

CARO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
March 29, 2017

Due to health concerns, Bill Reavey is no longer representing Almer Township. His newly appointed replacement attended for the first time at this meeting. Sorry... can't remember his name.

Payments from a number of sources resulted in a balance of \$182,230.14 as of the date of this meeting. These sources included amounts totaling \$23,895.69 from Indianfields Township, \$10,288.54 from Almer Township, \$43,353.12 from the City of Caro, State of Michigan Operating Funds March payment of \$27,950.00, and \$12,314.35 from the Local Community Stabilization Authority.

The March request from the Human Development Commission was \$49,516.69 for regular bus operations, \$635.35 for the New Freedom Program, and a \$17,866 Quarterly insurance payment. A total payment of \$68,038.04 to HDC was authorized by the Board.

The Transit Authority took delivery of a new bus on March 23rd. The Capital Request for reimbursement of the \$63,000 authorized to be paid to the manufacturer in October of 2016 has been submitted to MDOT.

It is estimated that extended hours of operation (until 8:00 PM Monday – Friday) will begin in May, as well as on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend hours AND the number of buses committed will be discussed at the April meeting.

The “Grocery Getter” project is still being considered. Brian Neuville of HDC continues to be in favor but agrees that there are details still needing to be worked out. The CTA Bus System Manager, Marianne Lampela is opposed, seeing it as a political and public relations minefield, and I agree with her completely. Others on the board have thus far been noncommittal.

A “Controlled Substances and Alcohol Misuse Testing Policy” was approved by the Board. This was a formality, as it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Board members completed a “Stakeholder Survey” for HDC in which we rated a variety of areas of concern, based upon our own values and input we may have received from area riders.

Finally, the Board received word that it's 2017/2018 Budget has been approved by MDOT.

Robert Keilitz
04/10/2017