MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1300 MCKEAN AVE
CHARLEROI, PA 15022
October 22, 2026
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman – 5:00 PM

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – Chairman

3. ROLL CALL – Secretary

   There being 14 members present at 5:00 PM, there was a quorum.

Members Present:	**Members Absent:**
Bernie Bandini	Frank Kennedy
Mark Boyle	
Ed Bryner	
Devin DeRienzo	
Diann Donaldson – Teams	
George Eckert	
William Furlong	
John Habel III	
Timothy Herd	
Cathy Martini	
Fred Naccarato	
Rik Pankiewicz	
Nancy Williamson	
Roderick Wilson	

   Coal Center, Fallowfield Township, Fayette City and New Eagle (awaiting member appointments). Belle Vernon and California (awaiting member swearing-in)

Staff Present:	**Others Present:**
Ashley Seman	Marc Roncone, MV Transportation
Nancy Basile	James Brown, MV Transportation
Aeriel Dochenetz	Blane Black, Solicitor
Stephanie Lee	Denise Stasko, Belle Vernon Borough
Michael Perry	

4. Chairman Eckert inquired if there were additions or corrections to the September 24, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes? Hearing none, Chairman Eckert asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2026, Board Meeting. Mr.

Bryner made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC FORUM
    a. Ms. Barndollar of North Charleroi inquired about rumors that MMVTA may eliminate stops in the North Charleroi area. Mrs. Lee clarified that the current route proposal for 2027 would provide service to North Charleroi Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rather than eliminating service entirely. Ms. Barndollar suggested considering alternative stops or service options, such as a deviated stop, and Mrs. Lee agreed that her suggestions could be included as public feedback. Mrs. Lee noted that the proposal remains subject to change based on public feedback and that comments are being accepted online through November 30, 2027, as part of the system-wide study at www.midmonmoves.com.
        i. Ms. Barndollar also inquired whether the lack of local match payments from North Charleroi Borough could affect service in the area. Mr. Boyle advised non-payment of local match funds can result in loss of service in the area and encouraged Ms. Barndollar to share her concerns regarding local match payments and loss of service with her borough officials and neighbors.
    b. Mr. Potter of North Belle Vernon said he hopes the new routes will be running by next year and that he'd like to see more routes added. Chairman Eckert acknowledged that the process takes time and noted it has already been underway for about 18 months. Mrs. Seman responded that work was continuing and encouraged patience with the process.

6. REPORT FROM THE CARRIER – MV Transportation, Inc., James Brown
    a. Mr. Brown reported on Average On-Time Performance for the month of September 2026 as follows: Average On-Time Performance was 94.00% with an average of 94.00% for 2026.
    b. Mr. Brown reported on fixed route service for the month of September 2026 as follows: Actual Vehicle Miles were 79,045.00; Revenue Vehicle miles were 66,375.00; Actual Vehicle Hours were 4,514.74; and Revenue Vehicle Hours were 3,988.28.
    c. Mr. Brown also reported for September 2026: 0 incidents without injury; 0 incidents with injury; 4 accidents without injury; and 0 accidents with injury. Mr. Brown stated that for September 2026 there were 0 security issues; 1 valid complaint; and 0 compliments.
    d. Mr. Brown also informed the Board that in September 2026 there were 4 road calls; 19,761.00 miles between road failures; 9 major mechanical failures; and 12 other mechanical failures.
    e. Mr. Brown provided an update on maintenance performance in September 2026 stating that there were no overdue class preventative maintenances or individual preventative maintenances.
    f. See **Attachment I.6** for further details, provided in the agenda packet.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
    a. Chairman Eckert reported that the proposed 2027 MMVTA Board Meeting dates had been distributed to all Board members for review and that the schedule would be presented for approval at the November Board Meeting.
    b. Chairman Eckert noted that the March 2027 Board Meeting and Board Training are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2027, which falls on Holy Thursday. He asked whether the proposed date presented any scheduling conflicts for Board members or whether an alternate date should be considered. No conflicts were reported.
    c. Chairman Eckert notified MV Transportation that the Monongahela Halloween Parade is scheduled to take place along Main Street on Thursday, October 29, 2027, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT
    a. Mr. DeRienzo reported that the Finance Management Committee was sent a finance report to review the bills contained in the agenda packet under **Attachment I.8.a.**
        i. Mr. DeRienzo reported that the total bills for October amounted to $791,220.94 in Operating Expenses.
        ii. Mr. DeRienzo reported that the Capital Expenditures for the month of October were:
            1. $1,370.00 payable to RAM Inductrial Services for Bus Facility Grinder Pump Float (Federal, State, Local & Operating Funds).
            2. $15,933.00 payable to AVAIL Technologies for Equipment CAD Support (State & Local Funds).
            3. $145.455.63 payable to Genfare for Warranties & Support – Final Payment (Federal, State & Local Funds).
            4. $5,623.00 payable to Michael Baker International for Route Study Project – Payment #17 (Federal & Local Funds).
        iii. Mr. DeRienzo made a motion to accept October's Finance Report and approve payment of the same. Ms. Martini seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    b. Mr. DeRienzo stated that the Capital Projects list follows the Finance Report and is found in **Attachment I.8.b** of the agenda packet for review.
        i. Mrs. Lee updated the Board on the current Capital Project:
            1. Mrs. Lee announced that the System-Wide Study and proposed routes are open for public comment through November 30, 2026. She noted that Board members had been emailed the details and that an informational packet was available at each member's desk. She encouraged Board members to share the information with their respective communities and urge residents to provide

