

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
September 13, 2023 Meeting – 7:00 PM

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:22PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Bahmueller, Chair
Lou Zotti, Secretary
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Andrew Kang, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Philips, Board Liaison
Noah Marlier, Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC
Jack Smyth, Engineer, Boles, Smyth Associates, Inc.
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kang, the motion of approve the August 9, 2023 meeting minutes was approved 4-0 with all members voting “Aye.”

NEW BUSINESS:

None. Mr. Bahmueller noted that prior to the regular meeting the Authority members held an executive session to discuss litigation.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Due to facilitating the Planning Commission Meeting, Mr. Hamaday could not attend the Authority Meeting. Mr. Hickman reported to the Authority that Mr. Hamaday and Amy Ruhe of the National Park Service (NPS) were executing the agreement to transfer funds from the NPS to Upper Merion Township in support of the North Gulph Road Trail Project. Mr. Smyth confirmed that Boles Smyth Associates (BSA) had provided the Scope of Work exhibit to Ms. Ruhe for inclusion within the Cooperative Management Agreement. Mr. Smyth asked whether the Township had a SAM.gov account for the acceptance of federal funds, and Mr. Hickman replied that Mr. Hiriak confirmed the Township has an active account and will be able to accept the fund transfer.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mr. Smyth noted that on future reports he will be providing a general summary of upcoming land development projects that impact the Township’s transportation network, such as 555 Flint Hill Road, 800 River Road, and Discovery Labs. He then discussed the design of the Relocated North Gulph Road Project, the closeout of the Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line Project, and the Henderson Road/South Gulph Road Widening near I-76 Ramps Project. For the latter, PennDOT’s consultant (Jacobs) requested information from the Authority regarding its future South Gulph Widening project in order to account for its impact on their I-76 project. BSA will coordinate by providing input to the I-76 Type, Size, and Location (TS&L) Plan (cf. attached Engineer’s Report for additional project information).

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Marlier had nothing significant to report.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT:

Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that the Township’s 2023 Road Program was substantially complete, the punchlist inspection for the Candlebrook sewer main replacement project had been conducted, and PennDOT’s 2023 road resurfacing program was projected to be finished in the next two weeks (only the Swedeland paving areas remained).

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Hiriak was unable to attend the Authority Meeting, so he provided his financial report to the Authority members via email. The Authority received \$29,954.89 in revenue, and a check from Aqua in the amount of \$146,350 had been sent but not yet received by the Authority. Monthly expenses total \$502,826.14, and Mr. Hiriak will continue to pay invoices on a “first in, first out” basis as funds become available.

REQUISITION APPROVALS:

On a motion by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, the Authority voted to approve the September 2023 requisitions in the amount of \$71,129.62, subject to the availability of funds. The motion carried 4-0, all members voting “Aye.”

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

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 7:43 PM.

Andrew Bahmueller, Chair