

**MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

DECEMBER 1, 2022

(Approved January 25, 2023)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee (PMRPC) held a meeting via teleconference and in-person at Pottstown Borough Hall on December 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Douglass Township- Peter Hiryak
East Coventry Township- Larry Tietjen
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Tom Troutman
North Coventry Township –Bill Soumis, Jim Marks
New Hanover Township – Not represented
Pottstown Borough – Ryan Procsal
Upper Pottsgrove Township – David Waldt
West Pottsgrove Township – Howard Shawell
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Marley Bice

Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

Visitor(s): David Brown

1. Meeting Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Troutman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Troutman did a roll call and all municipalities were represented, except for New Hanover Township.

3. Review of the September 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Waldt moved to approve the September 28, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Review of 2023 Meeting Dates

Mr. Procsal moved to approve the 2023 PMRPC meeting dates, the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except for November and December when a joint meeting will be held December 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer’s Report – October and November

Mr. Tietjen moved to approve the October and November Treasurer’s Reports. Mr. Shawell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment: No public comment

7. Update: Regional Ambulance Authority

Ms. Bice shared an email correspondence from David Brown, Deputy Director EMS for the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, regarding the “EMS System Strategic Planning Study” funded by the Montgomery County Recovery Plan. The study will include

developing a strategic plan covering needed personnel levels, training, equipment, dispatch, deployment models, clinical excellence, medical direction, and a sustainable funding formula and process that addresses critical issues in the EMS system.

8. Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority

Ms. Bice noted that the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority has hired an interim Executive Director and a national consultant has been retained. Amtrak is currently running bus service between Reading, Pottstown, and Philadelphia. The committee is awaiting the application period for the Corridor ID Program to open and they are coordinating with legislative partners to identify and obtain potential funding for the upcoming study analysis.

9. Development of Regional Impact

Wawa – Lower Pottsgrove Township – proposed development of a 6,049 square foot Wawa Food Market and associated gas pumps at the intersection of Evergreen Road and Castle Road. The proposed development is adjacent to Sanatoga Green and Mr. Troutman noted that the developer is seeking a variance for the sidewalks. Mr. Waldt made a motion to have the PMRPC send a letter to Lower Pottsgrove Township with comment that it would be better to have more sidewalks on Castle Road and less on Evergreen Road. Mr. Hiryak seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Hiryak noted there is nothing additional to report for Douglass Township.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Tietjen noted the proposal for a liquid fertilizer storage facility but the application has been withdrawn.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that Spring Valley is complete and Sanatoga Green has finished 60 of the 131 homes and some of the apartments are completed. Sunnybrook has sold and the new owner will be opening a restaurant.

New Hanover Township

Not represented.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted there is nothing additional to report for North Coventry Township.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted the Dragon Boat event has been moved to Sunday.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Waldt noted there is nothing additional to report for Upper Pottsgrove Township.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Shawell noted there will be a tree lighting on Friday, December 2. Mr. Shawell noted a proposal for the land by Citadel submitted by Gambone. Angelo's Carpet Service is working on a drainage system.

11. School District Updates: No representatives present

12. MCPC Update

Ms. Bice noted the community survey for the Montco 2050 county comprehensive plan.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Tietjen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Shawell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bonnie L. Frisco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary