

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

August 10, 2016

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Tom Kohler, Chairman
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Carlton Stuart, Secretary
Ian Kingsley, Asst. Sec./Treasurer
David G. Kraynik, Executive Secretary
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)
Noah Marlier, Rudolph Clarke
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Lou Zotti, Vice Chairman

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kingsley, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 2016 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS- None.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Development Plan Updates

Losty Subdivision Plan; 231 Matsonford Road – 231 Matsonford Road, 10.35 acres, currently one existing property and six additional single family homes are proposed. A conditional use hearing was held by the Board of Supervisors on August 4th. The supervisors will have to render a decision within 45 days and then the plan will undergo land development.

Conditional Use Hearing for O'Neill Properties Group, 2901 Renaissance Boulevard; 300 multi-family units, 10.9 acres – applicant came back for fifth round of conditional use hearings before the Board of Supervisors on August 4th. If the hearing process is able to conclude on September 15th the Board of Supervisors will have 45 days after the hearing record closes to render a decision. The next step would be the land development process.

Mr. Meneeley asked for additional details about the issues associated with the O'Neill property and Supervisor Philips provided an update on the ongoing conditional use hearing.

Piazza Tract – located at Mancill Mill next to the sewer treatment plan. Applicant scheduled to come in with a land development plan for 112-unit hotel on seven acres. This will be discussed at a Board of Supervisors workshop meeting on August 18th. Their previous plan was for 300,000 square feet of warehouse, office and two hotels on the whole 23-acre tract.

King of Prussia Mall Connector

Mr. Kraynik reported the King of Prussia Mall Connector ribbon joining ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 18th.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River (SR 3051 Section C22) – Construction Phase

PennDOT is coordinating ribbon cutting (opening) of Sullivan's Bridge for August 19th at 10:30 a.m. The contractor is finishing up all the railings.

Mr. Meneeley mentioned the railings seem low for anyone riding a bike. Mr. Smyth commented this was discussed at length through the design phase and the height was carefully selected to meet design standards. He said there will be an abandonment of State Route 3051 which will go to Upper Merion and West Norriton Township and then ownership will transfer to the National Park Service along with the responsibility for maintaining the bridge.

Mr. O'Brien asked for clarification about the ultimate responsibility for the bridge. Mr. Smyth responded the entire section of the project within Upper Merion is being transferred to the Park Service. The section of Trooper Road from the boat launch up to the US 422/PA 363 interchange will be abandoned to West Norriton.

Mr. Smyth pointed out the township line is the middle of the river. The actual abandonment will not happen until the Plant Establishment Period is completed in one year.

Relocated North Gulph Road, SR 0023 Section 2NG

BSA is coordinating with PennDOT and the National Park Service regarding requested additional work that PennDOT would like to add to the Relocated North Gulph Road project. This effort would add the engineering design for Gulph Road paver replacement repairs at the Memorial Arch within the Park to the current engineering agreement.

Mr. Kraynik asked if this would be in the State Route right-of-way. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Smyth noted this supplement to the design contract would be reimbursable. The contract is administered through the Authority with a Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT.

Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Checked on the status of the Foundation Report since it was submitted on June 15th and taking longer than the normal 30 days. BSA awaiting further word from PennDOT regarding one question they have on the Report. Once Foundation Report is approved work can proceed on the culvert and the permitting obtained as well as all the other necessary items to move forward.

Rapid Flashing Beacon

Everything administratively closed on this project. Punch list items are being finalized with some minor signage, top soil etc. in preparation for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Trout Creek Bridge

A team design meeting was held on July 13th and also a Scoping Field View meeting with the PennDOT Environmental Unit and Central Office. The Scoping Field View is an important environmental step in moving forward with design and the meeting went very well.

At the last Authority meeting it was discussed about extending the sidewalk up Mancill Mill Road and that is being done.

With regard to the new bridge type options, BSA has looked at concrete and steel beams. When approaching PennDOT it is important to demonstrate all these details have been considered. The main driver will remain the hydraulic opening underneath the bridge. After considering the single span option which is easier to construct, it is looking like the new bridge will remain in a two span condition similar to the existing bridge.

Another critical item is coordination with Norfolk Southern regarding the inactive spur because the road is two feet higher than the train tracks. Mr. Smyth indicated he would like to raise the roadway profile which will help with the hydraulics. The coordination with Norfolk Southern will be required to provide the profile adjustment details over the inactive rail spur to determine the need for replacement. BSA is in the process of running hydraulic analysis versus structural analysis to get an opening in beam layout.

Community Center Opening

Mr. Kraynik noted the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Upper Merion Community Center will be held on Monday, September 5th starting at 11 a.m. with a 1 p.m. ribbon cutting followed by a brief formal program. The Community Center will officially open on Tuesday, September 6th.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2016

Mr. Nick Hiriak, Finance Director, reviewed the financial report for July 2016. He reported on assessments already paid in July and anticipated in August.

Mr. Hiriak indicated audits for both authorities have been completed and copies of the reports were distributed at the meeting and have been posted on the township website.

REQUISITIONS – AUGUST 2016

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 20,683.34	Trout Creek Bridge Replacement Project for work performed for the Period 6-1-16 thru 6-30-16 INVOICE #4
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 3,813.42	Multi-Use Trail Connection on Port Kennedy Road for work performed for the period 6-1-16 thru 6-30-16 INVOICE #25
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 23,896.46	Construction Phase Svcs. For Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River Project for work performed 6-1-16 thru 6-30-16 INVOICE #28

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 1,868.99	Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for work performed 5-1-16 thru 6-30-16 INVOICE #32
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,740.83	Final Design of East Church Road Bridge over SEPTA for work performed for the period 6-1-16 thru 6-30-16 INVOICE #34
Boles, Smyth Assoc.	\$ 7,272.50	Transportation Engineering Consultant Services for work performed 4-1-16 thru 6-30-16 INVOICE #90
J. D. Eckman, Inc. ATTN: Justin Orient 4781 Lower Valley Road Atglen, PA 19310	\$ 39,577.27	SR 0023 RFP Sullivan's Trail Pedestrian Signal Project Period to 6-30-16 INVOICE #3
Rudolph Clarke, LLC Suite 200 Seven Neshaminy Interplex Trevose, PA 19053	\$ 324.00	Professional Services 6-1-16 to 6-29-16 INVOICE #59756
TOTAL:		
	\$100,176.81	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Kingsley, all voting "Aye" to approve the August 2016 requisitions in the amount of \$100,176.81. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Kohler shared the sad news of the passing of Judy Vicchio and Anthony "Chuck" Volpi. Judy served Upper Merion Township as Assistant Township Manager and in various capacities for 48 years. Former Upper Merion Supervisor Chuck Volpi served three terms as supervisor from 1964-1968 and 1996-2008. In addition to his public service for Upper Merion, Mr. Volpi was also a decorated World War II veteran. Mr. Kohler relayed the deepest condolences of the Transportation Authority to their family and friends.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, it was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Kingsley all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THOMAS KOHLER
CHAIRMAN

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: