

North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA)
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2017, 4:30 p.m.
Addison Township
1440 Rochester Road, Leonard

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair Chris Barnett at 4:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Present

Bruce Pearson
Lori Fisher
Margaret Payne
Chris Barnett
Cathy Alvis
Ken VanPortfliet
Brenda Wilson
Mike McDonald
Susan Bossardet

Representing

Addison Township
Addison Township
Oxford Township
Orion Township
At Large MORC
Village of Lake Orion
TTI
Village of Leonard
Village of Oxford

Absent:

Bill Dunn, Chair
Ron Flood
Roberta Habowski
Eric Wilson (non-voting)
James Barnhart (non-voting)

Oxford Township
Orion Township
AAA 1(B)
At Large
At Large

Others Present:

Lynn Gustafson and CJ Carnacchio

Respects to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Agenda Approval

Moved by Lori Fisher, seconded by Susan Bossardet, to approve the agenda as presented. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval

The minutes for the January 19, 2017 meeting were presented.

Moved by Margaret Payne, seconded by Lori Fisher, to approve the minutes for January 19 as presented. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

NOTA Director Lynn Gustafson presented her report. Chris Barnett suggested other options to sell the vehicles could be used in order to get the most in the sale.

Public Comment -.None

Approval of the Bills

A listing of bills for January was presented totaling \$43,326.86.

Moved by Ken VanPortfliet, seconded by Lori Fisher, to approve the bills of \$43,326.86 as presented. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Financial Packet

The monthly financial statements were presented. **Moved by Lori Fisher**, seconded by Ken VanPortfliet, to receive and file the financial reports. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Act 96 Authority

Articles of Incorporation for NOTA to become an Act 196 Authority were presented. As an Act 196 Authority the voting of property tax millages would be based on the entire combined service area rather than each community being required to pass the millage.

The Articles will need to be approved by the NOTA board and then by the participating townships and villages.

Chris Barnett thinks it's a good thing for NOTA to become an Authority which gives NOTA stability. Mike McDonald thinks the description of the authority powers of the board is too broad and should be restricted to not allow other services. Brenda Wilson said its important to keep NOTA's options open to allow for future changes. Mike McDonald suggested changing the voting rules to a super majority vote for changing the type of service. Lori Fisher said the demographics for Addison and Leonard are different from Oxford and Orion and they are concerned they wouldn't have the majority vote with 3 members. Bruce Pearson is concerned with the RTA coming back in 2 years and the possibility of being over taxed. Chris Barnett thinks we should not change the articles but keep it as it is. Sue Bossardet is concerned with the RTA also and thinks a super majority vote is a good idea and should keep to its current service. Bruce Pearson wants to table the Authority Act 196 issue for 2 years to see what happens with the RTA millage. Brenda Wilson thinks the board should be working together for the greater good. Mike McDonald said he strongly supports NOTA but language is important but it will be resolved and we will work together. **Moved by Bruce Pearson**, seconded by Lori Fisher, to table the Authority 196 decision until February 2019.

Ayes: Lori Fisher, Mike McDonald, Bruce Pearson, Susan Bossardet, Ken VanPortfliet

Nayes: Margaret Payne, Chris Barnett, Cathy Alvis, Brenda Wilson

The motion passed on a roll call vote 5-4.

New Business - none

Public Comments - none

Monthly Rider and Mileage Reports

Moved by Ken VanPortfliet, seconded by Mike McDonald, to receive and file the reports. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments

Adjournment

Moved by Ken VanPortfliet, seconded by Mike McDonald, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. By voice the motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is Thursday, March 16 at 4:30 pm at the NOTA Offices

Minutes initially drafted by Lynn Gustafson