

## **UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**July 9, 2014**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 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**

Michael Santillo, Chairman  
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer  
Tom Kohler, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison  
David G. Kraynik, Township Manager  
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance  
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)  
Joseph Pizonka, Esq., Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C  
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

### **ABSENT**

Carl Pinto, Secretary  
Louis Zotti, Vice-Chairman  
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works

### **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of June 11, 2014 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Valley Forge Roadway Improvements -- Right of Way Appraisal Authorization**

Mr. Smyth discussed the real estate appraisals for the two properties requiring right-of-way near the Community Center (northwest side – Caley Road side) where roadway improvements will be made. Dave Kraynik, Jack Smyth, Jr. and Dan Russell, Director of Park and Recreation, met with both property owners (Reinhardt's and Sioux Irvin). Both meetings went well. Quotes for the appraisals were requested from Gerald Reidy, Rowan Associates. The estimated fee for each appraisal will be \$900 for a total cost of \$1,800. BSA is asking for authorization to give Mr. Reidy the Notice to Proceed. Mr. Reidy has indicated it would take up to 20 business days to complete the appraisals.

A discussion followed with regard to the issue of impervious cover with one of the property owners since some of their grass would become asphalt. The property owner asked if they could be provided with a credit for that grass loss should they hypothetically approach the township for installation of a pool or bigger garage. The matter of how to address this question for the right-of-way was also discussed. Mr. Kraynik suggested Mr. Pizonka write a letter to Joe McGrory, Township Solicitor, with regard to the proper process in moving forward. Mr. Kohler stated whatever is done on the impervious issue should be a one-time event. Mr. Philips indicated he would discuss with the property owner. He also pointed out the Zoning Hearing Board should be involved.

Mr. Smyth indicated he would be doing a field stake out tomorrow with the property owners.

### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to authorize Rowan Associates to provide two appraisals in the amount of \$1,800 as stated in their July 2, 2014 letter. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

### Authority question subsequent to the vote:

Mr. Meneeley asked if the \$1,800 cost for the appraisals is included in the cost for the project. Mr. Smyth responded it is still in the budget.

### **Act 209 Solicitor Review Authorization**

Mr. Smyth indicated he had contacted Brian Keaveney to see what remains to be done in completing the Act 209 Study and getting an ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors. He reported Mr. Keaveney needs to transmit the Roadway Sufficiency Analysis and the Capital Improvement Program for review by the Transportation Authority. There is also a public hearing period which needs to get underway by the Transportation Authority with the intention that it be held prior to next month's meeting. At next month's meeting, the Authority may act on a motion to provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

A discussion followed with regard to scheduling and additional logistics needed for the hearing. Mr. Smyth indicated Mr. Keaveney would direct the Authority on legal advertisements and draft ordinance review. Mr. Pizonka indicated he would call Mr. Keaveney so he can review the final version of the draft ordinance. Mr. Kraynik asked for a scanned copy of the draft ordinance so he can transmit to the Township Solicitor. The Transportation Authority members will also be provided the draft ordinance in an electronic format.

### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to authorize the Solicitor for the Transportation Authority to review the draft Act 209 ordinance. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Development Plan Update**

Development Plan for Commercial and Retail (Village at Valley Forge) - First review commercial and retail 19-acre development plan by the Board of Supervisors at workshop meeting tomorrow. Plan includes high end retail/restaurant development with a fitness center and parking garage.

Development along US 202 – Previously discussed informally at workshop meetings, there will be a formal presentation at the July 31<sup>st</sup> workshop meeting regarding the proposed development of about 8-10 parcels on the south side of US 202 between Chili's and Forge Road. One developer is in the process of acquiring those properties and is looking at a number of basic retail establishments to unify the property and consolidate access. Sidewalks and pedestrian improvements will be made along that side of US 202.

