
BOARD MEMBERS: Ms. Allison Slizofski; Mr. Tom Kohler; Ms. Laura Frein; Ms. Kourtney High; Mr. John Kennedy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jeffrey Guzy; Ms. Janet Cunningham; Ms. Cathy Farrell; Ms. Lydia Grose

GUESTS ATTENDING: Rob Diehl (Stantec); Jayne Price (AECOM)

STAFF ATTENDING: Mr. Matt Popek; Mr. Brian Phillips; Mr. Tom Landauer; Mr. Andrew Turner; Ms. Ann Marie Meehan

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 June 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the June 9, 2022 MCTA meeting were approved by the Board.

Motion: Mr. Kennedy motioned and Mr. Kohler seconded to approve the June 9, 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 July 13, 2022, and the MCTA Check Register (Transaction Detail), July 2022.

Mr. Tom Landauer, MCTA Finance Director, reported that there was an interest deposit in June in the amount of \$5.11; an additional \$2.49 interest deposit was also received, due to a previous bank error in interest calculation. One check for \$1,522.50 that was previously issued was voided and added back as the payee, Ludwig 70 LLC, opted to forgo payment. Three checks totaling \$1,159,400.00 will be issued in July, including a check made payable to the county's Prothonotary for a Board of view award of \$1,146,000.00. Mr. Landauer also reported that the 2021 MCTA audit has been filed with the state.

V. MCTA Administration

A. Appointment of New Executive Director

Ms. Slizofski reminded the Board that as Mr. Edmond has submitted his resignation to the County, the MCTA Board would need to appoint a new Executive Director. Mr. Matthew Popek, Assistant Section Chief, MCPC Transportation, has been proposed to be appointed the new Executive Director for the Authority.

Mr. Popek thanked the Board and said he appreciated their confidence in him and he resolved to keep the Board and its work rolling along.

Motion: Ms. Slizofski motioned and Mr. Kennedy seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 22.7.1 to appoint Matthew Popek as MCTA's Executive Director. The motion was approved by all present.

B. Authorization to Amend MCTA Resolution 22.1.1 Banking Relationship

Mr. Popek explained that as there is a change in the MCTA's Executive Director, the bank signature card needs to be updated. He added that a change in the MCTA's financial institution will likely be forthcoming in the near future.

Motion: Ms. High motioned and Mr. Kohler seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 22.7.2 to update the MCTA's bank signatures to reflect the change in their duly elected and appointed officials. The motion was approved by all present.

VI. County Road/Bridge Projects

A. Authorization to Award Contract for Appraisal Services

i. County Bridge 38 – Moreland Road (Appraiser)

Mr. Popek said that there are four properties with acquisitions needed for County Bridge 38 at Moreland Avenue over Pennypack Creek Branch in the Township of Upper Moreland and the Borough of Hatboro. Three of those properties have fee simple acquisitions and all four have temporary construction easements. Three appraisers were invited to bid (RealPro Valuation, Bart F. Brigidi, Inc., and Christie Davies). Staff recommends that the appraisal firm offering the best value, Christie Davies of Bethlehem, be awarded the contract.

Motion: Mr. Kohler motioned and Ms. Frein seconded to approve resolution 22.7.3 to award a contract for appraisal services to Christie Davies of Bethlehem, PA, for four parcels for furthering the County Bridge 38 Replacement Project in the Township of Upper Moreland and the Borough of Hatboro. The motion was approved by all present.

B. Authorizations for Condemnation

i. Mayer Pollock, Inc. (County Bridge 190, Parcel 2)

Mr. Popek said that this action would be removed from the agenda due to an abstention and lack of quorum. He added that it would be revisited at next month's meeting when a larger Board member attendance is anticipated.

ii. Contrast Leasing, Inc., (County Bridge 190, Parcel 3)

Mr. Popek said that this action would be removed from the agenda due to an abstention and lack of quorum. He added that it would be revisited at next month's meeting when a larger Board member attendance is anticipated.

VII. Authorization for Payment of Checks and Invoices

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

VIII. 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; 4 of 5 properties done; No Effect finding made by PennDOT for Rivera property, archeological study competed.
- 3) County Bridge 190 (Keim St., Pottstown): Appraisals finished & reviewed; negotiations underway; condemnation actions on Chester Co. properties have begun.
- 4) County Bridge 146 (Berger's Mill, L. Salford): Waivers of valuation completed; ALROWS presented offers; corresponding with township via letter about additional work.
- 5) Bridge 38 (Moreland Ave): Appraisal contract approved today.
- 6) Bridge 172 (Swamp Pike): Appraisal solicitation out for bid.

IX. Ridge Pike Improvement Project Update

Mr. Popek provided the following updates to the Board about each section of the project:

- A. DB-116 and County Bridge #0 (TP&D): In process of soliciting construction firms; ROW reimbursement agreement executed today; conversation with Plymouth Township regarding ROW ideas for Black Horse Auto Body.
- B. Belvoir Road to Chemical Road (Pennoni): In process of soliciting construction firm; advertising year end 2022; Norfolk Southern: still awaiting ROW sign-off.
- C. Butler Pike to Crescent Avenue (RK&K): In process of soliciting construction firms; meetings on how ROW will go; dividing up parcel packages with Stantec-led appraisal teams; expecting CE approval in September.
- D. Crescent Avenue to Philadelphia Line (Gannett Fleming): Allan Myers construction will be out next week to do tree clearing/grubbing; meeting to be held Monday to review construction schedule

X. Articles of Incorporation & By-Laws

- A. Report of Founding Documents Committee

Ms. Slizofski, Board Chair, announced the findings of Board's discussions of potential changes to the Board's governing documents. The recommendations included the following to the Board's Articles of Incorporation: 1) establishing each term to innately be 5 years independent of when a board member comes to occupy it; and 2) permitting no more than 15 consecutive years of service rather than 10, ensuring that board members who join midway through someone else's term are given the same ability to serve out a minimum full 10 years like those today whose terms begin in year 1; and 3) increase the aggregate to 20 years, could permit a member to be asked to return later in time if needed. An additional recommendation regarding a change to the by-laws was brought forward, establishing officer terms at a maximum of 2 consecutive years, after which an officer could not hold the same office for a minimum of 2 years.

Mr. Brian Phillips of the County Solicitor's Office, said that the next step would be for the Board to vote to authorize the proposed changes and then to prepare a resolution for the County Commissioners to accept the Board's changes. The amended articles of incorporation would then be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State. The Board members present agreed to move forward with both items in the near future.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

XII. Adjournment

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

The next MCTA Board meeting will be held on August 11, 2022 at 1:00 pm.