

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)  
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Hackbarth, Vice-Chair Vagnozzi, Commissioners Deschaine and Hudson.

ABSENT: Commissioner Potter, Lovell and Kolbasa.

STAFF: Frank Walsh, Township Manager, Jerry Richards, Planning Commission Representative and Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development.

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Vagnozzi

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2019 as written.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Vagnozzi.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

## 4. Public Remarks

None

## 5. Communications

None

## 6. Commission Discussion

### A. Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Update

Chair Hackbarth welcomed Andrew Brieschke, Deputy CEO, CATA.

Mr. Brieschke provided the Commission with a packet of information on Redi-Ride service in the Township for August 27, 2018 to April 30, 2019. The information included passenger type, booking analysis, extended hours ridership and student ridership. (A copy of the information is on file.)

- Persons with disabilities make up the largest percentage of users.
- Small increase in Senior ridership and a small decrease in Youth ridership between April 2018 to April 2019.
- Total trips booked were 18,031.

- Canceled rides were the highest for the January time period. Believed due to weather.
- Less than 8 percent for no shows is positive.
- For extended hours Monday-Friday ridership is the highest in the morning.
- Total trips taken between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. was 1,192 vs 507 trips taken between 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- In the morning 598 trips were taken by students
- Possible change to the service is to start earlier in the morning
- Change to phone system to allow for call back feature instead of person waiting on hold
- Working on new bus shelter design
- New technology for real time dispatch, booking and location
- In 2019 15 small buses and 23 large buses will be purchased
- The Commission requested CATA to provide information on the following items:
  - Total number of Redi-Ride trips from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. by rider type
  - Ridership data for August 2018-April 2019 at the five extended locations
  - Ridership data for each school
  - Information showing rider type Monday-Friday for 7:30-9:00 a.m., 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 5:00-6:30 p.m. from August 2018-April 2019
  - Comparison of rider type and number of rides Meridian vs Delhi for 7:00-9:00 a.m. from August 2018-April 2019
  - Interest in starting service at 6:30 a.m. and ending service at 6:00 p.m.
  - Ridership for fixed routes in the Township
  - Busiest bus stops for fixed routes in the Township

#### B. Redi-Ride Millage Renewal

- Township Board on May 9, 2019 approved the ballot language to renew the Redi-Ride millage at 0.1983 mill for 5 years, 2020 through 2024. (A copy of the resolution is on file.)

#### C. Redi-Ride Service Agreement

- Township Board on May 9, 2019 authorized the Township Supervisor and Township Manager to sign the Service Agreement with CATA. The CATA Board of Directors on May 15, 2019 authorized signing the Service Agreement. (A copy of the signed Service Agreement is on file.)

#### D. Street Improvement Bond Proposal

- Township Board on May 9, 2019 approved ballot language to borrow the principal amount not to exceed \$35,250,000 and issue bonds to finance the acquisition and construction of local street improvement projects. (A copy of the resolution is on file.) The Township

Board also approved at its meeting on May 21, 2019 not to levy the current .2479 Road Millage from 2020-2023 if the road bond was approved by the voters on August 6, 2019.

7. Commission Comments

None

8. Next Meeting Dates

Transportation Commission's next meeting is June 27, 2019 at the Central Fire Station Community Room. Township Board's next meeting is June 4, 2019.

9. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Deschaine moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Vagnozzi

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.