

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Members: Judi DiFonzo, Russ Frank, Caroline Hughes, Karen Miller, Bill Wegemann; David Shuey (Liaison, Township Supervisor); Township Manager Rick Smith; Mike Lynch (Township Supervisor)

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

David called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

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

**Recording**

David asked if anyone was recording the meeting. No one was recording.

**Approval of Minutes**

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2018 meeting as submitted. Karen seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**Reports**

1. Legislative Reports

- a. Caroline stated that there will be a hearing in 3 or 4 months on the petition that she and 6 other residents filed.
- b. Killion - Dinniman Legislative Package - David asked the Task Force how they want to support this package and what action should be taken. These bills will affect new pipelines moving forward. Old, existing pipelines are grandfathered. There was discussion about the challenges of the Pipeline Impact Fee. Rick stated that it would be useful to have a copy of the bill to review what it includes. The bill should be available by the February meeting. This topic was tabled until the bill is obtained for the Task Force to review.

**Action Item:** Rick will get a copy of the bill for the committee when it is available.

- c. Current Events – Rick stated that most of the Sunoco surveying work has been completed. Sunoco will be back in the spring to start again with the HDD. There was discussion about removal of trees, bushes etc. from easements. These trees etc. were planted by the homeowners, and depending on the history reflected in a title report, boundaries may not have been noted.

Bill raised the concern about air quality in conjunction with the HDD startup. The Township does not have an air quality ordinance for which

Sunoco to comply. Bill wants to establish a baseline for his home. He will follow up with DEP to see how this can be done.

**Action Item:** David will look at other Townships for Air Quality Ordinances. He is not sure if the Township would be preempted on a state level.

### **New Business**

1. David asked if the Task Force was ready to nominate a Chair and Vice Chair. Bill nominated Caroline Hughes for Chairperson and Caroline nominated Bill for Vice Chairperson. The vote was unanimous.
2. Adelphia Environment Assessment
  - a. Rick stated that on January 29, 2019, the BOS is holding a special meeting to discuss the Pipeline Task Force's recommendations on Adelphia's Environmental Assessment. These comments are due back to FERC on or before February 3, 2019.
  - b. The Task force needs to review the EA and site reasons that warrant the need for the EI. A petition will have to be filed citing the reasons.
  - c. There was discussion regarding the Paoli Pike Valve that is located in a wetland area. FERC requested Adelphia provide alternative sites for this valve. They provided 3 alternatives which are closer to residential areas. Adelphia will need access to the wetland to perform valve work whether or not they keep the current valve location or move it.
  - d. David summarized the 4 issues:
    - 1) Location of valve
    - 2) Bog Turtles
    - 3) Release of gas into the air
    - 4) "Blow Down" – noise ordinance
  - e. It was agreed that the next meeting's focus will be to compile comments to provide to the BOS for the 1/29/19 meeting. Caroline suggested that she invite Eve Miari from Clean Air Council to this meeting. Bill agreed.

### **Old Business**

1. Andover's exploration of inline pipe monitoring equipment
  - Eric Friedman, 2 Fallbrook Lane, Glenn Mills, representing the Andover HOA located off of Route 352 in Thornbury Township, attended to explain this matter. Andover residents are concerned about leak detection both at the Valve site and the HDD location. They are looking to purchase equipment to detect leaks. Work is needed with engineers to determine how many devices and where/how they will be placed and wired. Eric continued to explain that they are working on the steps taken when a leak is detected. The following will be addressed:
    - Air raid siren with strobe lights will sound
    - Briefing for residents
    - False alarms
    - Testing equipment periodically

This equipment would be standalone – separate from Sunoco. Cost has not been established. Eric said that they have asked Thornbury Township, Delaware County to look into this. He invited the Task Force, David and Rick to attend a meeting on Tuesday 1/22/19 at 10:00 am between Andover, Thornbury Township and vendors that sell detection devices.

2. Consider recommendation for an additional valve  
The Task Force discussed whether petitioning for an additional valve would be advisable or if it is too risky.
3. Consider recommendations regarding the Integrity Management Program (IMP) and confidential information.  
Rick stated that the Township should be able to get this information. David said that he would like to address what happens before the 911 call in a pipeline emergency. Emergency Services table top sessions address what happens after 911 is called.

### **Public Comment**

Linda Polishuk, 142 Grand Oak Lane, asked if it was possible for the Township to advocate a halt to new pipeline construction. This cannot be done at the Township level.

The next meeting is Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan D'Amore*

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