

**Military Installation Remediation and  
Infrastructure Authority (“MIRIA”)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2022**

In attendance:

BOARD:

Todd Stephens, Chair  
W. William Whiteside, Vice Chair (absent)  
Thomas Panzer, Secretary  
Theresa Harmon, Treasurer (virtually)  
Tara Conner-Hallston  
Scott DeRosa  
Gregory Nesbitt

STAFF:

Larry Burns, Executive Director  
William Gildea-Walker, Deputy  
Director  
Mary Eberle, Esq., Solicitor

Mr. Stephen opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 am in the Horsham Township Municipal Building at 1025 Horsham Road.

Mr. Stephens asked if there were any question or comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Stephens asked for the will of the board regarding the September 2, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Nesbitt motioned to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2022 board meeting. Ms. Conner-Hallston seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens noted Mr. Joe Heffernan’s arrival and invited any comments he might have. Mr. Heffernan confirmed he had no comments or questions.

Mr. Stephens invited Mr. Burns to make his Executive Directors report. Mr. Burns confirmed that As we discussed at the last board meeting, the reporting cycle for MIRIA closed on September 1<sup>st</sup> at mid-night. That we are very pleased with a 96% compliance rate of business and parcel owners and a 43% rate for construction contractors in the zone, though we remain optimistic that compliance with construction contractors may be improved upon in the next cycle. Mr. Burns noted that the MIRIA had closed on the purchase of 100 Easton Road and September 14<sup>th</sup>. While there are no immediate plans for the property, staff will begin planning efforts for how we will be decommissioning the property. With the purchase of this property, it has depleted the available project funds. From the 2020 cycle, there remains about \$1.13 million in the bank, as Horsham Water & Sewer and Horsham Township have not fully drawn their 2020 grant funding.

Extension on those grants have been done. Additionally, there remains about \$166,000 in 2020 project funding that has not been expended, though the remaining funds are allocated to the GrandMa's Grotto property project costs, which include the costs of situating a traffic light at the intersection. In addition, regarding the 2021 cycle, there remains about \$12.5 million in grants which have not yet been funded at this time. Upper Southampton Municipal Authority has fully funded their project, though all other grant applicants have balances of grant funding available. After the purchase of 100 Easton Road, there is about \$468,000 in project funding that is available and has also been allocated to fund the GrandMa's Grotto project and traffic light. Regarding that project, the PennDOT application is ongoing, and should be submitted late October or early November. Mr. Burns confirmed he did have a call later that afternoon with Stephanie Zamorski of the Navy, regarding buttoning-down the easement required for the project on Navy property. Gilmore & Associates, the engineer for the project, have indicated that if the executed easement is available at the application submission, that the PennDOT process would be easier. Mr. Burns also confirmed that the MIRIA Interim Report is at the printers, and he is hopeful to have it mailed in mail boxes the last week of October. He reminded that an Interim Report and an Annual Report are done each year and mailed to all Horsham residents and businesses. He noted that regarding recently approved MIRIA Quick Response Grants, that there have been "big check" presentations in recent weeks to North Wales Water, Horsham Township and Horsham Water & Sewer Authority. Additionally, there also recently was a MIRIA Clean Water Corporate Partner plaque presentation at Select Soccer. He reminded the board that on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a "big check" presentation at Warminster Municipal Authority and another one at Ambler Borough on October 18<sup>th</sup>. He concluded and asked if there were any questions of the board? There were none.

Mr. Stephens noted the next agenda item was the approval of the list of checks dated September 14<sup>th</sup>, and noted the list only had 1 check. Mr. Burns interjected that that was the check the board had been advised would be written to settle the 100 Easton Road property, and that a ratification of the check in the amount of \$845,836.95. Ms. Conner-Hallston motioned to ratify the list of checks dated September 14, 2022 in the amount of \$845,836.95 authorized to fund closing costs related to the purchase and acquisition costs of 100 Easton Road property. Mr. Nesbitt seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens moved on to the approval of the list of checks dated October 7, 2022 in the amount of \$451,904.74. Mr. Burns noted that the list of checks this morning is more lengthy than the list sent out to the board on Wednesday, as yesterday he realized that Gilmore & Associates billings were going to his spam folder. He found 2 billings and added them to the list of checks and they are shown as check numbers 1270 and 1271. Mr. Stephens asked then if the total of checks in the amount of \$451,904.74 was accurate? Mr. Burns answered yes. Mr. Panzer motioned for approval of the list of checks in the amount of \$451,904.74 for payment of MIRIA operational expenses, MIRIA project costs and to fund MIRIA 2021 Grant disbursement #2 in the amount of

\$399,578.61 to North Wales Water Authority. Mr. Nesbitt seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeRosa arrived at this time.

Mr. Stephens inquired whether there was any new business to be considered? Mr. Burns confirmed there was none.

With no other business, Mr. Stephens reminded the next MIRIA board meeting was scheduled for Friday November 4th at 9:00 am here at the Horsham Township building. He then adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:09 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary