



***MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2010 BOARD MEETING***

- PRESENT:*** Acting Chairman, John Northrup, Pastor Seon Thompson, Paul Lutzenbacher, Mike Zelle, Richard Abrams, Paul D Newman, Sheldon Neeley.
- STAFF:*** Robert Foy, Judy Reynolds, Ed Benning, Lynn McLean, Ed Benning, Steve Hamelin.
Rebecca Peel.
- GUEST:*** Greg Mason, Mark Tucker, Warren Franklin, Gary Mitchell, Alde Lewis.
Barry Wolf.
- ABSENT:*** Commissioner Jamie Curtis, Gregory Easmon, Maxine Murray.

Chairman Northrup called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Comments of the Public: Mr. Alde Lewis Jr. 201 E. Hamilton, Flint, Michigan from the Marliz Group stated that he had proposed to be a sub-contractor for Garrison Company for the Flushing site and asked why he never received a call. Mr. Lewis said he was one of two DBE businesses that showed up for the bid conference. Mr. Lewis asked if Mass Transportation Authority follows the DBE guidelines.

Mr. Foy responded and read aloud from the Request for Proposal to all bidders that were sent to all the bidders. Mr. Foy stated that it is the goal for MTA is to have 10% participation of Minority DBE participation.

Mark Tucker from the Garrison Company responded and said that Mr. Lewis was not the lowest bidder for the work in question and that Garrison purchasing takes the lowest bid. Mr. Tucker said if he had anymore further questions Mr. Lewis could call him direct.

Mr. Wolf addressed three cases with the Board of Directors.

The first case regarding, Mr. Thomas Bell vs. MTA seeking first party and third party claims. Paul Newman moved, supported by Mr. Zelle to accept Mr. Wolf's recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The second case Mr. Wolf discussed with the Board of Directors regarding Ms. Strong vs. MTA seeking first party benefits.

Paul Newman moved, supported by Mr. Abrams to accept Mr. Wolf's recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The third case Mr. Wolf discussed with the Board of Directors regarding Ms. Capri vs. MTA seeking first party benefits.

Mr. Northrup moved acceptance of Mr. Wolf's recommendation, supported by Mr. Abrams. Motioned passed unanimously.

Mr. Newman suggested that Mr. Foy set up a meeting with Mr. Lewis regarding the bidding.

Minutes of the May 25, 2010 Finance Committee: Mr. Zelle moved, supported by Mr. Abrams to approve the May 27, 2010 Finance Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the May 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting: Mr. Abrams moved, supported by Mr. Zelle to approve minutes of May 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Resolutions:

Resolution #10-23 authorizing Robert J. Foy, General Manager to issue payment, in the amount of \$26,000.00, to the America Public Transportation Association (APTA), for annual membership dues for the period 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Resolution #10-24 authorizing Robert J. Foy, General Manager to issue payment, in the amount not to exceed \$44, 000.00, to enter into an extension of the agreement with Securitas Security Services, to provide Security Services, for the Period of June 1, 2010 through July 30, 2010, with no increase in rates.

Resolution #10-25 authorizing Robert J. Foy, General Manager to issue payment in the amount not to exceed \$1,613,400.00, to enter into an agreement with Garrison Company, for construction of the Flushing Service Center.

Mr. Abrams reported that Resolutions #10-23, 10-24, 10-25 have been reviewed, and would like a motion to accept the Resolutions. Mr. Newman moved, supported by Mr. Abrams to approve the Resolutions #10-23, 10-24, 10-25 Resolutions. Motioned passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report:

Mr. Newman asked Mr. Foy if he had anything additions to the report. Mr. Foy said that he did not have any new additions. Mr. Foy said that the General Manager's report will stand as written.

Mr. Foy spoke about the submission of six major Grant requests for a total of 70 million dollars. Mr. Foy said that we should have an answer in October 2010. Mr. Foy said he is looking forward to a positive result.

Mr. Foy said that MTA is going to move forward with the Diesel Hybrid, new Flyer bus.

Mr. Foy stated MTA will be moving forward with the complete program with the CNG Natural gas. Mr. Foy stated that the Federal Government would be giving us answer in October 2010 regarding the funding.

Chairman Newman ruled that the General Manager's Report has been received and filed.

Sweden trip on Bio-Gas Representation

Mr. Newman asked about the trip to Sweden and asked who represented the MTA at Sweden.

Mr. Foy responded and said that Mr. Hamelin went to Sweden and asked him to speak about the information he received when he traveled to Sweden.

Mr. Hamelin spoke about how the Swedish Government has implemented recycling in Sweden. Mr. Hamelin reported that Sweden has about 95 % of participation from the country. The country of Sweden produces enough bio-gas, that they can fuel 150 cars a day, plus provide community heating, electricity, based on the use of land fuel and waste from crops and grease from the restaurants. The first major product is bio-gas and the secondary product is the organic fertilizer that they use on the crops. Mr. Hamelin stated that the way recycling and Bio-gas works it's a revolving wheel.

The first segment consisted of re-working the world, this focused on social entrepreneurship and how to get the unemployment rate down and get the young people employed in Sweden. The second segment consisted of a Swedish Bio-gas tour. They have been doing it for 40-50 years, and know how to use the Bio-gas.

Mr. Abrams asked if this is methane gas they are using.

Mr. Hamelin responded and said yes they are using methane. There are two different processes on how the Methane is mixed. The first stage the Methane is 65% and 35 % Carbon Dioxide. Second stage is 98 % Methane; this is what they use for fuel for the buses.

Mr. Foy said that MTA will be the recipient of receiving local Bio-Gas.

Mr. Abrams asked what different types of crops does Sweden using for the Bio-fuel?

Mr. Hamelin responded and said that the country of Sweden uses Corn and Soybeans. They also have an agreement with the grocery stores and restaurants that any product isn't sold and needs to be disposed they can use this for bio-fuel.

May, 2010 Income/Expense Statement

Chairman Newman ruled that the May 2010 Income/Expense report Statement be received and filed.

May, 2010 Ridership Statistic Report

Chairman Newman ruled that the May 2010 Ridership Statistic Report be received and filed.

May, 2010 Complaint Statistic Report

Chairman Newman ruled that the May 2010 Ridership Statistic Report be received and filed.

May, 2010 Fixed Route Statistic Report

Chairman Newman ruled that the May 2010 Fixed Route Statistic Report be received and filed.

Comments of Board Members

Mr. Neeley asked which DBE was included in the Garrison contract in the provider of the contract.

Mr. Foy said that the A.R. Company was identified as a DBE.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 A.M.