

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
July 8, 2015

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 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
Lou Zotti, Vice-Chairman
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Tom Kohler, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Carlton Stuart, Secretary
David G. Kraynik, Executive Secretary
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works
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:

Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of June 10, 2015 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Major milestone reached with placement of bridge beams on the first two piers. The causeway has now been moved over to the West Norriton side and contractor is starting to work on that side. The issue about the contractor's approximately 1.1 foot miscalculation of the abutment is being worked out with the National Park Service (NPS). The structural engineers have reviewed and are agreeable with the contractor's recommended re-design. The NPS is going to review because they are going to ultimately maintain the structure. Project is moving ahead.

Relocated North Gulph Road, SR 0023 Section RNG

Met with Urban Engineers and PennDOT Project Manager, Mike Holva, to talk through some overlapping issues with the SR 422-SRB Project. The purpose of the meeting was to review both projects together to minimize the potential for future conflicts with utility relocations, drainage designs and other interface details between the two projects.

Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Held a pre-bid meeting with drillers to do sub-surface borings on the culvert. BSA worked with Township Manager, Public Works Director and Sgt. Elverson in the Traffic Safety Unit to answer

some questions they had and work out some traffic control items. Once the bids are received the borings will begin because the TS&L approval is expected in the next couple of days.

Community Center - Valley Forge Roadway Improvements

Community Center is the main focus for the Valley Forge Roadway improvements. All is going well. Mast arms at the intersection have been erected and the major paving operations, with the finish of the profile adjustment and final mill and overlay, will begin on July 15th for two weeks.

After driving by the site with Mr. Meneeley this evening Mr. Zotti noted it does not appear the right in/right out driveway curbing is designed for a "pork chop." Mr. Kohler made the same observation. Mr. Smyth indicated the pork chop is accounted for and will be installed at a later date. Mr. Kohler recalled the Authority members talked about having the pork chop a little more elongated. Mr. Smyth responded BSA did as much as PennDOT would allow. BSA is coordinating with the Community Center itself to see when the pork chop is installed. Marino Corporation will be finished with most of the major activity by the end of July which is ahead of schedule. The Community Center will still have deliveries coming in and it will be determined if there is an option for Marino to install the pork chop on or around October so as to allow more time for their trucks to come in and out. At a certain point the pork chop has to go in and at that point if there is any damage, the Community Center contractor will have to repair it. Every effort is being made to work together to minimize that risk.

With regard to the paving operations, the contractor is requesting that they work on Caley one day and General Knox the next and that they be allowed to have closures from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the off peak hours in the middle of the day. Covered Bridge Road and the "Generals" will be available as alternates and would be signed as such. Mr. Kraynik asked that he be copied on Mr. Smyth's email to Chief Nolan with the paving schedule.

Mr. Smyth stated BSA is at the point where they are starting to see the actual quantities versus what was in the bid and it appears there are savings. However, there is additional pavement required for the profile adjustment that will consume about half of these savings. In addition there are some manhole adjustments that are higher than originally thought amounting to about \$4,000. There is also a loose manhole at the bottom of the hill that PennDOT asked about and a quote was obtained for a not to exceed value of \$4,800 for a full day's work. BSA will track the time and material and it is expected to be much less.

Mr. Smyth referred to the action taken at the last Authority meeting with regard to the \$750 for the Reinhardt's landscaping to be applied toward their driveway repaving. He noted the \$7,180 for the driveway is out of the range of their budget. Mr. Smyth pointed out in view of the savings to be realized the \$7,180 could become a project cost and it would not raise the bottom line number of what was budgeted.

Mr. Zotti asked if the total would be \$7,100 minus the \$750. Mr. Smyth responded the \$750 could be applied toward it.

Mr. Meneeley asked if the driveway has been replaced already. Mr. Smyth responded in the negative and said the driveway apron was done as well as the sidewalk along the front. He indicated the Reinhardt's did not receive any money for a right-of-way because everything was within the existing right-of-way. They did provide a temporary construction easement.

Mr. Meneeley referred to the property across the street (with the chopped wood) and asked if that is a new driveway and if the Authority incurred that expense. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative and said it was because of the profile adjustment that had to be done.

With regard to the Reinhardt's, Mr. Kraynik commented they have had their fair share of disturbance.

