

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
November 9, 2022 Meeting – 7:00PM

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 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
Thomas Kohler, Vice Chr
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Lou Zotti, Secretary
Andrew Kang
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison
Noah Marlier, Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC
Jack Smyth, Engineer, Boles, Smyth Associates, Inc.
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works
Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance
Rob Erickson, Resident of Hughes Park

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2022 Authority meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Prince Frederick Boulevard Design Services: Mr. Smyth presented a revised cost proposal the design of the last 800' segment of the boulevard through the Rossi and Township property to Henderson Road. The Authority had asked Mr. Smyth to breakout the work with specific costs. The new proposal is approximately \$85,339.50. Mr. Hamaday suggested that due to some funding and Budge concerns that the Authority hold off authorizing the design. Mr. Hamaday also suggested that the Board of Supervisors has been discussion purchasing the needed portion of the Rossi tract and that the Supervisors may be willing to incorporate a roadway design into the subdivision and development plan as part of the acquisition. He and Mr. Smyth will discuss the ability of Boles Smyth preparing a proposal for the Supervisors consideration.
- B. Proposed 2023 Budget_ Mr. Hiriak reviewed the proposed 2023 Authority Budget and indicated his projections show approximately \$2.6 million in revenues and \$2.5 million in expenditures which will realize a \$76,703 surplus. Mr. Hiriak informed the Authority that he was conservative in projecting impact fees since several proposed development projects are still being reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. He also provided an update on the Church Road Bridge project and indicated that there is approximately \$45,000 left on the original contract. Mr. Hiriak indicated that the action on the budget will need to be taken at the Authority's December meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Hamaday provided the Authority an update on the proposed warehouse developments at 461 Swedeland Road and 555 Flint Hill Road. He indicated that the develop has been before the Supervisors and that the main concern is the truck traffic through the Swedeland neighborhood. Residents of Gulph Mills have also attended meetings complaining about truck traffic on Balligomingo, Holstein and Swedeland Roads.

Mr. Kohler suggested that the Township explore the use of the right-of-way that was provided by Fed-Ex as part of their development that provides a partial connection between Flint Hill and River Road that could be used as a truck route.

Mr. Philips indicated that as part of the Supervisors discussions with the developer, it was clear that traffic studies are using data from transportation manuals and that sometimes this data is not accurate. He suggested the Top Golf development was a prime example of a proposed entertainment/restaurant venue using pre-established traffic data showing less trips than the former office building. Mr. Smyth that a condition of any new development should require a post-occupancy traffic study.

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 (cf. attached report). He also informed the Authority that the contractor working on the Chester Valley tTail will be paving the week of November 14, 2022.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No Report

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that there is a lane shift on First Avenue as part of the construction work on the First Avenue Linear park Project. He also indicated that the trail paving will occur during the week of Thanksgiving. Mr. Hickman also informed the Authority members that PennDOT is current completing the pavement markings along N. Gulph Rd as part of the repaving project and that PennDOT's Valley Forge Road Repaving project will occur in the first half of 2023. Mr. Bahmueller asked how PennDOT choses projects. Mr. Smyth indicated that PennDot has a Lifecycle List that compiles road age and designations that is used in determining road projects.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Hiriak presented the Authority with the October 2022 Financials and November requisitions in the amount of \$659,108.29. he also informed the Authority that the current cashflow is slow and the Church Road Bridge Project and Act 209 Update projects still have expenses to be paid.

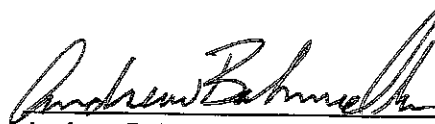
REQUISITION APPROVALS:

Mr. Meneeley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kohler, to approve the November 19, 2022 requisitions in the amount of \$659,108.29. The motion carried 5-0, all members voting "Aye."

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Authority, on a motion by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Kohler, the Authority unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Bahmueller", written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Bahmueller, Chair