

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
August 10, 2022 Meeting – 7:00PM

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Bahmueller, Chair
Tom Kohler, Vice Chair
Marvin Meneeley
Anthony Hamaday, Executive Secretary
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works
Noah Marlier, Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC
Jack Smyth, Engineer, Boles, Smyth Associates, Inc.
Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance
Greg Phillips, Supervisor Liaison

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the general public.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2022 Authority meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

AUTHORITY MEMBER COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Authorization to sign and Execute a supplemental Church Road Inspection Services Agreement with Traffic, Planning & Design.

Mr. Smyth indicated that the supplement is necessary due to the following:

1. The installation of AQUA's temporary water service
2. SEPTA's Utility coordination
3. Foundation Design change

Mr. Smyth indicated that the final completion of the project could extend to April 2023 but that the bridge should be open to traffic before that date. The additional costs associated with the changes is approximately \$135,000 and the Authority is responsible for 25 of that cost.

Mr. Meneeley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kohler, to authorize the Chairperson and Executive Secretary to sign the Church Road Inspection Service Agreement with Traffic, Planning & Design. All voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Resolution authorizing the Chairperson of the Authority to sign documents.

Mr. Meneeley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kohler, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-1 authorize the Chairperson to sign the Church Road Inspection Service Agreement with Traffic, Planning & Design.. All voted Aye. Motion carried 3-0

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Hamaday informed the Authority that the Board of Supervisors approved a Land Development Plan for 127 S. Gulph Road (Best Western Property) to permit the construction of 10,000 sq. ft. retail pad on the property which will generate approximately \$54,000 in Transportation Impact fees.

Mr. Kohler asked Mr. Hamaday to make sure that the Development page of the township's website is updated to the the Authority members and residents are aware of what is happening in the Township.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Smyth presented status updates for the following projects: Relocated North Gulph Road, Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line, Prince Frederick Extension, and the Act 209 Update Request for Consultant Qualifications. (cf. attached report).

Mr. Smyth indicated that the granite block restoration of the North Gulph Road project is completed. He also indicated that Representative Dean's office has prepared the necessary federal legislation that would allow the relocation of gas lines onto national Park property. This is necessary in order to relocate the existing gas line into the new roadway easement. PECO has objected to the proposed legislation as written and indicated that they believe they are losing rights to the gas line.

Mr. Smyth also followed up on the Authority's concern that North Gulph Road was still closed even though the Granit Block restoration was completed. He indicated that while AQUA was still working on their project in the area, the closure is limited to their working hours and should be open at the end of each day. PennDot has contacted AQUA and they are now cooperating with the closure requirements.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No report.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No report

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Hiriak offered the following financial information for the month of July:

- Revenue- Commonwealth of PA reimbursements for Church Rd-\$13,851.01
Commonwealth of PA reimbursements for N. Gulph Rd-\$31,073.02
- Expenses - Expenses were paid as approved at last month's meeting - \$41,037.18.
- Requisitions: Total amount of TA requisitions = \$11,580.49

REQUISITIONS:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the August 10, 2022 requisitions in the amount of \$11,580.49. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Pershofskey, trinity Lane, addressed the Authority regarding the traffic issues faced by the residents of trinity Lane, especially with regard to truck traffic. He indicated that the volume and vibrations cause not only safety concerns for residents and pedestrians but also potential damage to his historic property. Mr. Kohler indicated that Representative Brigg's office was contacted regarding this issue and that the Township will need to ask PennDot to perform a traffic study of the road to identify issues and come up with potential solutions. Mr. Kohler asked if the conditions were better when the temporary traffic signal was installed at Balligomingo road. Mr. Pershofskey indicated it made it worse. Supervisor Phillips indicated he would bring this issue to the attention of the rest of the Board of Supervisors at the next Supervisor's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Authority, on a motion by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Maneeley, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.



Andrew Bahmueller, Chairman