (County Bridge 162 – Stump Road)

Mr. Popek: The property is near the Montgomery Township Municipal Building and the Neshaminy Falls Mobile Home Complex and is weight restricted. The original APA and review contract was approved in May with ARS and this resolution is to amend the original contract for appraisal services. Once work started, it was determined by ARS that the Waivers of Valuation were not appropriate because of expected higher property than anticipated. ARS asked to convert from waiver evaluation work to standard appraisal service work and let a separate appraiser do the actual appraisal work instead. The original quote was for \$3,000 (\$1,500/parcel) for Waivers of Valuation and the new quote would be their standard \$2,400/parcel and with two parcels (1 & 2) it will cost \$4,800, which is \$1,800 above original cost. APAs are almost finished and this supplement will provide payment for their reviews.

Motion: Mr. Kohler motioned and Ms. Quirus seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.7.4 authorizing to supplement a contract for appraisal services with Appraisal Review Specialists, LLC. The resolution was approved by all present.

E. Authorization to Award Contract for Appraisal Services – Appraisal Review Specialists, LLC (County Bridge 163 – Lutheran Road)

Mr. Popek: This is a standard contract with ARS preparation involving APA and appraisal review. The bridge located in New Hanover Township over Minister Creek and the county will be replacing it in its entirety. A large portion of Parcel 1 is owned by the New Hanover Lutheran Church and a right-of-way strip will be taken along the bridge and fee simple around the bridge. Drainage and temporary construction easements are needed. The quote from ARS to be APA and appraiser review work is \$2,400/parcel and with two parcels (1 & 2); it will cost \$4,800.

Motion: Ms. Quirus motioned and Mr. Brown seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.7.5 authorizing to supplement a contract for appraisal services with Appraisal Review Specialists, LLC. The resolution was approved by all present.

F. Authorization to Execute a Right-of-Way Reimbursement Agreement (Keim Street Bridge – IC 190)

Mr. Edmond: Keim Street Bridge is steel truss bridge that spans over the Schuylkill River and connects Keim Street in Pottstown with North Coventry Township. The county started this project about 10 years ago. The project is to rehab the bridge and recently completed the environmental processes. The county is about to begin final design. In the final design phase we will also begin right-of-way and it is an appropriate time to update the reimbursement

agreement between the County and PennDOT to add MCTA, so that the MCTA can buy right-of-way. This has been done with other projects (i.e. Ridge Pike, Arcola Road and Lafayette Street). This means the MCTA will get back 95% from PennDOT for every dollar spent. This is important for the next step of getting Keim Street finished.

Mr. Popek: Most recently this process was done with Fetters Mill Road. The right-of-way reimbursement was executed over a year ago and took 6-9 months to get through the rest of the right-of-way reimbursement. Keim Street has 5 parcels for right-of-way purchase. One in particular has a very large, actual fee simple right-of-way need, from the large industrial company that fronts the industrial development along Keim Street and Industrial Highway. Two of the other parcels are in Chester County and will have to have meetings with our solicitors about the MCTA's ability to acquire property in other counties.

Motion: Mr. Guzy motioned and Mr. Wichner seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 19.7.6 authorizing to execution of right-of-way reimbursement for County Bridge 190 – Keim Street. The resolution was approved by all present.

V. Authorization for Payment of Checks and Invoices

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

VI. County Road, Bridge and Trail Projects Update

Mr. Popek: Spoke about 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 (no change)
- Erdenheim Farm design plans have been updated recently according to Henry Stroud and Whitmarsh Township (there is no update)

Chester Valley Trail

- Upper Merion: 6 of 6 properties is finished
- Bridgeport: preliminary objection period should expire for the Conshohocken Brewing Company and 106 Dekalb between July 11-13. Preliminary objections were received from 106 Dekalb and the county is submitting a response.

County Bridge 262 – Moyer Road, Salford

- Cleared (pending final condemnation releases)

County Bridge 207 – Ludwig Road, New Hanover

- Cleared

County Bridge 150 – Camp Wawa Road, Lower Salford

- Cleared (pending final condemnation releases & MOU)

County Bridge 27 – Fetters Mill Road, Lower Moreland/Bryn Athyn

- APAs handled through PennDOT/ARROW; MCTA to do appraisals and negotiations
- 5 total claims; 1 waiver of valuation with Bryn Athyn Borough
- Appraisal contract authorized today

Mr. Popek gave a briefing about the status of trails and bridges that staff are working on; especially noting the addition of 2 bridges to the table (162 – Stump Road and 163 – Lutheran Road) that are starting the process. Some of the older ones are heading for completion.

VII. Lafayette Street Extension Project Updated

Mr. Edmond: He and Ms. Gilchrist had a project status meeting with Allan Myers (contractor) and a host of others who are involved in the construction. At this point there is still a lot of utility work going on underground which prevents road work. The water line work over the past few weeks to replace water service to property owners has been very successful with very few exceptions. Storm sewers are being put in and should take another week or two. Traffic signal poles at Lafayette/Ford should start going up shortly. After these work items are done, the roadway will be rebuilt. Ms. Gilchrist added that the PECO duct bank crew started yesterday at Barbadoes Street working to the east. Myers' crews will be working from Ford Street toward DeKalb Street to get it paved and open by the end of this year. PECO are moving from Barbadoes to DeKalb and once the duct bank is done then the area west of DeKalb Street will get rebuilt by Myers. A big issue concerning the duct bank is coordinating around the SEPTA transit station, especially with the buses entering and exiting the facility. Some issues could involve the surrounding intersections that may be closed one day and open the next, especially since it is a very busy area.

VIII. Ridge Pike Improvement Project Update – Plymouth Township

Mr. Edmond: One big milestone was Supplement G being fully executed which allows Pennoni to start working on how to access Norfolk Southern tracks, rebuild the bridges and create some space which is a critical path to the project.

Plymouth Township Council formally approved an agreement with Pennoni to design a complete replacement of their sewers which run from Industrial Drive east to the Blue Route. This frees up our engineering team to have more options over where they can put the sewers.

IX. Ridge Pike Improvement Project Update – Whitemarsh and Springfield TownshipsCrescent Avenue to Philadelphia Line - Section D

Mr. Edmond: The right-of-way acquisition for Section D of the project is underway. We met with the negotiator to put together a timeline and within the next month the negotiators will be able to start making offers.

Ms. Gilchrist: We got the approval to relocate the graves at the cemetery. The first set of graves were moved without incident but St. Peter’s Church was contacted by a relative of the second set of graves after this relocation was complete. Our solicitor will be contacting this family. An inspection tour of the cemetery is planned.

Butler Pike to Crescent Avenue Status - Section C

Mr. Edmond: RK&K and Boles-Smyth have been improving their preferred alternative. Scoping field view is done and the team is now wrapping up PE to get to final design.

Ms. Gilchrist: Coordinating with SEPTA to work with the bus stops in this section, especially those that may be relocated. Working with them to determine the best location for the bus stops and accommodate pedestrians. Any work on the bus stops will also involve American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements to accommodate all kinds of passengers.

X. Other Business

No other business

XI. 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 August 8, 2019 at 1:00 pm.