Mr. Smyth stated his request for a motion would be to move to accept the \$7,180 NTE quote from Marino Corporation for driveway paving of Lot #2, the Reinhardt property. Mr. Zotti said he would like to have the stipulation that the Reinhardt's have agreed not to accept the landscaping and the \$750 would be applied to this [the driveway]. Mr. Smyth indicated the Reinhardt's have already put that in an email.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to accept the \$7,180 NTE quote and stipulation as stated above. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Development Plan Updates

Prince Frederick Car Wash – this plan was approved at the June 18th Board of Supervisors meeting. The existing car wash will be demolished and construction on the new facility will begin shortly. The township received the requested right-of-way.

Mr. Santillo asked who is paying for the right-of-way. Mr. Kraynik responded the applicant provided that money up front.

Village at Valley Forge (Stacked Townhomes) - Supervisors will have a first look tomorrow night at the 134 Stacked Townhomes proposed at the Village at Valley Forge.

Village at Valley Forge - Bozzuto's first residential component with 363 apartments will be considered at the July 16th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Bentley Homes, 751 Vandenburg Road – Anticipated Board action is anticipated at the July 16th Business Meeting.

Mr. Kohler asked if there is a way these plans could be forwarded to the Authority members or placed on the website to see if they have any questions or concerns with some of the road patterns or road access so that this input could be incorporated into the process without having the developers come in. Mr. Kraynik said he would mention this to the Township Planner to put a procedure in place.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hiriak presented the financial report for June 2015. The audits have been completed and copies of the report will be distributed at next month's meeting and posted on the website. The auditors have indicated there were no comments, no material statements and no issues to be aware of.

With regard to the Vandenburg property, Mr. Kohler asked what the assessment will be. Mr. Kraynik responded he believes the Township Planner has a tentative number and that will be firmed up with him. Mr. Kraynik asked Mr. Hiriak to obtain that number from the Township Planner. He also wanted to obtain the numbers the Authority will receive for the Fed Ex Ground project. Mr. Kraynik indicated when he spoke with the Township Planner recently he had some preliminary numbers on both projects and he will firm them up.

Mr. Kohler asked if both projects are under Act 209, and Mr. Kraynik responded in the affirmative.

With regard to Act 209, Mr. Kraynik indicated he and Mr. Loeper are looking at doing some more work in front of the car wash at Prince Frederick and Henderson Road. In addition to the \$30,000 being provided by the car wash, it may be possible to upgrade that signal and do some other improvements that might qualify under Act 209. Staff is looking into this.

Mr. Kohler commented on the American Baptist Church "Holy Donut" 48-acre property which is up for sale and soliciting developers. With the new zoning, Mr. Kraynik indicated it could be multi-family, mixed residential commercial.

Mr. Meneeley asked if any of the proposed housing is age restricted. Mr. Kraynik responded everything that has come in front of the township to date at the Village at Valley Forge is not age restricted; however, he has been told on more than one occasion to anticipate an age restricted project.

REQUISITIONS – JUNE 2015

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 555.48	Multi-Use Trail Connection on Port Kennedy Road for work performed 5-1-15 thru 5-31-15 INVOICE #12
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,578.84	Construction Phase Svcs. For Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River project for work performed for period 5-1-15 thru 5-31-15 INVOICE #15
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,538.85	Final Design of East Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA for work performed 5-1-15 thru 5-31-15 INVOICE: #23
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C.	\$ 229.50	Professional Services 6-10-15 INVOICE: #32091

Marino Corp. 1400 Cressman Road P.O. Box 1209 Skipack, PA 19474	\$157,947.34	Valley Forge Roadway Improvements Contractor Job Number 15-007 Period to 06-30-15 APPLICATION NO. 3
TOTAL:	\$163,850.01	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the July 2015 requisitions in the amount of \$163,850.01. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Meneeley asked who is responsible for replacement of the missing road blockers at the TD Bank on Henderson Road. He said it looks like one-third of them are missing. Mr. Kraynik asked Mr. O'Brien to look into this situation.

With regard to the exit driveway for the former Sports Authority, Mr. Kohler asked about the prospects for a divider in that location to prevent left turns as well as cross traffic. Mr. Kraynik indicated the owner of the property is confident with three stores going in it will provide the traffic counts needed to allow the improvements on Henderson Road as well as the traffic signal on US 202. Mr. Kohler asked who would be responsible for construction costs for the median and redoing the traffic light. Mr. Kraynik responded this would be the applicant's responsibility as part of the land development plan for the previous development in that location.

Mr. Kraynik asked Mr. Kohler for the status of the opening of the LCB store [at the former Sports Authority site]. Mr. Kohler responded LCB representatives indicated everything is on track for an opening before the end of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MICHAEL SANTILLO
CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: