



MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 BOARD MEETING
*(Under Executive Order No. 2020-75 COVID-19 by Governor Gretchen Whitmer,
Meeting was held via Open Voice Conference Call)*

PRESENT: Bryant Nolden, Chair, Luke Zelle (8:08), Joseph King, Scott Grossmeyer,
(BY ROLL CALL) Quincy Murphy, Cathy Lane, Tommie Johnson, Glenn Wilson (8:12), Herbert Winfrey

ABSENT: Ted Henry

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Rod Evans, Corwin Matthews, Ed Burger

Chairman Nolden called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

Comments of the Public

None

Approval of the August 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Murphy moved, supported by Mr. Winfrey, to approve the August 27, 2020 board meeting minutes. Roll call vote, eight (8) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the August 26, 2020 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. King moved, supported by Mr. Murphy, to approve the August 26, 2020 personnel committee meeting minutes. Roll call vote, eight (8) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #20-47 approving the Mass Transportation Authority's Revenue and Expense Budget for FY 2021.

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Grossmeyer, to approve Resolution #20-47. Roll call vote, eight (8) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #20-48 approving the Mass Transportation Authority's projected FY 2022 to FY 2026 Revenue and Expense Budgets.

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Murphy, to approve Resolution #20-48. Roll call vote; nine (9) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #20-49 authorizing the General Manager to enter into seven (7) one-year Maintenance agreements with Trapeze Software Group, for software programs utilized by the Fixed Routes and Your Ride divisions of the Mass Transportation Authority for a total not to exceed cost of \$184,204.00.

Mr. King moved, supported by Ms. Lane, to approve Resolution #20-49. Roll call vote, nine (9) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #20-50 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a thirty-six-month contract extension agreement with Ultimate Software Group, Inc. for licensing and maintenance services for the UltiPro cloud-based software solution for a total amount not to exceed \$152,793.00.

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Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. King, to approve Resolution #20-50. Roll call vote, nine (9) yeas, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #20-51 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Superior Lawn and Landscape for Snow & Ice Removal Services at nine MTA facility locations for the 2020/2021 winter season, at a total contract cost of \$141,370.00.

Mr. King moved, supported by Ms. Lane, to approve Resolution #20-51. Roll call vote, nine (9) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #20-52 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with A.J. Gallagher Risk Management Services (Grand Rapids, MI) for the purchase of a complete line of Comprehensive Insurance Coverage and Risk Management for a twelve-month period at a cost of \$994,225.00.

Ms. Lane stated the coverage change was discussed and approved for recommendation to the full board in the finance committee meeting.

Mr. Wilson moved, supported by Ms. Lane, to approve Resolution #20-52. Roll call vote, nine (9) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #20-53 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement on an “as needed basis” with Catalyst Healthcare Staffing Group to meet the fluctuating workforce demands in the COVID-19 pandemic era.

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Winfrey, to approve Resolution #20-53. Roll call vote, nine (9) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *General Manager’s Contract Renewal*

Resolution #20-54 authorizing the Employment Agreement between the Mass Transportation Authority and Edgar H. Benning for a period of 3 years with year one beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, year two beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 and year three beginning October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Mr. Benning made a request to the board to meet in closed session to discuss his evaluation and employment contract renewal.

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Ms. Johnson to move into Executive Session for the purpose as stated by Mr. Benning.

Roll Call Vote:

Bryant Nolden, Luke Zelle, Cathy Lane, Herbert Winfrey, Quincy Murphy, Joseph King, Glenn Wilson, Scott Grossmeyer, and Tommie Johnson voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Regular session of the MTA Board was suspended at 8:30 A.M.

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Wilson, to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously

Regular session of the MTA Board reconvened at 8:52 A.M.

Mr. Nolden asked for a motion on Resolution #20-54, approval of the employment agreement for Ed Benning. Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Winfrey, to approve Resolution #20-54. Roll call vote, nine (9) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

General Managers Report

Mr. Benning thanked the board for approving the renewal of his contract and expressed his appreciation to the board for their dedication to the MTA. Mr. Benning reported on the status of the current ridership, preparation for the upcoming MTA 50th anniversary, and the millage renewal in the city of Flint later next year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.
