

Kutztown Transportation Authority
45 Railroad Street
Kutztown, PA 19530
Minutes of February 22, 2024

A regular meeting of the Kutztown Transportation Authority was held on February 22, 2024.

Mr. James Schlegel, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Mr. James Schlegel, Mr. Andy Schlegel, Mr. Enos Bleiler, Mr. Ronald Angstadt, and Mr. Keith Wuchter. Also in attendance: Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Authority Manager/Assistant, Treasurer; Ms. Jill Remick, Recording Secretary. Public Attendance: Mr. Mike Bast representing Allentown & Auburn Railroad Co., Duane Engle and Steve Gilbert representing the Reading Co. Technical and Historical Society.

Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of the November 16, 2023 meeting. Motion by Mr. Andy Schlegel and seconded by Mr. Angstadt to approve the November 16, 2023 minutes as written. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

Authority members and Mr. Khalife discussed a proposal for the KTA to accept a rare train car from SEPTA. The car would be donated to the KTA who would then donate or lease the car to the Reading Co. Technical and Historical Society. Motion by Mr. Andy Schlegel and seconded by Mr. Bleiler for KTA to accept the silver liner rail car from SEPTA, which will be donated or leased to the Reading Co. Technical and Historical Society, contingent upon all the legal specifics are handled and there will be no expenses incurred by the KTA/BOK for this transaction. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

Mr. Jim Schlegel noted the Authority needs to select officers for 2024. Motion by Mr. Ron Angstadt and seconded by Mr. Andy Schlegel to elect Mr. Jim Schlegel as Chairman, Mr. Andy Schlegel as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Keith Wuchter as Treasurer and Mr. Ron Angstadt as Secretary. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Review of Financial Statements

Mr. Khalife reviewed the financial statements with Authority members.

Correspondence

None

Receipts

- Mr. Elmer Zimmerman - \$300.00
 - Allentown and Auburn - \$4,034.00 for freight movements
- A check for the passenger rides will be forwarded at a later date.

Payment of Bills

None

Operators Report

Mr. Bast reported that 64 cars transported clay and items for the foundry between March 2023 through January 2024.

Topton Site Report

Motion by Mr. Bleiler and seconded by Mr. Wuchter to allow Allentown and Auburn to install a new floor at the Topton site in lieu of rent. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

- **Review/Take Action on Revision of Fees Associated with Right-Of-Way Crossings, as outlined in the License Agreement.**

Mr. Khalife explained the revisions to Authority Members. Motion by Mr. Andy Schlegel and seconded by Mr. Angstadt to approve the revision of fees associated with Right-Of-Way Crossings, as outlined in the License Agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Off Agenda

On Thursday, July 25, 2024, Allentown and Auburn is offering a complimentary train ride to employees and their families.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Mr. Andy Schlegel and seconded by Mr. Ron Angstadt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 by Mr. Jim Schlegel, Chairman.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jill Remick

Recording Secretary