

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**December 9, 2015**

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

Lou Zotti, Vice-Chairman  
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer  
Tom Kohler, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Carlton Stuart, Secretary  
Ian Kingsley, Member  
David G. Kraynik, Executive Secretary  
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works  
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)  
Joseph Pizonka, Esq., Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C  
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance  
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT:**

Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison

**Ian Kingsley – New Member of Transportation Authority**

The Transportation Authority welcomed Ian Kingsley who offered introductory remarks about his background as an attorney in center city and recent activities in Upper Merion Township. He lives in Swedeland with his wife, Melissa, and 14-month old baby boy, Leonardo.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2015 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2015-02 Celebrating the Life and Honoring the Memory of Michael D. Santillo, Sr.**

Mr. Zotti read Resolution 2015-02 honoring the memory of Michael D. Santillo, Sr. which will be presented to his widow, Jean Santillo.

**Authority action:**

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2015-02. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Development Plan Updates**

Village at Valley Forge, Bozzuto 232 age restricted apartments on 3.7 acres– approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 3, 2015.

Development plan at Vandenburg and Beidler, 19 acres – approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 3, 2015. The redevelopment of this property will result in four new buildings containing 311 apartments and 1,500 square feet of non- residential use for retail. This is the first development project that has been approved under the Mixed Use zoning.

Additional phase of Realen Valley Forge Development, 276 multi-family units built by Korman, 4.75 acres - at the first 2016 Board of Supervisors workshop meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> the Board will hear initial plans for another phase of the Realen Valley Forge development.

O'Neill Properties 2701 Renaissance Boulevard – There will be three to four months of reviews at meetings of the Board of Supervisors starting in January 2016. This property was initially discussed prior to the 2008/2009 economic downturn. The applicant is now applying for 300 multi-family residences on 10.9 acres. When this project was initially brought before the supervisors in the mid-2000's, there was a commitment to connect Renaissance Boulevard to Crooked Lane. The Hughes Park residents are opposed to the connection and the Gulph Mills Civic Association is in favor of the connection.

Mr. Kraynik answered some clarifying questions from Authority members on various developments.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River (SR 3051 Section C22) – Construction Phase**  
Construction is going well. The third Schuylkill River pier has been completely poured. The Contractor had completed the first abutment for the first two piers and beams were set. The beams should be set for the remaining sections in the next week. The bridge over the Schuylkill River trail is still in a one-lane condition and contractor has switched over to the west side. As of this time they are approximately one month behind schedule from May 2016 due to previous complications encountered in the river to keep the pier 3 area dry. Contractor hopes to make up time lost in a couple of weeks.

The independent construction project for the 422/363 Interchange is now complete and open.

### **Relocated North Gulph Road, SR 0023 Section RNG**

No activities in the three weeks since the last Authority meeting. Will start gearing up in the next couple of months.

### **Prince Frederick Extension**

No activities this period. This is an item that will be discussed for the 2016 budget as one of the Act 209 projects.

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

Borings have been completed and lab testing on the geotechnical soil is being done at this time. Will be moving forward in the next month on the foundation report for the culvert.

### **Community Center – Valley Forge Roadway Improvements**

Construction has been completed. Final invoice is on the agenda at this meeting for 5% retainage owed to Marino Corporation. Finalizing actions to close out the Highway Occupancy Permit.

At the request of a resident, luminaire covers on the traffic signals have been installed and are effective. Also as a request of a resident, tunnel visors have been installed for each traffic signal faces to limit visibility to drivers.

### **Rapid Flashing Beacon**

Mast arm pole has been installed. Remaining construction for paving of trail section will occur with paving for the regular section of the Multi-Use Trail Bridge. This is being funded under a grant received by the National Park Service. This is a 100% reimbursement pass-through situation.

### **Arden Road Bridge Damage & Repairs**

All repairs are done. Utility Line Services is now back on Aqua's schedule to complete last plugs and fire hydrant installations. This work should be finished by the end of next week. Base paving will then be completed and final mill and overlay as soon as possible right after the base paving if the weather holds.

