



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2025
BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Luke Zelle, Scott Bennett, Nate Henry, James Avery, Candace Mushatt, Glenn Wilson, Tommie Johnson, Sharon Reeves (8:06am)

ABSENT: Charles Winfrey

GUESTS: Barry Wolf, Attorney

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Tim Ashley, Corwin Mathews, Ed Burger, Dennis McDonagh, Shawnee Dorsey, Elizabeth Davis, Patrick Tesler, Melinda Johnson, Traci Davis, Rod Evans, Michele Loper, Robert Ellsworth, Karl Petrich

Chairperson Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Comments of the Public

Ms. Kay Doerr, Mundy Township, spoke before board members regarding the proposed route for the Hill Road corridor, stating that she is in agreement with a route that accommodates all residents, giving better access to a broader area so that people are able to use facilities and businesses in that corridor.

Ms. Jennifer Stainton, Mundy Township, thanked Mr. Benning and MTA employees for working to make the Hill Road route accessible to everyone in the township. Ms. Stainton stated that several local businesses voiced the need for accessible transportation for work, students, and appointments.

Ms. Madyson Quick, Flint, stated that she participated in the MTA Fixed Route Study and is in support of the Hill/Torrey Roads route. Ms. Quick stated that plans for future route additions will be beneficial to the community.

Nate Henry moved acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Scott Bennett, motion approved unanimously.

Approval of the June 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Scott Bennett made a motion, supported by James Avery, to approve the June 26, 2025 meeting minutes; motion approved unanimously.

Scott Bennett made a motion to move agenda items Resolution #25-42 and #25-43 for discussion, supported by James Avery.

Resolution #25-42 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Midwest Bus Corporation, Owosso, MI, for the accident repair of Gillig Transit Bus #1241 at a firm fixed cost of \$157,398.00.

Resolution #25-43 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Midwest Bus Corporation, Owosso, MI, for the accident repair of Gillig Transit Bus #1235 at a firm fixed cost of \$142,053.00.

Ed Benning stated that staff has been working with Midwest Bus to repair both vehicles; Midwest does a great job repairing vehicles to get them back out on the road quickly.

Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Session - Attorney Barry Wolf

Attorney Wolf requested that the board meet in closed session to discuss two cases #23-118499-NI and #24-121501. Attorney Wolf stated that both cases are pending litigation and to discuss them publicly may affect MTA's ability to successfully settle the cases.

Scott Bennett made a motion, supported by Candace Mushatt, to move into Executive Session for the purpose as stated by Attorney Wolf.

Roll Call Vote:

Luke Zelley, Scott Bennett, Nate Henry, Tommie Johnson, Candace Mushatt, James Avery, Nate Henry, and Sharon Reeves voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Regular session suspended: 8:10 A.M.

Nate Henry made a motion, supported by Scott Bennett, to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular session reconvened at 8:40 A.M.

Attorney Wolf asked the board to approve the recommendation for cases #23-118499-NI and #24-121501 as presented and discussed in closed session.

Scott Bennett made a motion, supported by James Avery, to approve the recommendations made by Attorney Wolf. Motion was approved unanimously.

3rd Quarter Reports

The complaint and ridership reports were reviewed.

Comments of the Board

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 A.M.

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