

**Military Installation Remediation and
Infrastructure Authority (“MIRIA”)
Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2024**

In attendance:

BOARD:

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

STAFF:

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

Mr. Whiteside opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 am in the Horsham Township Municipal Building at 1025 Horsham Road. He noted that an Executive Session of the board had met to discuss real estate matters just before this meeting.

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

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board regarding the September 6, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve the minutes to the September 6th board meeting. Ms. Conner-Hallston seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside invited Mr. Burns to speak regarding the Executive Directors report. Mr. Burns confirmed that the West Moreland Avenue project is proceeding. Scott Contractors yesterday and today have milled the project area and doing final repaving. Sections of Moreland Avenue have been closed but this has not impacted Hallowell Elementary School as the district is closed for Rosh Hashanah. Regarding 248 and 258 Easton Road, Mr. Burns said the properties are ready for demolition and he expects the contractor to mobilize in the coming few days and expects both buildings to be down within a matter of weeks.

Mr. Burns noted that usually in October, grant applications are reviewed for a second time, and he will start writing the analysis for the December meeting. He reminded that applications can be amended up until December 1, so usually those analysis are not finalized until early December. He indicated that that was the extent of his comments for today’s meeting, though offered to answer any questions the board might have. Mr. Whiteside asked when should we expect the traffic control signals to be installed and the road re-striped? Mr. Burns indicated that temporary stripping should be occurring after final paving, though the poles for the traffic control signals

are not expected to be shipped until early November. Given that, he was not sure whether that meant a December install or one in the first quarter of 2025. He confirmed the control box for that intersection was delivered on-site, but reminded the board that as part of installing the new light, that 6 other control boxes in the vicinity had to be upgraded as part of this project. Mr. Whiteside asked that the striping is going to be sooner than later? Mr. Burns responded that he was aware that temporary striping was being done with the finished paving, but wasn't sure if new striping would be done once the poles were in. Mr. Whiteside said he thought the intersection looks great, but without striping the intersection looks awkward. He suggested a little new striping might help. Mr. Burns noted the right-hand turn lane does make the intersection feel a little off-kilter. Mr. Whiteside commented that when heading south, a car needs to extend beyond the left-hand turn striping for the old intersection, and it just feels wrong. Mr. Burns agreed to talk with our transportation engineer and get a better handle on the intersection striping, and email the board.

Mr. Whiteside noted the next agenda item was bills and communications. Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board regarding the approval of the October 4, 2024 list of checks. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve the October 4, 2024 list of checks to be paid from the MIRIA Operating Account in the amount of \$1,072,432.09 to fund MIRIA operating expenses, MIRIA project costs and MIRIA grants disbursements to the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority, Horsham Township and Upper Southampton Municipal Authority. Ms. Conner-Hallston seconded. All were in favor and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside then asked for the will of the board regarding the approval of the October 4, 2024 list of checks related to the shuttle bus operating account. Ms. Conner-Hallston motioned to approve the October 4, 2024 list of checks to be paid from the Shuttle Bus Operating Account in the amount of \$9,694.20 for September 2024 cost of service. Mr. DeRosa seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside noted under additional business was consideration of the resignation of MIRIA Board member and treasurer, Theresa Harmon. Mr. DeRosa motioned to accept the resignation of MIRIA board member and Treasurer Theresa Harmon due to her relocation out of the township, which has disqualified her from serving on the MIRIA board. Ms. Conner-Hallston seconded. Mr. Whiteside confirmed the vote was a rollcall vote.

Ms. Conner-Hallston – Aye

Mr. DeRosa – Aye

Mr. Stephens – Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside confirmed a second matter under additional business was the consideration of Resolution #2024-5, to approve and authorize condemnation or for staff to enter into an agreement of sale on one priority property for acquisition. Mr. Whiteside invited comment from Mr. Burns. Mr. Burns confirmed that this was the property discussed in the earlier Executive Session and that he expected that Mary Eberle our Solicitor and William Gildea-Walker, our township manager, would be active along with him in trying to negotiate a final agreement of sale on the underlying property. Mr. Conner-Halston asked is this the Norristown Road property. Mr. Burns said correct. She asked whether we'd be moving along with it or does it still have to come back to the board? Ms. Eberly interjected that she thought the discussion in executive session permitted staff to move the process along and that by email, the board would be advised of our progress and outcome and afforded the opportunity to comment, though we did not plan on waiting another 30 days to the next board regarding the matter. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve Resolution # 2024-5 to approve and authorize condemnation or for staff to enter into an agreement of sale on a priority property for acquisition. Ms. Conner-Hallston seconded. Mr. Whiteside confirmed the vote was a rollcall vote.

Ms. Conner-Hallston – Aye

Mr. DeRosa – Aye

Mr. Stephens – Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there was any additional business. There was none.

Mr. Whiteside confirmed the next meeting of the board would be on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 9:00 am here in the Horsham Township Building. With no other business, Mr. Whiteside adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:07 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary