

## **UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**October 14, 2015**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 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

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

Michael Santillo, Chairman

Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance

### **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2015 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

Contractor is working on the West Norriton side of the main Schuylkill River bridge putting in the third pier. While there have been some difficulties keeping the area dry there is nothing affecting the schedule. Contractor has moved into the second stage in traffic control to build the second half of the BEBO arch over the Schuylkill River trail. Project is moving along well.

Work on the Norfolk Southern superstructure replacement is back on the Upper Merion side. The superstructure was prefabricated and utilized a "NEXT Beam" system which was delivered in two pieces and placed on the existing abutments last week. All that remains is doing the final layer of the bridge deck and the parapets on the side. It is possible the contractor will next do the asphalt paving for the trail section on the Upper

Merion side which would then include the spur connection down to the new Rapid Flashing Beacon and crosswalk at PA 23 and County Line Road.

As part of that project the mast arm has been set for the rapid flashing beacon. It is still awhile before the trail opens but if the schedule permits, the beacon could be operational as early as the end of this season or early next year.

Mr. Stuart asked about the target date set for the completion of everything. Mr. Smyth responded May 2016 is anticipated for completion.

Currently the donation process to the townships is being advanced. Meetings are scheduled to define the next steps of the process. Once the contractor has finished, the right-of-way will be abandoned by PennDOT and accepted by the townships and then transferred over to the National Park Service. The process is underway to meet these deadlines.

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

Pennoni & Associates transmitted the permanent repair plans. They were reviewed by Boles Smyth's structural engineer. Comments have been addressed. Utility Line Services (ULS) has selected J. D. Eckman to perform permanent repairs. The detour will begin next Monday, October 19, and a notification has been sent to the residents and posted on the website. Contractor has indicated work will take three to four weeks. However, they have indicated a six-week duration to include the potential for inclement weather. Mr. Smyth noted ULS was directed to indicate work will be completed by Thanksgiving at the latest.

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

Drilling of borings for the culvert has begun and continues. Due to unforeseen conditions drilling has taken longer than estimated by the subconsultant. BSA is coordinating with PennDOT to determine the action necessary to complete work. BSA's plan is to request a deletion of the least critical of the nine boring holes and for the remaining two holes to be drilled with a revised rock coring depth. The deletion of the one boring should bring the amount of drilling back in line with the estimate and would condense the amount of time the subconsultant needs to inspect borings and minimize the amount of time over budget.

Mr. Zotti asked for clarification about the deletion of the boring. Mr. Smyth responded the one boring is in a spot that is very difficult to get to and is not as critical because the culvert has an open bottom with foundations on either side. This boring is in the middle so the foundations are not resting on that area.

Mr. Zotti said his concern is the sinkholes in the area. Mr. Smyth responded that is the reason the amount of borings were required, but with eight out of nine there is enough information to make the foundation recommendations that are needed. PennDOT concurrence is needed for the subconsultant's recommendation to the remaining drilling program; otherwise the original drilling program will be required. The best course of

action is to get PennDOT to weigh in on this and BSA is pushing for an answer early next week.

### **Community Center**

All the punch list items have been addressed. Mr. Smyth will contact property owners who did not release the Temporary Construction Easement to indicate their issues have been addressed.

Coordinated with Upper Merion signal supervisor regarding luminaire covers for the traffic signal due to complaints from a property owner. Another property owner does not feel the grading on her lawn was done correctly and this will be clarified and dealt with once the Community Center's landscaper takes out top soil in the spring.

A discussion followed about the "pork chop" installed at the right in/right out driveway and what could be done to discourage people from making a left out of the driveway. Mr. Smyth mentioned PennDOT could be approached about putting in ground mounted delineators in the gore area coming off the pork chop between the travel lane and right turn lane because that would prohibit turns as well. He noted signs would be in place and maintained indicating "no left turn" and "do not enter."

Mr. Zotti asked if Mr. Smyth could look into this and provide the Authority with some ideas of what can be done.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Development Plan Updates**

Conditional Use Decision; 751 Vandenburg Road – At the September 17<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed 311 residential units with 2,500 square feet of commercial/retail space on 19 acres in the King of Prussia Mixed Use District.

Village at Valley Forge 132 (Stacked Townhomes) Arcadia/Toll Brothers – approved at the September 17<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.

Initial Review of Development Plan: Village at Valley Forge, Bozzuto Development -- 232 unit age restricted apartment Building (not owner occupied) with anticipated action by Board of Supervisors in November or December 2015.

Initial Review of Next Door Bar and Grill – Wegmans is building a free standing bar and restaurant at Village Drive and North Gulph Road with anticipated action by the Board of Supervisors in November or December 2015.

Initial Review of Development Plan at 190 Town Center Road, Beautiful Beginnings Day Care Facility – at the October 8<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting there was a discussion of a plan (not an official submission as yet) to convert the former Postal Distribution Center into a

daycare facility to be operated by a for profit group. It is proposed to rehab the existing building.

### **Citizen Board Luncheon**

Mr. Kraynik reminded Authority members of the Citizen Board luncheon to be held on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Maggiano's.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Kraynik provided the financial report as of September 2015. There will be a preliminary budget presented next month for consideration of the Authority.

### **REQUISITIONS – OCTOBER 2015**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 6,721.81	Multi-Use Trail Connection on Port Kennedy Road for work performed 8-1-15 thru 8-31-15 INVOICE #15
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 6,714.85	Construction Phase Svcs. For Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River Project for work performed 8-1-15 thru 8-31-15 INVOICE #18
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 8,520.14	Final Design of East Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA for work performed 8-1-15 thru 8-31-15 INVOICE #26
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C.	\$ 236.25	Professional Services for 9/14/2015 INVOICE #32241
Blair Park Services, LLC P.O. Box 204364 Dallas, TX 75320-4364	\$ 3,243.00	Valley Forge Road Improvements Tail Placement Job #OP-9741 INVOICE #: 204233
Pennoni Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 827328 Philadelphia, PA 19182-7328	\$ 44,872.50	Valley Forge Roadway Improvements Construction Inspection Services INVOICE #: 651344
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$70,308.55</b>	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the October 2015 requisitions in the amount of \$70,308.55. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Since it was determined there would be a lack of a quorum for the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to delay the next meeting for one week and advertise the meeting change to Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to reschedule the meeting from the regularly scheduled date to the following week on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7 p.m. This change will be duly advertised. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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DAVID G. KRAYNIK  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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LOUIS A. ZOTTI  
VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: