

**BERKS AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

DATE: May 18, 2016

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: BARTA
45 Erick Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

PURPOSE: Regular Public Board Meeting

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt, Gail Landis, and Dennis Rex

Solicitor: No representation

Staff: David W. Kilmer, Jeffrey Glisson, Laura Hopko, and Melanie Heffner.

Guests: Jane Kochenash – Easton Coach, William Frees and John Doerrman – Amalgamated Transit Union #1345 and Valdis Lacis, Reading Eagle Company

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

3. Approval of Minutes of the February 17, 2016 Regular Public Meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Rex, seconded by Mr. Barnhardt, the Board approved the February 17, 2016 minutes as written.

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 2-16 Freezing Salaried Employees Pension Plan

Mr. Kilmer mentioned in February, the Board took action to begin the process of freezing the former BARTA employees' pension plan with PMRS. This second Resolution is the next step needed to actually freeze the Plan in accordance with the rules of PMRS and the IRS. Staff recommends approval.

Upon motion by Mr. Rex, seconded by Ms. Landis, the Board approved Resolution 1-16 Freezing Salaried Employees Pension Plan.

B. Resolution 3-16 Authorizing BARTA to Join the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative (PMHIC)

Mr. Kilmer mentioned this Resolution is required for BARTA to officially join the PMHIC health care consortium. BARTA has been participating in this consortium since January, 2016, but this formal Resolution is a required step by PMHIC. By participating in this consortium, any excess funds after all claims are paid after any shared claim fund payments will be returned to BARTA. This is a very similar arrangement to the Worker's Compensation and Liability Pools that BARTA is a member. Staff recommends approval.

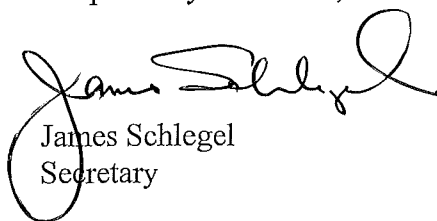
Upon motion by Mr. Rex, seconded by Ms. Landis, the Board approved Resolution 3-16 Authorizing BARTA to Join the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative (PMHIC).

7. Public Comment - None

8. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Rex, seconded by Ms. Landis.

Respectfully submitted,


James Schlegel
Secretary