

Town and Country Transit Minutes

January 28, 2009
502^{PM}

An extra meeting of the Board of Directors of Mid-County Transit Authority dba Town and Country Transit was held January 21, 2009 in the Board Room at 220 North Grant Avenue, Kittanning, commencing at 502^{PM}. In attendance were Henry Mores, West Kittanning Borough; Hyatt Hawk, Manorville Borough; Charles Niceley, Applewold Borough; and Thomas Close, Kittanning Borough. Absent were Howard Jack, Manor Township; and representatives from East Franklin Township, Ford Cliff Borough and Ford City Borough. Also in attendance were Michael Johnston, TACT General Manager; Patti Lynn Baker, TACT Manager of HR/Finance; and Gerry Miller, TACT Manager of Operations.

There was no public to be heard.

The meeting was recessed to discuss personnel issues at 503^{PM}. The meeting resumed at 617^{PM}.

Mores read a letter from Johnston announcing his retirement, effective February 13, 2009. A motion to accept was made by Niceley, seconded by Close, and passed unanimously.

Patti Lynn Baker and Gerry Miller were asked by Mores on behalf of the Board if they were willing to divide Johnston's duties and function as co-managers. Baker and Miller agreed to do so. Additionally, the Board approved the hiring of a part-time clerical/support staff person.

Continued losses in the shared-ride program were discussed. Under a motion by Close, seconded by Niceley and approved unanimously, the Board approved retaining AAA sponsored shared-ride "medical" transportation, and offering twice-monthly shopping trips to those senior centers currently served provided a minimum number of trips could be guaranteed. All other shared-ride service to senior centers will be discontinued due to lack of ridership.

Miller is finalizing new bus routings and schedules reflecting cessation of service to Ford Cliff and Ford City. Miller explained how revised service would improve hourly service to major trip generators, with mid-day service to ACMH hospital to be operated on half-hour headways. The Board agreed that reduction of Saturday service to one bus was a more viable option than complete service elimination on weekends.

There was no new business to discuss.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, February 18, 2009. Niceley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hawk and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 627^{PM}.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Lynn Baker