

**Military Installation Remediation and
Infrastructure Authority (“MIRIA”)
Board Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2022**

In attendance:

BOARD:

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

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 9:00 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 no comments from the public. Mr. Gildea-Walker made note that Horsham Township is updating our comprehensive plan and are announcing it at all related township meeting. We are in need participation of an online survey at the township’s website. We have 500 participants but are looking to have at least 1,000 participants by the end of the summer or early fall, and encouraged the board to spread the word. Mr. Stephens confirmed a link to the survey could be found at www.Horsham.org and encouraged all to participate.

Mr. Stephens asked for the will of the board regarding the June 3, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Stephens noted an error in the minutes and with the appropriate changed asked for a motion. Mr. Whiteside motioned to approve the minutes of the June 3rd, 2022 board meeting. Ms. Harmon seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens invited Mr. Burns to make his Executive Directors report. Mr. Burns noted on the list of checks, there were two checks to North Wales Water Authority that represent amounts for the Dresher and Horsham Road Island project. He confirmed the project went over budget as MIRIA had budgeted \$20,000.00 for the project, and the actual cost was about \$33,544.00. There were a myriad of issues with the project as we were required to sub-contract the work through Horsham Water and Sewer Authority who was then required to subcontract the work with North Wales Water Authority on the installation of piping to each island for water service. North Wales

Water did have issues finding and accessing the mains in the street, causing costs to exceed original estimates. At the GrandMa's Grotto property, a survey team was out at the property on May 31st and we are hopeful to soon see the full survey description and documentation shortly, and once in hand, we may continue conversations with the Navy regarding the necessary easement for the project and to further our submission to PennDOT regarding the traffic light and the associated infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Burns confirmed that the MIRIA Zone reporting period opens today, July 1st and that he had had conversations with the authority's compliance consultant regarding 2022 cycle reporting. Mr. Burns indicated he was hopeful at the August board meeting to address Quick Response Grants for this cycle. Of the 7 grant applications received, 6 requested Quick Response Grants. Also, Mr. Burns noted that he had received amended applications for North Wales Water Authority and the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority. He noted that the original applications were made on the basis of a 4-times multiple and in recent weeks, he had encouraged them both to review their applications in an effort to push the requested grant multiple higher.

Mr. Burns reviewed past cycle programs and noted that for the 2020 cycle that Horsham Township and Horsham Water and Sewer Authority still have undisbursed grant moneys available which at this time, are required to be spent by the end of the year. Additionally, there remains about \$187,000 in unexpended project costs which are allocated to the GrandMa's Grotto property and the traffic light project. Of the 2021 cycle, we have had a couple initial disbursements on 2021 grants as the board has approved in past meetings and at this date, have not expended any of the \$1.366 million that has been allocated for projects. Mr. Burns concluded as asked if there were any questions. Mr. Stephens thanked Mr. Burns and asked if there has been any progress in moving the traffic light approvals along? Mr. Burns confirmed that we are waiting on the survey documents and once they are available, that those documents would allow Gilmore to complete the PennDOT application for the traffic light and that it would also allow us to take the next step with the Navy toward finalizing an easement with them. He hoped to make significant progress in the next 90 days and our engineers believe that we should be able to go out for bid on the project next spring.

Mr. Stephens made note that there was a bill moving through the house this week and over in the senate, a capital highway bill. It doesn't allocate any funds but does afford in the future projects may be included on the PennDOT TIP. With Mr. Burns and Mr. Gildea-Walker's help, we provided language to hopefully include some funding for the Norristown Road extension project, so it may be potentially eligible for state funding in the future.

Mr. Stephens noted the next agenda item was the approval of the list of checks. Ms. Harmon motioned for approval of the list of checks in the amount of \$44,985.11 to fund MIRIA operational and other expenses and MIRIA project costs. Mr. Panzer seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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

With no other business, Mr. Stephens reminded the next MIRIA board meeting was scheduled for Friday August 5th at 9:00am here at the Horsham Township building. He then adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:09 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary