

**HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY • April 20, 2022 • 3:30 PM**

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair  
Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair  
Eric Coombs  
Mark McCouch  
Joseph Wade

HLRA Staff

Michael J. McGee  
Tom Ames  
Larry Burns  
Michael Shinton  
Mary Eberle, Esquire  
William Gildea-Walker

Chairman Whiteside called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Building at 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham PA 19044 and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there were none.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding minutes of the HLRA meeting on January 19, 2022. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Ms. Furia, to approve the minutes for the January 19, 2022 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the Executive Director's Report.

Mr. McGee noted that the financial update had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting. He also noted that the audit report for 2021 had been advertised and a copy provided to each of the Board members. The audit report noted no findings and no recommended changes which was consistent with previous audits.

Mr. McGee advised the Board that HLRA operational funds are provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense's Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). At the current time, due to the efforts to restart negotiations with the Navy on the Economic Development Conveyance (EDC), the funds available to cover certain expenses are running short. HLRA staff is working closely with our OLDCC Project Manager on this issue; the recommended approach may be to end the current grant early and use all available funds to cover expenses. A new grant

would then be applied for, starting a month earlier than planned. Mr. McGee stated that he is confident that OLDCC will support us as they have in the past.

Mr. McGee also provided Board members with an update on the Navy's environmental efforts at the former base. The work associated with the landfill caps at Sites 3 and 12 is underway and is moving along; the contractor has removed trees and vegetation from the sites and the actual cap work is scheduled to start soon. He hoped that there would be an opportunity to have the Board members visit the sites after the cap was installed.

Mr. McGee noted that the next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting will be on May 19, 2022. It will be a virtual meeting but the RAB meetings scheduled for September and December will be held in person.

Mr. McGee updated the Board on the effort by the Air National Guard/Biddle Air National Guard Base to treat PFAS contaminated stormwater; over 55M gallons have been treated.

Mr. Whiteside and Ms. Furia asked questions relating to the Navy's groundwater pump and treat systems. Mr. McGee and Mr. Ames provided information on the Navy's pilot treatment plans which are being used to determine the best treatment methods; each plant is treating 20 gallons a minute (GPM). The 'final' treatment plant is current under design and is planned to treat up to 500 GPM. It will be located at the site of the former U.S. Army Reserve hangar along Horsham Road.

Mr. Whiteside asked Ms. Eberle for the Solicitor's Report. Ms. Eberle stated that she had provided information to the auditor concerning current Board liabilities (none) and that she also had been supporting the Board in general matters.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. Coombs, seconded by Mr. McCouch, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$51,509.07 covering the period January 20, 2022 to April 20, 2022. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside stated that under New Business, the Board will be asked to consider whether to authorize the HLRA staff to provide a letter to the Navy in support of an effort by Horsham Township and the Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority (MIRA) to site a traffic signal at the intersection of Easton and Moreland Roads. Mr. Whiteside asked Mr. McGee

for the background. Mr. McGee noted that a traffic signal at this intersection had been planned for and the PENNDOT permits applied for when the Navy was working on a new entrance to the base at this location. However, the work was never started due to the announcement in 2005 that the base was to be closed. The proposed light will greatly improve the safety of traffic along this stretch of Rt. 611 and will provide access for Tinius Olsen personnel to Easton Road at the light. Mr. Whiteside clarified that the purpose of the letter was to support MIRIA's request to place equipment on current Navy property and to add infrastructure to allow ingress and egress to the Tinius Olsen property. A motion to authorize the HLRA staff to provide a letter in support of Horsham Township and MIRIA's effort in this regard was made by Mr. Wade; it was seconded by Ms. Furia. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the HLRA Board would be meeting in Executive Session immediately following this meeting to discuss real estate issues.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on July 20, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



William Gildea-Walker  
HLRA Secretary