

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

Tom Kohler, Chairman  
Andrew Bahmueller, Vice-Chairman  
Carlton Stuart, Secretary  
Anthony Hamaday, Executive Secretary  
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance  
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works  
Greg Philips, BOS Liaison  
Missy Morales, Staff Liaison  
Noah Marlier, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, PC  
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)

**Absent:**

Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer  
Lou Zotti, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2020 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2020-02 Authorizing Chairperson to Execute the General Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT for the Church Road Bridge Project Necessary to Process the Consultant Agreement for the Construction Phase Services for the Project After Review by the Authority Solicitor**

**Authority Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Marvin, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to adopt Resolution 2020-02 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mr. Hamaday reported that the developer of the Glasgow Tract is requesting that the Authority consider credit toward outside improvements. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not the mentioned outside improvements are actually outside improvements. It was decided that a meeting would be set up for further discussion with Glasgow Tract and correspondence be made with the Solicitor regarding the topic.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **Relocated North Gulph Road, SR 0023 Section 2NG**

#### **(Including Granite Block Restoration at Valley Forge Monument)**

Mr. Smyth stated a utility meeting is approaching in about a week or so in regards to PECO, Verizon and AQUA relocation and whether or not they follow the road and whether or not they get reimbursed for that because they did do a prior move. In regards to the Cultural Resources, that has been posted for public comment for a 30-day period that ends on March 10, 2020. If this happens, then the Section 106 Cultural Resources process is complete. Coordination with the National Park Service to get two advanced concurrence letters in regards to the changes in the project that have occurred since the original project scoping and is required to compete Section 4(f) process. A second letter of consent has been drafted from the NPS2FHWA to initiate the Federal Land Transfer process. Working on revising stormwater management designs and also landscaping designs such that the preliminary engineering can progress to the point of submitting a Safety Review which is the milestone event of preliminary engineering.

### **SR 0023, Section TCB – PA Trout Creek Bridge**

The Safety Review submission was submitted to PennDOT on January 1, 2020 and are waiting to hear back from Safety Review Chairman as to when the Safety Review meeting will be held. This is the process of going through the different components of the design to make sure it meets all of the design standards. If you don't meet design standards you have design exceptions and those require justification. We do not have any design exceptions on this project. All the crash records that have occurred within the area are also analyzed and go through all of that in a team meeting environment. PennDOT does have a plan advisement for the final design and they anticipate publishing that to get statements of interest from design firms within the next weeks.

### **Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line**

Mr. Smyth stated since the last meeting, there are three components we are awaiting. The Reimbursement Agreement for PECO Gas and the Reimbursement Agreement for AQUA Watermain. The PECO Gas agreement is for our contractor to do the work to attach the new main to the new bridge. Coordinated with PECO Gas to come up with a dollar figure. The agreement had already been reviewed by Mr. Marlier. There is now a cost that has been agreed to by PECO for \$104,100.00. That will be a predetermined amount item on our contracts. The Reimbursement Agreement is such that, that is what PECO gives you that has the authority. AQUA has to elements of the Reimbursement Agreement that are required. They also have a watermain that gets attached to the bridge, but they also have a temporary utility structure that is needed to keep the waterline going while construction of the bridge occurs. Both of those items come out to approximately \$375,000.00. Mr. Smyth requested a motion be made so when the agreements are received, execution of the agreements does not have to be delayed. The third component is the SEPTA Railroad Certification which has been over to SEPTA. A response from the reviewer was received after the last meeting that he is still working on it. Efforts to get him to provide the certification have been made with no response in the last week. Mr. Smyth recommended drafting a letter from the Authority to Gannett Fleming stating that due to the condition of the bridge, the Authority would like contract management to start reviewing this now. The reason for this is because contract management will need time to review everything in order to get it out to bid.

#### **Authority Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Bahmueller, all voting "Aye" to execute the reimbursement agreements that the Engineer just described for PECO Gas and AQUA, that were previously reviewed by the Authority Solicitor. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**Prince Frederick Extension (PFE)**

Continued coordination with DVRCP so they can move forward on their projections.

**Potential New PA Turnpike Interchange at Henderson Road**

Continued coordination with DVRCP so they can move forward on their projections.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT-** None.**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Mr. Hickman reported that PennDOT is adding three bridges to the Township's inventory. He further explained, they are double boxed culverts that are now being classified as bridges.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Hiriak reviewed the first report of the year, noting no major changes.

**REQUISITIONS – February 12, 2020**

Hamburg Rubin et al	\$ 434.00	General Representation Professional Services Invoice 274736 Thru 1-31-20
Hamburg Rubin et al	\$ 546.00	Realen Traffic Impact Fees Professional Services Invoice 274737 Thru 1-31-20
Hamburg Rubin et al	\$ 210.00	Church Road Bridge Professional Services Invoice 274738 Thru 1-31-20
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 5,489.22	Trout Creek Bridge Period 12-1-19 thru 12-31-19 INVOICE #46
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 12,694.76	Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for Period 12-1-19 thru 12-31-19 INVOICE #73
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$19,373.98</b>	

**Authority Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the February 12, 2020 requisitions in the amount of \$19,373.98. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS** - None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  

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**THOMAS KOHLER**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: