

**BERKS AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

DATE: August 19, 2015

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: BARTA  
1700 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
Reading, PA 19604

PURPOSE: Special Board Meeting

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt, Jayne Dieruff,  
Dennis Rex and Timothy Snyder

**Solicitor:** Jill E. Nagy, Summers Nagy Law Offices

**Staff:** David W. Kilmer, Robert Fletcher, Jeffrey Glisson, Laura Hopko,  
Melanie Heffner and Daniel Russell.

**Guests:** Mark Glatz – Easton Coach, William Frees and John Doerrman –  
Amalgamated Transit Union #1345, and Liam Migdail-Smith - Reading  
Eagle Company.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

3. Approval of Minutes of the July 15, 2015 Regular Public Meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Dieruff, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the Board approved the  
July 15, 2015 minutes.

4. Bills and Communications - None

5. Reports of Committees

A. Personnel Committee - No report

B. Operations Committee - No report

C. Finance Committee - No report

D. Marketing Committee - No report

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Resolution 5-15 Authorize Transfer of Capital Reserves to SCTA

Mr. Kilmer mentioned since SCTA is the designated recipient for all federal and state capital funds that require local match, this Resolution authorizes the transfer of existing capital reserves from BARTA to SCTA to ensure a local match is available for capital projects. These funds would only be used for capital projects relating to service in Reading. A similar Resolution will be on RRTA's Agenda for the September Board meeting for the transfer of capital reserves from RRTA to SCTA. Staff recommends approval.

Upon motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Rex, the Board approved Resolution 5-15 Authorize Transfer of Capital Reserves to SCTA.

B. Approval of Tentative Agreement with IAM

Mr. Kilmer mentioned staff has reached a tentative agreement with IAM #447 for a three year contract. A copy of the tentative agreement was included in the board packet. Items that were changed are probationary period, increase in wages over the three years, increase in tool allowance, change in the health care clause, changes on the progression rate, increase in life insurance, etc. Staff recommends the Board to ratify the agreement.

Upon motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Rex, the Board approved the Agreement with IAM.

C. Approval of Special Services Fare Increase.

Mr. Kilmer mentioned as part of the planned conversion to the new state shared ride software, Ecolane, the existing fares for Special Services needed to be converted from a zone based system to a mileage based system. A copy of the proposed fares was included in the packet. The BARTA Advisory Committee met on August 12, 2015 with no comments on the proposed increase. A Public Hearing was held on August 18, 2015 at 3:00p.m. at BARTA to receive public comment. Liam Migdail-Smith from the Reading Eagle was the only attendee. Staff recommends approval.

Upon motion by Mrs. Dieruff, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the Board approved the Special Services Fare Increase.

D. Approval of Change Order #1 – Seven Gillig Buses

Mr. Kilmer mentioned there are currently seven buses on order from Gillig that after review of the sales order will require additional funding. This Change

Order will include the price to pre-wire the buses for the new Avail System, add an additional security camera, and different bike rack from the base order and the additional CPI cost as included in the original contract with Gillig. The total amount is \$86,428 or \$12,246.86 per bus. There is available federal and state funding to cover this Change Order. Staff recommends approval.

Upon motion by Mr. Rex, seconded by Mrs. Dieruff, the Board approved the Change Order #1 for the Seven Gillig Buses.

E. Update of VF Park-n-Ride Services

Mr. Kilmer mentioned the Park-n-Ride Shuttle from VF to downtown Reading has been operating for about five weeks. A summary of ridership by week was included in the Board packet. To date, ridership has been extremely low averaging .63 passengers per trip. This service was added as an experiment to help with the expected traffic congestion from the closure of the Buttonwood Bridge. The Board initially authorized the service to operate for three months, but with the low ridership, staff is recommending that this service be discontinued at the end of August with the last day of operation on Friday, August 28, 2015. A press release will be sent out regarding the closing of this service.

Upon motion by Mr. Rex, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the Board approved to end the Park-n-Ride Shuttle from VF to Downtown effective Friday, August 28, 2015.

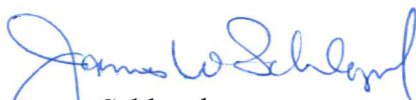
7. Public Comment

Commissioner Barnhardt informed the Board that Cumberland County folks will be coming to BARTA and RRTA on Friday for a tour of each facility.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Rex .

Respectfully submitted,

  
James Schlegel  
Secretary