King of Prussia Mall Connector – Project should be underway by the end of the summer. Night work approved by the Board of Supervisors at the June 26<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

Target Opening – Scheduled opening for Target last week in July.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River (SR 3051 Section C22)**

Over the last month there has been coordination to modify J.D. Eckman's permit so they can change the staging of the River Bridge construction to complete the Upper Merion side of the causeway first and then the West Norriton side. The access to the river is proposed to change to use the emergency path between the railroad and the river. Because the permit area boundaries have changed there was a lot of detail work that was required.

Progress meeting scheduled tomorrow. Causeway anticipated to go in sometime in August. Across the river, they are authorized to begin work on the Bridge over the Schuylkill River Trail and installation of the temporary signals once Verizon completes its work. Much administrative work remains.

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

Followed up with Sid New, Gannett Fleming, for an update on the supplement. He indicated it should be sent to Harrisburg in the next week or two and a Notice to Proceed is anticipated during the month of August.

### **Community Center**

As discussed earlier, meeting held with the property owners with regard to right-of-way. Next step is for the signal easements for the other three corners. Meeting scheduled next Thursday with Chaz DeVitis to go over the proposed signal design. The last meetings would be regarding the temporary construction easements that are needed for sidewalk installation. No right-of-ways are needed beyond the two properties being appraised.

Also working on Highway Occupancy Permit plans and the design. Once stake-out meeting is held with property owners it will be determined where the sidewalk will be located. Sioux Irvin asked whether the sidewalk will contain a grass buffer since a utility pole will have to be relocated. Sioux Irvin is questioning whether they want the grass buffer or not in order to have the utility pole closer to the roadway and keep the wires closer to the road. Once that question is resolved BSA will reach out to Peco.

A discussion followed about the preference of one property owner for a grass buffer and the other who did not request one. Mr. Smyth indicated there is flexibility to make a slight jog in the sidewalk per property to accommodate their wishes. He said the buffer issue will be discussed at the stake-out meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Meneeley asked if there is a sidewalk there now. Mr. Smyth responded in the negative.

### **PA Turnpike Ramp Feasibility Study**

Initial results are in from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) for preliminary traffic projections. They went out to a design year of 2040 and initial results are that the

Henderson Road Interchange would generate approximately 20,500 weekday trips throughout the interchange. Since these projections were for priority areas, a subsequent meeting will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to provide forecasts for Henderson Road itself and the arterials around it so the impact can be determined. Leo Bagley, Montgomery County Planning Commission would like to have a meeting with PennDOT and the Turnpike in early August to go over the traffic projections.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Hiriak provided the financial reports for May and June, 2014. Movement in investments will occur at the end of July when a CD matures. Received first deposit of traffic assessments in May. Additional traffic assessments came in June.

A discussion followed regarding the impact fees that will be generated because of upcoming developments.

Mr. Hiriak noted the Transportation Authority was reimbursed 100% by wire transfer today from the National Park Service for Invoice #1 for the Multi-Use Trail Connection. Therefore, he added to the July requisitions the invoice from BSA for the first bill for the Multi-Use Trail Connection. Mr. Hiriak went into more detail about the new reimbursement process.

### **REQUISITIONS – June 11, 2014**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 5,175.56	SR 3039, Section USG – South Gulph Road HOP Project work for period 5-1-12 thru 5-31-14, INVOICE #5 - FINAL
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$41,994.42	Construction Phase Svcs. For Multi-Use Trail Bridge Over Schuylkill River for 5-1-14 thru 5-31-14, INVOICE #3
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 8,654.00	Upper Merion Community Center Roadway Improve. 5-1-14 thru 5-31-14, INVOICE #3
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 5,810.26	Multi-use trail connection on Port Kennedy Road, INVOICE #1
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory	\$ 270.00	Professional Services on 6/20/14, INVOICE #31222
TSTINC	\$10,000	Henderson Road 6" ductile iron lateral Extension, as per agree. With Boles, Smyth, INVOICE #945347
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$71,904.24</b>	

### **Authority Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the June requisitions in the amount of \$71,904.24. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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**DAVID G. KRAYNIK**  
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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**MICHAEL SANTILLO**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: