

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**December 14, 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  
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer  
Lou Zotti, Secretary  
Andrew Kang  
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison  
Anthony T. Hamaday, Executive Secretary  
Noah Marlier, Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC  
Jack Smyth, Engineer, Boles, Smyth Associates, Inc.  
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rob Erickson, Hughes Park, asked about the status of the Church Road Bridge. Mr. Smyth indicated that there while it was hoped that the bridge would be open by the end of the year, it appears that delays caused by the relocation of AQUA's facilities as well as steel welding and paving issue will push completion to the Spring 2023.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Mr. Zotti seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2022 Authority meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. 2023 Transportation Authority Budget

**Mr. Meneeley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zotti, to approve the 2023 Transportation Authority Budget as presented. Motion approved 4-0**

B. Resolution 2022-3 Request Authorizing Execution and Attestation of the Municipal Supplemental Engineering Agreement No. 064129-J Including Agreement Signatures and Acceptance of Technical/Price Proposal for Agreement No. 064129-J.

Mr. Smyth explained that the proposed resolution provides for the Authority acknowledging the additional costs on the design changes and construction for the Church Road Bridge Project which will be around \$700,000. Since this is a reimbursable project, PennDot will be seeking additional funding and the Authority will only be liable for 2% of the additional costs. Mr. Bahmueller asked if the additional funds would come out of the 2022 budget. Mr. Smyth indicated that the funds would be added to the 2023 project budget.

**Mr. Zotti made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, to approve Authority Resolution No. 2022-3. Motion approved 4-0**

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Hamaday informed the Authority that the Board of Supervisor's approved the proposed warehouse developments at 461 Swedeland Road and 555 Flint Hill Road as well as a new Popeyes restaurant at the DeKalb Shopping Center on 202. He also informed the Authority that the Supervisors gave final land development approval to the Mancill Mill Townhome development and that the developer will be required to install the temporary signal at Mancill Mill & Valley Forge Road as well as pay the required traffic impact fee.

**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). Mr. Phillips asked if the Act 209 fee paid by a developer could be used for a transportation project in another municipality that shares a road with Upper Merion. He provided an example of Boro Line Road, in which one side of the road is in Upper Merion and the other in Bridgeport. Mr. Smyth indicated he believed that under the Act 209 regulations, a separate joint Authority with neighboring municipalities would be necessary and a joint 209 boundary be created. He said there is a precedent with the township working with West Conshohocken Borough on the I76 ramps.

Mr. Bahmueller asked Mr. Smyth about the status of the Trout Creek Bridge replacement and Valley Forge Road realignment project. Mr. Smyth indicated that PennDot has not yet advertised for a consultant to prepare the final design and he would keep the Authority updated on the project.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

No Report

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:**

Mr. Hickman provided the Authority with an update on the following projects:

1. Tannery Drive Streambank Restoration project is underway.
2. The Brownlie Road Bridge Replacement project is scheduled to be let in January or February 2023.
3. The Kerwood Bridge Repair Project will be let in March or April of 2023.

He also indicated that the Public Works Department has transitioned to their winter mode operations.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Hamaday presented the Authority with the November 2022 Financials and December requisitions in the amount of \$244,016.20.

**REQUISITION APPROVALS:**

**Mr. Zotti made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, to approve the December 14, 2022 requisitions in the amount of 244,016.20. Motion approved 4-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Mr. Bahmueller expressed his thanks to the Authority members for their hard work and to the staff for all their support and efforts throughout the year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Andrew Bahmueller, Chair