feedback through the interactive Remix Map or the public survey.

2. Mrs. Lee provided an update on the rental property, noting that JED Heating & Cooling had visited the site to provide an estimate for Huitt-Zollars, who are expediting the process to ensure the HVAC unit can be installed before winter. She also reported that Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers are scheduled to conduct the environmental survey on October 27, 2027.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
    a. Finance Management – Roderick Wilson, Committee Chair
        i. Mr. Wilson announced that the fiscal year 2025–2026 audit has been completed and that the auditor, Mark Turnley, is finalizing the financial statements for Board review. He stated that the finalized document will be provided to the Board as soon as possible and that Mr. Turnley will formally present the audit results at either the November or December Board Meeting.
        ii. Mr. Wilson reported that MMVTA has received $29,964.00 in county and municipal local-match payments to date, representing 26% of the total amount required to be collected by June 2027.
            1. Mr. Wilson requested that an updated list of communities with outstanding local match payments be provided periodically for presentation to the Board.
    b. Human Resources – Cathy Martini, Committee Chair – No report.
    c. Planning & Steering Committee – Timothy Herd, Committee Chair – No report.
    d. Safety & Security – Ed Bryner, Committee Chair – No report.
    e. By-Laws – William Furlong, Committee Chair
        i. Mrs. Seman referred the Board to **Attachment I.9.e.i** and explained that the By-Laws Committee recommended keeping the obligation to pay Local Match in the By-Laws, while moving detailed rules, such as how amounts are calculated and what happens when a municipality doesn't pay, into a Board approved policy that would be easier to revise.
            1. Mrs. Seman explained that each community that takes part in MMVTA must pay its yearly Local Match amount, as set by MMVTA, and that a separate Local Match Policy approved by the Board will explain how amounts are figured, when bills and notices are sent, when payments are due, and what happens if a community does not pay. Mrs. Seman noted that the Board may review and change this policy when needed.
        ii. Mrs. Seman referred the Board to **Attachment I.9.e.ii** and reviewed four approaches to the possible Local Match calculation methods: the current formula, based on mileage and other

factors; ridership alone; population alone; or a combination of ridership and population. Mrs. Seman referred members to a handout comparing the options and said the estimates assumed a worst-case scenario without certain county funding.

1. Mrs. Seman explained the proposed payment process: The discussion included early reminders in September or October, bills in the spring, payment by June 30, and a late designation beginning July 1. The proposal also included suspending voting rights for nonpayment and having the Steering Committee review unpaid amounts. Mrs. Seman emphasized that nonpayment would not automatically withdraw a municipality from the authority; withdrawal would be a separate legal process.
    a. Chairman Eckert and Mrs. Seman discussed whether to proceed with a reading of the By-Laws amendment while the Solicitor, Mr. Black, was absent. Mrs. Seman said Mr. Black had asked that the matter be tabled and treated as discussion only, with no vote this month. Chairman Eckert then read the proposed amendment in **Attachment I.9.e.i** aloud. It would require participating communities to pay their yearly Local-Match amount and establish a separate Board-approved policy covering calculations, billing, due dates, and consequences for nonpayment.

10. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL
    a. Executive Director
        i. Mrs. Seman announced that Ms. Basile and herself will be meeting with the Fayette County Commissioners on Thursday, October 29, 2026, to discuss MMVTA services in Fayette County and Local Match funding. She stated she will provide an update following the meeting.
            1. Mr. DeRienzo requested that Mrs. Seman consult with the Solicitor, Mr. Black, regarding MMVTA's options for recovering unpaid local match contributions from member municipalities, including whether legal action may be available. He noted that unpaid balances could continue to accumulate while a municipality remains part of the authority. Mrs. Seman agreed to raise the matter with Mr. Black and report back.
        ii. Mrs. Seman reported that transportation was identified as a barrier to employment during a workforce roundtable she attended. She outlined MMVTA's current routes and ongoing system-wide study of potential service changes and expansion. She also noted that a follow-up discussion with the Mon Valley Alliance was scheduled for November 3, 2026.

