

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
August 12, 2015

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 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
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Tom Kohler, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Carlton Stuart, Secretary
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
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison
Lou Zotti, Vice-Chairman
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Santillo, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2015 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Arden Road Bridge

Mr. Smyth stated BSA was informed that Aqua's contractor, Utility Line Services (ULS) damaged the Arden Road Bridge on July 23rd while replacing the water main on Arden Road. Two sawcut lines had been cut through the bridge deck and through the bridge deck and top of beam 2. A detour was already in effect from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and appropriate signage was in place before the damage. Upon notification of the damage, one of BSA's structural engineers conducted an initial damage assessment and recommended closure of the bridge for public safety reasons. The detour already in place was expanded for full time closure. A field meeting was held the next day with ULS and their structural engineer from Pennoni Associates. Pennoni has prepared a Bridge Damage Assessment and Repair Strategy report and a temporary and permanent repair strategy was proposed. Once the temporary repair has been made ULS is committed to having a temporary bridge opening by the end of next week.

Mr. Smyth indicated he assisted in preparation of the resident notification memo to be sent out by ULS for residents of Arden Road, Lantern Lane, Joel Road and Garrison Way.

Once Pennoni completes the design in mid-September to determine permanent repairs it will take about 3-4 weeks to do the permanent repairs which will require full closure of the bridge again in

mid-September for four weeks. BSA recommends that the Township have a Certified Inspector analyze the latest inspection report and prepare a new inspection report after the repair has been completed to make sure there has been no structural degradation the Township might inherit that would carry forward into the future. It was noted ULS has been cooperative.

Mr. Kraynik stated an independent engineer would be selected to do the inspection not at the Township's expense, but at ULS' cost.

Mr. Kohler asked if ULS is responsible for 100% of all the costs and if that includes BSA's work. Mr. Kraynik indicated the Township will be submitting a bill for engineering.

Mr. Smyth pointed out it is a condition that the permanent repairs would be done by a PennDOT qualified contractor to do that type of work.

Mr. Kraynik noted the School District is aware of this situation. Mr. Smyth said he is coordinating with the Director of Public Works and the Public Information Officer to post information on the website and social media.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Development Plan Updates

Hanover Properties, Village at Valley Forge, 339 Rental Apartments, Parking Garage, 6 floors – Board of Supervisors approved on July 16th. This is the next phase of rental units at the Village at Valley Forge.

Village at Valley Forge 134 (Stacked Townhomes) - will be considered at the Board of Supervisors business meeting on August 20th.

Preliminary discussion of plan to construct 16 single family dwellings, 5.76 acres at 375 W. Beidler Road – scheduled for September 10th workshop meeting.

Authority Comment:

Following up on the request he made at the last meeting regarding development plans, Mr. Kohler expressed appreciation to Mr. Kraynik and the planning staff for putting a procedure in place for updated plan information on the website.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Project is moving along well and on schedule. Contractor has also started constructing the rapid flashing beacon at the intersection of County Line Road and PA 23.

Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line

In the process of obtaining borings for the culvert. Bids for borings were received from two drillers. The other significant item is getting the updated Final Structure Plans for review of the main structure over SEPTA Route 100 due to significant revisions to software that will affect foundation sizes.

Community Center - Valley Forge Roadway Improvements

Marino has completed all the paving and majority of signal installation and pavement marking installation. Final inspections and punch lists will be developed in the next period.

Mr. Meneeley asked about the "pork chop." Mr. Smyth responded the conscious decision was made to provide an opportunity for the Community Center contractor to complete work. The concrete island will be installed in October. He said the channelizing devices will remain to prevent people from turning right into the Community Center.

Mr. Smyth noted the overall project costs including design, right-of-way, utility relocation, construction and inspection for the roadway improvements are still within the original \$950,000 budget.

Arden Road Bridge Damage & Repairs

Discussed previously.

NPS – SR 0023 Rapid Flashing Beacon

J. D. Eckman has begun construction as noted above.

Sidewalk Construction on Henderson Road

Mr. Kohler commented that the Township is getting ready to go out to construction for a sidewalk on Henderson Road from Ross Road to US 202. He asked if that would be a standard normal sidewalk width. Mr. Kraynik responded in the affirmative. Mr. Kohler noted the minimum trail width is 10 feet. Mr. Smyth affirmed for a multi-use trail to be designated as a trail it is a minimum of 10 feet.

Mr. Kohler indicated the reason he mentioned this is a couple of weeks ago he suggested as part of the Prince Frederick project long term it might be a good idea to include a multi-use trail along Prince Frederick to eventually extend up Henderson to connect with the township building and the park with the Chester Valley Trail. It would be a one or half-mile spur to make this connection. Mr. Kraynik said he believes the extension is a good idea.

Mr. Kohler said it would be well to have this on a trail map so that the township building, park, library, police and all the services offered by the township could be tied into the regional trail network by just widening the sidewalk in the amount of 4 feet for half a mile.

Mr. Kraynik pointed out there is federal grant money to do a sidewalk (which he termed Phase I) on the south side of US 202 from Henderson Road down to King Manor Station and it is hoped to do both projects at the same time, but the federal money is holding up the US 202 project. Mr. O'Brien said it would probably be another year before the money is forthcoming.

Mr. Kohler mentioned the option of providing a sidewalk link is something to consider when Prince Frederick is in design.

Mr. Kraynik also noted the trail from Heuser Park to Valley Forge National Historical Park is well under construction and it is hoped will open sometime in the fall.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Kraynik presented the financial report for July 2015. He noted requisitions total \$150,192.40, most of which is for Community Center roadway invoices. Mr. Kraynik called attention to the \$20,830 under revenue in July. He said Mr. Hiriak created an Act 209 traffic assessment category. The \$20,830 for the IFLY Indoor Skydiving facility on Goddard Boulevard represents the first money that fits into that category. It was explained that Act 209 moneys must be kept in a separate fund.

REQUISITIONS – JULY 2015

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 902.66	Multi-Use Trail Connection on Port Kennedy Road for work performed 6-1-15 thru 6-31-15 INVOICE #13
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 23,166.23	Construction Phase Svcs. For Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River project for work performed for period 6-1-15 thru 6-30-15 INVOICE #16
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 1,472.97	Final Design of East Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA for work performed 6-1-15 thru 6-30-15 INVOICE: #24
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 1,183.17	Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for work performed 3-1-15 thru 6-30-15 INVOICE: 25
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C.	\$ 236.25	Professional Services 7-8-15 INVOICE: #32167
Marino Corp. 1400 Cressman Road P.O. Box 1209 Skiptop, PA 19474	\$123,091.12	Valley Forge Roadway Improvements Contractor Job Number 15-007 Period to 07-31-15 APPLICATION NO. 4
Schank Printing 520 Wells Street Conshohocken, PA 19428	\$ 140.00	Business cards for Mike Santillo INVOICE #: 134285
TOTAL:	\$150,192.40	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the August 2015 requisitions in the amount of \$150,192.40. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Kohler asked if there is a reason why protected left turn arrows are not needed for turning left onto General Knox. Mr. Smyth responded the protected left phase was not approved by PennDOT upon original request because it is not warranted.

Mr. Kraynik commented on the many favorable comments that have been received about the road work associated with the Community Center which reflects great credit on the work of Boles Smyth and the Transportation Authority.

Mr. Kohler asked if there would be any ceremony in connection with completion of the road work or if it would wait for the grand opening of the Community Center. Mr. Kraynik responded there have been discussions about having a ribbon cutting ceremony for both events at the same time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MICHAEL SANTILLO
CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: