

**Kutztown Transportation Authority
45 Railroad Street
Kutztown, PA 19530
Minutes of July 28, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Kutztown Transportation Authority was held on July 28, 2022 at the Kutztown Municipal Building, 45 Railroad Street.

Mr. James Schlegel, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Mr. James Schlegel, Mr. Andy Schlegel, Mr. Tim Seyler, Mr. Keith Wuchter, and Mr. Enos Bleiler. Public attendance: Mr. Mike Bast representing Allentown & Auburn Railroad Co. and Stephanie Stewart representing New Enterprise.

Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of the February 23, 2022 meeting. Motion by Mr. Andy Schlegel and seconded by Mr. Keith Wuchter to approve the February 23, 2022 minutes as written. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

Stephanie Stewart of New Enterprise stated they will make the following changes in order to improve water runoff from their property onto the KTA right of way. The yard will be graded from the Hinterleiter crossing past Faddis Plant and onto the old quarry. New Enterprise will fill the throat of the existing sinkhole and will re-vegetate the area. Mike Bast from Allentown & Auburn noted that the situation has gotten worse. Track maintenance is a priority, considering passenger service, and that it needs to be fixed. The general feeling is that New Enterprise will be cooperative.

New Business

- **Review 2021 Audit**

Motion by Mr. Keith Wuchter and seconded by Mr. Andy Schlegel to pass the audit on to Borough Council.

- **Renewal of Operators Agreement**

Request was made as per the existing agreement by Allentown & Auburn to renew the lease for the rail line. As per the existing agreement Allentown & Auburn has given their requests 6 months prior to expiration. They wish to extend as per the existing agreement by 3 years the existing lease under the current terms. The motion was made to extend the operations agreement by Mr. Andy Schlegel and seconded by Mr. Enos Bleiler. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Financial Statements

Members of the KTA reviewed the provided financial statements and had no questions or comments.

Correspondence

None

Receipts

It was noted that the following payments were received since the February 23, 2022 meeting:

Crown Castle - R-O-W Crossing, \$150.00

FirstEnergy - R-O-W Crossing, \$148.00

Buckeye Partners - R-O-W Crossing, \$500.00

Payment of Bills

Allen Keller \$7,000.00

RR Ties

21st Century Media \$145.50

Advertisement for 2021 Audit (Completed)

Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh, P.C \$1,210.00

Payment for 2021 Audit

Motion by Mr. Enos Bleiler and seconded by Mr. Andy Schlegel to ratify the payment of bills and necessary transfer of funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Operators Report

Mr. Mike Bast reported that the bridge that used to cross over the top of Robin Lane has been removed. The ties discussed at previous meetings have been received. There has been additional track work done on the top and end of the line. Cars have been moved in for the foundry and the foundry paid for maintenance on two switches which was performed by W E Yoder. The KTA appreciates Kutztown Foundry having done this and their ongoing cooperation. In addition it was noted that the foundry also did some brush hogging for us at no charge.

Topton Site Report

None

Old Business

We were informed by the Maxatawny Township Roadmaster that they are hoping to do some work on Kohler Road and involves upgrading, if we choose, of both the Kohler Road crossing one and Kohler Road crossing two which is commonly referred to Schwoyers Crossing. The KTA will be represented by Tim Seyler at the next meeting of the Kutztown Public Works Committee. The request will be to have Borough Superintendent Brian Bailey work with KTA and Maxatawny Township Roadmaster to discuss updating these crossings. Motion was made to have the Borough Superintendent keep KTA informed of his talks with the township roadmaster and let us know when we can all meet. Assuming there are no objections from KTA members, action will be taken at the October meeting to ratify.

Off Agenda

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Mr. Enos Bleiler and seconded by Mr. Keith Wuchter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at p.m. by Mr. Jim Schlegel, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Remick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jill Remick, Recording Secretary