iii. Mrs. Seman noted that at a Chamber Event, Westmoreland County Community Action stated that transportation was also raised as a challenge. Mrs. Seman said Mr. Perry would follow up and schedule a meeting with Westmoreland County Community Action to find out whether the issue was limited awareness of existing service, access to stops, or a need for route changes.

b. Marketing
   i. Ms. Dochenetz announced Charleroi Business Trick or Treat will be on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and a parade will follow at 7:00 p.m.
   ii. Mrs. Dochenetz reminded the Board that the Transit Center will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, in observance of Veteran's Day. Bus services will operate on normal routes and schedules.
   iii. Mrs. Dochenetz stated that MMVTA attended the Donora Carnival Resource Fair and set up a table with bus schedule information in hopes to engage and connect with residents.
   iv. Mrs. Dochenetz noted that MMVTA will participate in the Mon Valley Jeepers' annual Stuff-a-Bus Toy Drive on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Small Town Tavern in Rostraver Township. She noted a MMVTA bus will be on-site to collect new, unwrapped toys for the Mon Valley Salvation Army.
   v. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that the MMVTA, for the first time, is participating in Tino's Toys 3rd Annual Pet Toy Drive taking place November 23, 2026, through December 12, 2026. The Transit Center will serve as a drop-off location for new, durable pet toys. All donations benefit Mon Valley Paws Now & Forever.

c. Operations
   i. Mrs. Lee referred the Board to **Attachment I.10.c.i** and presented to the Board for approval the MMVTA Facilities Maintenance Plan for All Facilities. Mrs. Lee noted that previously, MMVTA maintained three separate plans for Asset Oversight, Admin & Storage Facility Maintenance and Maintenance Building Facility Maintenance and that the three policies were combined into one for all facilities. Mrs. Lee asked Chairman Eckert for a motion to approve the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority Facilities Maintenance Plan – All Facilities, as presented. Mr. Furlong made the motion. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
   ii. Mrs. Lee reported that Mr. Brown, Mr. DeRienzo, and herself attended the PennDOT I-70/Route 201 Study Public Meeting, where she presented the current challenges faced by public transportation providers and riders in the area. She noted that the project is still in the planning stage and that no timeline has been established. Mrs. Lee also confirmed that MMVTA will serve on the project's stakeholder committee.

iii. Mrs. Lee updated the Board on the final meeting with PennDOT on MMVTA's Maintenance Review from October 21, 2026. Mrs. Lee noted that the MMVTA has zero corrective actions and that PennDOT was "very happy".

d. Funding Update
    i. Ms. Basile provided the following funding updates:
        1. In October, the MMVTA received a total of $7,580.00 in CNG RIN Value Revenue.
        2. Ms. Basile attended the October 7, 2026, Allenport Borough meeting to answer questions the Council had regarding local match.
            a. Ms. Basile announced that she did receive a signed local match resolution for this fiscal year from Allenport Borough and thanked Mrs. Williamson for facilitating the meeting and for her efforts regarding the matter.
        3. Ms. Basile provided an update, noting that North Charleroi Borough is the only municipality from which MMVTA has not yet received a local match commitment.
            a. Chairman Eckert added that he attended the New Eagle Council meeting.

11. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
    a. Mr. Pankiewicz read a letter from California Borough appointing Ms. Jessica Smith as California's representative on the MMVTA Board of Directors.
        i. Mrs. Seman noted that a letter was received from Belle Vernon Borough as well, appointing Ms. Denise Stasko as Belle Vernon's representative on the MMVTA Board of Directors.

12. OLD BUSINESS
    a. Mrs. Seman referred the Board to **Attachment I.12.a** and explained that Freedom Transit proposed raising the rider fare for MMVTA's ADA shared-ride paratransit service from $3.00 to $4.00, effective January 1, 2027, pending its public hearing in Washington County. Mr. Herd made a motion to approve the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority's Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Complementary Paratransit Service Fare Increase. Mr. Naccarato seconded the motion. Motion carried.
        1. Mr. Wilson urged MMVTA to publicize the increase and explain the service's value.

13. NEW BUSINESS
    a. Member Community Updates
        i. Chairman Eckert announced that Veteran's Day celebrations will take place at Chess Park on November 11, 2026.

ii. Ms. Stasko announced a Kids Event being hosted at Belle Vernon Veterans Park on October 24, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT
    a. Chairman Eckert asked if there were any further business to discuss? There being none, Chairman Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bryner made the motion. Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

REMINDER:

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026, AT 5:00 PM

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED!