

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019  
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairwoman Janet Emanuel; Vice-Chairman Marty Shane; Members Carmen Battavio; David Shuey, and Mike Lynch; Township Manager Rick Smith; Assistant Township Manager and Finance Director Jon Altshul; Pipeline Task Force Members Caroline Hughes, Bill Wegeman and Judi DiFonzo; Conservancy Board Chair Erich Meyer.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Janet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Trey Beck, a local Boy Scout, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Carmen called for a moment of silence to honor our troops and first responders.

**Recording**

The meeting was livestreamed on the Township's [YouTube](#) page.

**Chairman's Report**

Janet announced that the Board met in Executive Session before tonight's meeting for a personnel matter.

**Review Comments from the EGT Pipeline Task Force on the Adelpia Gateway Environmental Assessment**

David explained that it is important that the Township ask FERC to consider requiring Adelpia to perform a more detailed Environmental Impact Statement, so that the Township can better understand what impact the proposed blowdown valve would have on the health, life and safety of Township residents.

Caroline solicited questions from the Board about the Pipeline Task Force's recommended comments to FERC. Mike thanked Caroline and suggested that the comments be prioritized first on issues specific to East Goshen and second on broader geographic impacts, such as air quality at Marcus Hook.

David made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Pipeline Task Force regarding the Adelpia Gateway Project and instruct the Township's legal counsel to submit these comments to FERC, including a request for an Environmental Impact Statement. Mike seconded.

Bernie Greenberg, 894 Jefferson Way, asked if any other municipalities were submitting comments on the Adelpia project to FERC. Caroline indicated that Uwchlan Township would also be submitting comments. Rick stated that he would

send our comments around to the other Managers in the West Chester Council of Governments.

The motion passed 5-0.

### **Interview Tax Collector**

Rick explained that the Township's Tax Collector had resigned effective December 31, 2018 and that the Township needed to appoint a replacement within 30 days. Karen Battavio, 1607 Williams Way, was the only resident to apply for the position. As this is an elected position, the interviews need to be conducted in a public meeting. Jon explained that the Township will ask the Tax Collector to delegate authority for collecting real estate taxes back to Township staff. Janet noted that the position pays \$1 per year. Carmen recused himself from the discussion and vote, as Ms. Battavio is his spouse.

Marty asked why Ms. Battavio was interested in the position. Ms. Battavio explained that she's lived in East Goshen for 40 years and views volunteering for this position as a way to give back, after many decades of enjoying Township services and events.

Mike made a motion to appoint Karen Battavio as Tax Collector for East Goshen Township. David seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, with Carmen recused.

### **Any Other Matter**

Jon explained that he read the PA Department of Revenues report on the feasibility of statewide collection of Earned Income Taxes. This report was written in response to House Resolution 291, which passed in June, and to which the Board of Supervisors had earlier expressed opposition. Jon explained that the report was very thorough and even-handed, but that the disadvantages of moving to statewide collection, including initial costs and unresolved questions about how disbursements would be distributed to municipalities, were simply too problematic to overcome. He recommended that the Board send letters to Representative Comitta and Senator Killion urging them to oppose any future legislation amending Act 32 to provide for statewide EIT collection. Mike made a motion to support the Township sending a letter to our legislative delegation opposing any future legislation that would amend the current EIT collection system. Carmen seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Ron Cocca, 633 N. Speakman Lane, thanked the Township for its efficient snow plowing operations. He also thanked the Township for taking steps to improve the flooding situation at the intersection of Boot Road and Paoli Pike, but noted that there's now more pooling of water on the other side of that intersection.

Bill recognized David and Rick for their assistance and support of the Pipeline Task Force. He also noted that he had attended the WCASD School Board meeting the

previous evening and had urged the School Board to intervene in the complaint against Sunoco with the PUC filed by seven area residents. He noted that Lisa Drive is within WCASD and that other school districts, including Downingtown and Rose Tree Media, had also petitioned to intervene. Marty made a motion for the Township to send a letter to the School Board, cc'ing Dr. Scanlon, recommending that it file a petition to intervene in the complaint against Sunoco. Mike seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Trey Beck, 1420 Linden Lane, thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the meeting and fulfill his citizenship badge requirements as he works his way toward Eagle Scout. Rick stated that it is Trey's right, as an American, to attend any and all public meetings at the Township building.

Janet reminded the attendees that Representative Comitta and Senator Killion would be hosting a pipeline safety meeting with the DEP and PUC on Thursday, January 31 at 7pm at Fugett Middle School. Rick noted that a representative from PHMSA was invited, but will not be able to attend.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn at 7:40. David seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jon Altshul*  
*Recording Secretary*