

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
July 14, 2021 Meeting – 7:00PM

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 in the Administration Board Room at the Upper Merion Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Tom Kohler, Chair
Andrew Bahmueller, Vice Chair
Carlton Stuart, Secretary
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Lou Zotti, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Anthony Hamaday, Executive Secretary
Noah Marlier, Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC
Jack Smyth, Engineer, Boles, Smyth Associates, Inc.
Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works
Rob Erickson, Hughes Park Civic Association

NEW BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Hamaday informed the Authority of some potential future projects that may have an impact on traffic and potential Act 209 fees. They are:

1. Westrum Development is proposing the development of the Ives Control property at 601 Croton Road into an assisted living/life care facility.
2. Realen Homes is proposing a change in use of the large front parcel at the Village at Valley Forge from an office building to apartments.
3. Chase Bank is proposing the redevelopment of the McCallister Building, 635 W. DeKalb Pike into a new stand along Chase Bank and unnamed retail store.
4. Wilner Properties is proposing the redevelopment of the Courtside Square apartments and a portion of the retail stores on the property into a new apartment building.
5. Chick-Fil-A is proposing a redesign of their current drive-thru to accommodate longer queuing lanes.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Smyth presented status updates for the following projects: Consultant RFP for Act 209 Fee Update - Relocated North Gulph Road, Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line, Prince Frederick Extension, and the Potential New PATK Interchange at Henderson Road (Project Status report attached).

Mr. Smyth did want to expressly note that the Church Road Bridge is scheduled for demolition in August.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. New Sunshine Law Changes – Mr. Marlier informed the Authority members of the recent changes to the PA Sunshine law which will require all boards and commissions, including the Authority, to post their meeting agenda online and at the Township building at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Mr. Kohler also suggested that a Public Comment agenda item be added for both agenda items as well as miscellaneous comments.
2. Delinquent Transportation Impact Fee Letters. - Mr. Marlier asked the status of the outstanding transportation impact fees due from developers. Mr. Hamaday indicated that a fee notices were sent but that due to staffing issues, the remainder have been delayed.

On a motion from Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Stuart, to authorize the solicitor to send delinquent notices to those developers/properties with outstanding transportation impact fees. All members voted Aye. (Motion carried 5-0)

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that the Township will be videotaping the demolition of the Church Road Bridge

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Hiriak asked the Authority if they had any questions on the July Financial statements and informed the authority that the second to the last Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) loan has been made.

REQUISITIONS:

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the July 14 ,2021 requisitions in the amount of \$203,709.47. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Authority, on a motion by Mr. Bahmueller, seconded by Mr. Stuart, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

THOMAS KOHLER
CHAIR