Mr. Zotti asked if this work can still be done this time of year. Mr. Smyth responded as long as the temperature is 40 degrees and rising the work can be done. BSA coordinated with PennDOT to locate the bridge inspector that will complete the special inspection for the Arden Road bridge on behalf of the Township. Awaiting results with the understanding that the bridge condition before damage should be the same or better as it was after the damage repair so that the township does not inherit a problem going forward.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Nick Hiriak, Finance Director, reviewed the Transportation Authority 2016 Budget. The spread sheet included two separate columns to reflect Pre-Act 209 monies and Act 209 money.

Mr. Kohler noted \$980,000 was budgeted for the construction of the Church Road Bridge for the coming year. He asked if construction is anticipated for 2016. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative. Mr. Kohler asked if the \$980,000 is just for the 2016 portion. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative with the balance of funds in 2017. He said this will get the construction started and all of the construction funds are on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Kohler asked for clarification about the TIP and if that means the project is eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative and provided additional information on the reimbursement process and the 95% State/Federal and the 2%/3% split between the Authority and County.

Mr. Hiriak discussed some of the issues on the "cash" page. He explained the first set of numbers is the old bank account which currently totals real cash in \$2.4 million.

He noted the obligation for the PIB loan to pay off in 2022 is \$2.6 million. This includes all the interest that the state is charging at 1.625%.

With regard to the 2001 bond issue that the Authority partnered with Upper Merion Township the last payment is due in November 2016.

The next item is the mortgage held on the Shreiner property. Originally Shreiner borrowed \$43,000 from the Authority. They are paying back \$776 a month and currently owe the Authority \$24,000. Will be paid off September 1, 2018.

Mr. Hiriak noted reimbursements have been billed up until October 14, 2015. Reimbursements are up to date other than those that are on the agenda for this meeting. He indicated there would be an estimated \$85,000 projected deficit in 2022 when considering the PIB loan annual payments and maturing bond revenues. Possibly sometime next year Mr. Hiriak said it would be time to discuss the PIB loan and the 1.625% of interest since it is not possible to earn that percentage with interest earnings.

Mr. Zotti asked if there is any idea what the loan would cost in interest [through 2022]. Mr. Hiriak responded over the next 7 years that interest will cost the Authority \$165,000. Mr. Kohler stated that would take that \$2.6 million down to around \$2.45 and put the Authority in the black again. Mr. Hiriak agreed.

Mr. Hiriak stated the key is the funds are not available today to make a full PIB loan payment nor could it be made because there are some CD's that do not mature until May. At a minimum he would have to wait until May to make a payment. At that time, he recommends analyzing if early repayment is in the best interest of the Authority.

Mr. Hiriak said the Act 209 account will begin with a couple of big developments that will provide payments for next year. Of the \$671,000 budgeted for traffic assessments, the anticipated impact fee for the Mall Connector is \$128,000 and the Fed Ex development is \$522,000. Also budgeted for traffic assessments in the amount of \$20,000 are the 22 townhomes around King Manor train line.

Mr. Kohler asked if all three of these traffic assessments are in the Act 209 category. Mr. Hiriak responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Kohler asked if Merion Station was approved before Act 209. A discussion followed which was inconclusive.

#### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, to approve the 2016 budget as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

## **REQUISITIONS – DECEMBER 2015**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 51,320.37	Multi-Use Trail Connection on Port Kennedy Road for work performed 10-1-15 thru 10-31-15 INVOICE #17
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 7,706.11	Construction Phase Svcs. For Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River Project for work performed 10-1-15 thru 10-31-15 INVOICE #20
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 60,616.67	Final Design of East Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA for work performed 10-1-15 thru 10-31-15 INVOICE #28
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C.	\$ 202.50	Professional Services for 11/18/2015 INVOICE #32390
Upper Merion Township	\$ 106,836.26	Reimburse for share of 2010 GOB
Marino Corp. 1400 Cressman Rd. PO Box 1209 Skippack, PA 19474	\$ 33,985.84	Valley Forge Roadway Improvements – Contractor Job Number 15-007 – FINAL INVOICE #7 which represents 5% retainage
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$260,667.75</b>	

### **Authority Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the December 2015 requisitions in the amount of \$260,667.75. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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

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**LOUIS A. ZOTTI**  
**VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered: