

Kutztown Transportation Authority
45 Railroad Street
Kutztown, PA 19530
Minutes of July 25, 2024

A regular meeting of the Kutztown Transportation Authority was held on July 25, 2024.

Mr. James Schlegel, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. Members present were Mr. James Schlegel, Mr. Andy Schlegel, Mr. Ronald Angstadt, and Mr. Keith Wuchter. Also in attendance: Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Authority Manager/Assistant, Treasurer. Public Attendance: Mr. Mike Bast representing Allentown & Auburn Railroad Co.

Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2024 meeting. Motion by Mr. Andy Schlegel and seconded by Mr. Angstadt to approve the February 22, 2024 minutes as written. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

There were no public comments to report.

New Business

The 2023 audit is available in draft form. The Transportation Authority is behind in net from last year. A motion was made by Mr. Wuchter to accept the audit in draft form and seconded by Mr. Andy Schlegel. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

The increase of railroad crossing fees was discussed, with Buckeye cost increasing to \$650, and a nominal increase every 3 years. Crown Castle would like to buy us out for a permanent agreement. Mr. Angstadt made a motion to continue to bill Crown Castle and First Energy at the current rates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Schlegel, and passed by unanimous vote.

Review of Financial Statements

Mr. Khalife reviewed the financial statements with Authority members.

Correspondence

None

Receipts

- \$12,185.87 for passenger train rides for 2023

Payment of Bills

Annual Audit Fee – MVA Tax & Advisors \$1,325.00

Barley Snyder LLP – Right of Way Agreements - \$400.00

A motion was made by Mr. Andy Schlegel to ratify payment of the audit fee bill and seconded by Mr. Wuchter. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Operators Report

Mr. Bast reported that cars transporting clay and items for the foundry continue through current. Cars transporting soybeans will also be added by Norfolk Southern. Passenger trains will continue through the end of 2024. Railroad ties were installed, and more still need to be installed. Painting inside the station will be finished by the end of July, 2024.

Topton Site Report

New door frame and doors have been ordered. A new awning was discussed to help preserve the doors going forward.

Old Business**Off Agenda**

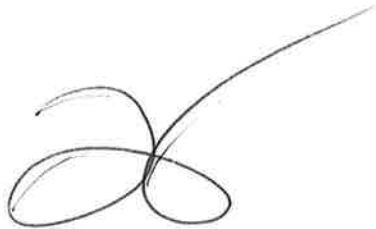
Mr. Bast requested the terms of the lease for Allentown and Auburn Be extended from 3 years to a 25-year term. A motion was made by Mr. Andy Schlegel to approve Mr. Bast's request and seconded by Mr. Angstadt. The motion was passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Khalife will ask Mr. Keith Mooney to draft a 25-year non-renewable lease agreement.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Mr. Andy Schlegel and seconded by Mr. Keith Wuchter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 by Mr. Jim Schlegel, Chairman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Hermany

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