

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF AUTHORITY
County of Lackawanna Transit System
February 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the County of Lackawanna Transit System Authority was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the Lackawanna Transit Center.

Present were:	Martha Dougher	Larry Wynne
	Brian Doughton	Michael Dougherty
	Atty. Timothy Hinton	Atty. Joseph DeNaples
	Robert Fiume	Jane Farrell
	Robert Lesh	Gretchen Wintermantel

Mr. Larry Wynne opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Wynne added that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Wynne requested a roll call of the board members. Larry Wynne, Michael Dougherty, Brian Doughton and Martha Dougher were present. Gregg Nieto was excused.

Acceptance of Minutes

Mr. Wynne requested a motion to approve the January 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Martha Dougher made a motion to accept the minutes and Michael Dougherty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Acceptance of Financial Documents

Mr. Wynne requested a motion to approve the Financial Statements for December 2018. Michael Dougherty made a motion to accept the financial documents and Brian Doughton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comment/Agenda Items

Mr. Wynne welcomed comments from the public regarding agenda items; there were none.

Executive Director's Report

- A. Mr. Robert Fiume presented the ridership reports for the month of January 2019 for fixed route. The fixed route average daily ridership for January 2019 was 2,917; which was about even with January 2018 and down approximately 150 trips from December 2018. Mr. Fiume felt the weather would cause the decrease.

- B. Mr. Fiume presented the ridership reports for the month of January 2019 for shared ride. The average daily trips for shared ride in January 2019 was 383 trips; which was about even with January 2018 but down a little from December 2018. Mr. Fiume felt the decrease was due to inclement weather.

- C. Mr. Fiume requested a motion to enter into an agreement with the Times-Tribune for advertising. This will be the third year renewing the agreement with them. The cost for the year is \$14,300. Martha Dougher made the motion and Brian Doughton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- D. Mr. Fiume requested a motion to rescind the changes to the pension plan document that were approved at the December 2018 Board Meeting. Attorney Timothy Hinton explained that, it is not only to rescind the amendment but, also to revised it. The reason they are doing it is because of a clause in the document that said, the union would have to consent to any changes in the document. Atty. Hinton stated that the union did not consent to the changes we wanted. The existing document states that the ATU gets to appoint two members to the pension committee. We wanted to change it to the employer appointing the members. One from the ATU and one from administration. The ATU would not consent to that so we are going back to the way it was. The amendment to the document was a two-year term with the ATU consent. Mr. Fiume stated that, because it wasn't on the agenda, the public can offer comments before it is voted on. Gretchen Wintermantel asked about a representative from administration. Atty. Hinton stated that the majority of the participants are ATU members and he didn't feel that they would give up their two seats. He thought it would be a good idea to have 5 members on the committee and bring in someone from administration but, we would need the consent from ATU. Michael Dougherty thought it would be a good idea to have administration represented. Larry Wynne made a motion to rescind the amendments made in December 2018 and revise section 8.2 of the pension document. Michael Dougherty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- E. Mr. Fiume requested a motion to rescind the COLTS participation in the Governmental Cooperation Agreement with Lackawanna County regarding the Human Resources position. The Agreement was executed by Larry Wynne on December 18, 2019. Mr. Fiume stated that public comment can be made for this item. There were no public comments. Attorney Joseph DeNaples offered a suggestion to send a confirmatory letter to the County because they have a signed agreement. Brian Doughton made a motion and Martha Dougher seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comment

Mr. Wynne welcomed comments from the public regarding other business; there were none.

Brian Doughton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Michael Dougherty seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by:
Jane Farrell, Executive Assistant