

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019  
DRAFT MINUTES**

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

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Moment of Silence**

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

**Recording**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

None.

**Reports**

1. Legislative Reports
  - a. Bill reported that he and Ron Cocco from East Goshen Safety and Environmental Advocacy (EGSEA) met with State Representative Christina Sappey. She was supportive and on board with Carolyn Comitta's position. Bill will provide her paperwork on the Petition to Intervene. Bill also reported that he attended the West Whiteland BOS meeting on 1/23/19. Caroline reported that West Whiteland has had 3 sink holes and 1 frac out in the last 15 months.
  - b. Caroline reported that Senate Bill 652 has been reintroduced. This bill will criminalize protest of any pipelines.
  - c. Caroline reported that a natural gas line explosion happened in Noble County, OH.
  - d. Caroline reported that the Downingtown, Twin Valley and Rose Tree Media School Districts have filed a Petition to Intervene to Meghan Flynn et al V. Sunoco Pipeline L.P. Letters of support were received by West Whiteland Township, Delaware County Council and West Chester Area School District. There was discussion about how to get West Chester Area School District to agree to file a Petition to Intervene. Rick suggested that the Task Force go to the School Board. The Task Force members will make an effort to ask people to attend the next school board meeting on Monday, January 28. East Goshen Township also filed a Petition to Intervene.

## 2. Current Events

There was discussion regarding the letter from Enbridge. The Right of Way and easements in reference to the Sunoco surveying were discussed at the last meeting.

## Old Business

### Review Adelphia Environmental Assessment

1. Eve Miari attended remotely via Zoom video conferencing to provide more detailed information that will help the task force to determine the best recommendations for the board. Eve explained that she has had 2.5 years of experience with pipeline issues and 1 year with Adelphia. She referenced a 3 page Clean Air Council document that was given to the Task Force. She explained that an EA is a general study and not adequate and does not name all risks. The outcome of an EA is either: **No Significant Impact** or **Significant Impact**. If SI is the outcome, an Environment Impact Statement is triggered. She also stated that the EA does not name the projects economic effect on the communities.
2. There was discussion that the one valve in EG resides in a wetland. An alternative analysis to move the valve was provided by FERC. However, moving the valve would place it closer to residents. Also, access to the wetland will occur whether the valve is moved or upgraded.
3. The task force agreed that the EA is not adequate to assess the impact to East Goshen. Based on the comments from this meeting, Caroline will compile a list and email Rick for the BOS meeting on 1/29/19. The list will then need to be submitted to FERC by 2/3/19. Items identified for the list were:
  - Air quality – The air quality at the blowdown is in question.
    - What type of material is released
    - What is its impact?
    - Is it combustible?
    - Is it impacted by weather?
    - What impact does the Marcus Hook compressor have on East Goshen and surrounding areas? The compressor station in Marcus Hook is only 14 miles away. Any air pollution it causes can travel to East Goshen and surrounding areas. Judi stated the concern that East Goshen Residents don't just stay in EGT. They may travel or have family in areas impacted by this air pollution. The EA does not address the cumulative impact of the fugitive methane. Russ stated that the impact of the gas traveling from Marcus Hook would be an insufficient amount.
  - Monitoring Equipment - Gerald Sexton, 1617 Bow Tree Drive, asked about consideration to pressure and air monitoring at the valve/blow down site. He suggested the need for input from a professional engineer. It was agreed to have a comment regarding leak detection monitoring equipment being acquired and paid for by Adelphia.
  - East Goshen Township needs to receive the implementation and maintenance plans. Adelphia needs to certify that they have acquired all

the permits. Adelpia needs to show that they are participating in the STAR program. Bi-weekly status reports should be provided.

- Adelpia must adhere to all local noise ordinances. The public needs to be notified of any scheduled blowdowns. How will this be handled?

#### 4. Pipeline Monitoring Report

- David reported that he, Rick and Bill attended the Thornbury meeting to discussed air monitoring equipment. The equipment presented would consist of 2 monitors with an infrared beam to monitor air differences. The system would need power and a telephone connection. Thornbury's implementation has 2 major differences. One is Thornbury Township is smaller than East Goshen (2500 linear feet vs 3 miles). Second, Andover owns the land where the pipeline resides. East Goshen's pipeline is buried under roads and outside of the right of way. The cost to EG would be at least \$ ½ million and would need to be maintain.

#### **Public Comment**

None

The next regular meeting is Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan D'Amore*

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