

**Military Installation Remediation and
Infrastructure Authority (“MIRIA”)
Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2021**

In attendance:

BOARD:

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

STAFF:

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

Mr. Stephens opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 9:01 AM in the Horsham Township Municipal Building at 1025 Horsham Road.

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

Mr. Stephens asked for the will of the board regarding the September 3, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Nesbitt motioned to approve the minutes to the September 3rd board meeting. Mr. DeRosa seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens asked if the Executive Director had a report. Mr. Burns confirmed that the board had been hopeful to hear a report on the road network study, but circumstances will require that the report be available at the November board meeting. On the matter of compliance, Deana Zosky our compliance consultant confirms that of the 117 out of 122 parcel owners and businesses filed return information with the Department of Revenue providing a 96% compliance rate for the 2021 cycle. Of the 5 that did not participate, 4 were vacant properties and 1 was a business that had chosen not to comply this year or last. Mr. Burns indicated that staff has reviewed the draft recreational fields study and has a zoom meeting on October 13th with the vendor to discuss revisions and recommendations. Regarding the property at 986 Easton Road, staff continues efforts to take the building down as soon as possible. The asbestos abatement contractor will be on sight next week and the other hazmat contractor should be in in the next couple weeks to remove thermostats, light ballasts, etc. On the island project, we have reviewed bids on work and the project should be done before winter sets in.

Regarding MIRIA grants, there still remains substantial funds in the grant and project escrow account. In the coming days, consistent with grant guidelines, grant recipients will be asked to supply MIRIA with a progress report on grant funding and underlying projects, so that we will have an update in file on the 2020 grant cycle prior to awarding 2021 grants at our December board meeting. In connection with the 2021 budget, Mr. Burns confirmed at the last board meeting a revised budget was approved and there remains ample funds of about \$65,000 available to carry expenses through the end of the year. Mr. Burns confirmed later in the meeting he would be discussing design costs for a traffic light at Moreland Road and Easton Road. As the board might recall, it was decided not to move ahead with the 368 Easton Road purchase, and as a result, there remained about \$269,000 in economic development and infrastructure project funding that needed to be reallocated. He confirmed there would be some additional nominal costs incurred on the demolition of the 986 Easton Road property that have not been fully quantified. Mr. Burns confirmed the MIRIA Interim Report was in production with our communications consultant and that many of the board had seen various pieces of it. He expected the Interim Report to be in mail boxes the week of October 18th or at the latest the 25th. He concluded the Executive Directors report and asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

Mr. Stephens referred to the next agenda item and asked for the will of the board regarding the approval of the list of checks dated October 1, 2021. Mr. Whiteside motioned for approval of the list of checks issued and dated October 1, 2021 in the amount of \$18,010.78 for payment of MIRIA operating expenses and for funding of MIRIA project costs. Mr. DeRosa seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens indicated the next agenda was new business and invited Mr. Burns to discuss the traffic light project. Mr. Burns indicated there was a memo in the board package discussing the subject and reminded the board that at the December 2020 Executive Session of the board that the 986 Easton Road property was prioritized to purchase specifically to situate a traffic control signal at an intersection that has been consider a dangerous one, where individuals have died there in past years. Given that we have economic development and infrastructure funding that is not yet allocated, staff has recommended accelerating the design process and using 2020 cycle funding for that purpose. MIRIA will need to work in tandem with Horsham Township for this project and staff has discussed the design with Gilmore & Associates, the township's engineer. They have provided MIRIA a quote for the system design, not to exceed \$60,000.00 and staff would recommend that we move the project ahead. Mr. Stephens noted to clarify, that the funding had been allocated but given we chose not to move forward with the one property acquisition, that funding now has to be reallocated. Mr. Burns confirmed that yes, that was the case. Mr. Stephens asked if there was a motion? Ms. Harmon motioned to approve and authorize MIRIA staff to engage Horsham Township's engineer Gilmore & Associates to design traffic control systems for the intersection of Moreland Road and Easton Road with a project cost

not to exceed \$60,000.00. Mr. Stephens inquired if it was Moreland Road or Moreland Avenue and Mr. Gildea-Walker noted it was Moreland Avenue and the in Upper Moreland it is Moreland Road. Mr. Whiteside seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens asked if anyone had any additional business? There was none.

Mr. Stephens reminded all that the next MIRIA board meeting was to be held on Friday, November 5th, 2021 at 9:00 am at the Horsham Township Municipal Building.

With no other business, Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:09 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary