

East Goshen Township
Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda
Thursday, August 12, 2021
6:30 PM – Tele Conference
Dial in Number: (929) 205-6099
Access code: 890 8477 4350 # #

During this tele-conference Pipeline Task Force Meeting, public comment will be handled as follows:

- **The public will be muted during the meeting when the Task Force is talking.**
- **The public will be given an opportunity to comment and ask questions during the Public Comment period.**
- **Participants wishing to comment can hit *9 to raise their hand.**
- **Participants must state their name and must speak one at a time.**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting.
4. Approval of Minutes
July 8, 2021
5. Public Comment
6. Chairperson's Report
7. Reports
 - a. Legislative Update
8. Old Business
 - a. Update Michele Truitt's Sunoco Plant Tour
 - b. Subsidence update/discussion
 - c. Continue discussion on the Chester County Vulnerability Assessment of Hazardous Liquid and Gas pipelines
9. New Business
 - a. 2022 Budget
 - b. Future ABC Meetings – in person
10. Liaison Reports
11. Any Other Matter
12. Correspondence
13. Adjournment

1 PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP
2 THURSDAY, July 8, 2021
3 TELE CONFERENCE
4 DRAFT MINUTES

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6 **Members Present:**

7 Chair Caroline Hughes, Vice Chair Bill Wegemann; Members: Jim Christenson, Judi
8 DiFonzo, Christina Morley, Gerry Sexton

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10 **Others Present**

11 Township Supervisor Michele Truitt; Township Manager Derek Davis

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13 **COMMON ACRONYMS:**

<i>ACOE</i>	<i>Army Core of Engineers</i>
<i>BI&E</i>	<i>Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement</i>
<i>BOS</i>	<i>Board of Supervisors</i>
<i>CCATO</i>	<i>Chester County Association of Township Officials</i>
<i>CCPC</i>	<i>Chester County Planning Commission</i>
<i>DCNR</i>	<i>Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</i>
<i>DEP</i>	<i>Department of Environmental Protection</i>
<i>EGT</i>	<i>East Goshen Township</i>
<i>EGSEA</i>	<i>East Goshen Safety and Environmental Advocates</i>
<i>ET</i>	<i>Energy Transfer Company</i>
<i>FOI</i>	<i>Freedom of Information</i>
<i>HDD</i>	<i>Horizontal Directional Drilling</i>
<i>IR</i>	<i>Inadvertent Return</i>
<i>ME1</i>	<i>Mariner East 1</i>
<i>ME2</i>	<i>Mariner East 2</i>
<i>PHMSA</i>	<i>Pipeline Hazard Materials and Safety Administration</i>
<i>PUC</i>	<i>Public Utility Commission</i>
<i>TF</i>	<i>Task Force</i>

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15 **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

16 Caroline called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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18 **Moment of Silence**

19 Caroline called for a moment of silence for those serving our county, those that lost their
20 lives serving our country, first responders and health care workers fighting COVID.

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22 **Recording**

23 The meeting was recorded to the cloud via Zoom meeting settings.

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25 **Approval of Minutes**

26 The minutes from June 10, 2021, were unanimously approved.

1 **Public Comment**

2 None

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4 **Chairperson's Report**

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6 **Meadowbrook Manor**

7 Caroline reported that the large sinkhole at Meadowbrook Manor has not been stabilized
8 since last month.

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10 Bill stated that it is important to know how much product has been dumped into this area
11 to solidify it.

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13 Christina said that there were social media reports stating that one-million gallons of
14 "water" a day from this area is being dumped into the public sewer by permission of West
15 Whiteland Township. Derek confirmed that permission to proceed was given by West
16 Whiteland and DEP. All surrounding townships were notified. He clarified that it is not
17 feeding into East Goshen Township's sewer system but into the Downingtown sewer
18 system.

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20 Caroline questioned if this is in violation of the Clean Air Council settlement agreement.
21 Derek said that this has been classified as groundwater.

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23 **Pemex Pipeline Explosion**

24 Caroline reported that there was a Pemex pipeline explosion off the Gulf of Mexico.

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26 **Legislative Updates**

27 Bill reported that an in-person meeting is scheduled with Carolyn Comitta for Wednesday,
28 July 21. He added that he will also be scheduling a meeting with Dianne Herrin.

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30 **Old Business**

31 **Update on the Subsidence**

32 Christina reported that she and Derek visited the subsidence area on Route 352 and found
33 that the area was overgrown with tall grass which made it difficult to identify the markers.
34 Derek explained that the Public Works Department will be clearing soon. Once complete,
35 measurements will take place and will continue to take place on a set monthly schedule.
36 There was discussion about spray painting and taking picture to mark the area. Bill noted
37 that if pictures or documentation is sent to Dr. Sasowsky for evaluation, there will be a
38 follow-up consulting cost. Jim recommended metal stakes over spray paint for framing out
39 the area.

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41 Gerry reminded everyone that the exposed well was expected to be capped. The owner of
42 the property is responsible to do that.

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44 This item will recur on future agendas.

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New Business

Michele Truitt to visit Houston Sunoco Plant

- Michele explained that she will be touring the Sunoco Plant in Houston, Texas in July. Her plans include a tour of the control room and a meeting with a safety person (engineer) and an executive. Michele asked the Pipeline TF to submit questions for Sunoco by July 14.
- Caroline reported that the representatives on the Sunoco hotline have been rude and not helpful to both herself and other residents. Michele expressed concerned that ET customer service is lacking. She noted that she wants to know where the call station is in relation to where the control station is. There was discussion about there being many different hotline numbers and it was agreed that this needs to be confirmed to one memorable number.
- There was discussion regarding the meters used by the EMS workers to measure the gases during these occurrences.
- There was discussion that the 911 center is expected to be contacted at the same time as the ET operator. It is important that the Township Emergency Coordinator is notified in an emergency.
- Christina question that if the first responder’s equipment (radios, portables, repeaters, pagers) is not classified as intrinsically safe, can they be a potential source of ignition in an HVL incident?
- Christina recommended that Stephen Hiro, East Goshen Township’s EMC, be included in these discussions. It was the consensus to extend an invite to future Pipeline TF meetings.
- Carolyn will send a google document to the TF for them to add generic questions for Michele to present.

Chester County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Follow up

Judi reported that she attended the monthly Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting earlier in the day. They TF will look for the online recording.

Chester County Vulnerability Assessment of Hazardous Liquid and Gas pipelines

Christina shared her findings from the Chester County’s Vulnerability Assessment of Hazardous Liquid and Gas Pipelines (<https://www.chestercountypahmp.com/draft-plans/>). She explained that Chester County has the responsibility to provide a hazard assessment every 5 years. The last document from 2015 did not have any solid information on pipelines. The recent draft document includes an entire section on HVLs. She summarized that sophisticated planning and assessment tools were used in addition to FEMA risk assessment tools. Past incidents, current risks and vulnerabilities were included at a county and individual township level. The document also looks ahead at litigation strategies and what each township can do to lessen the impacts.

Christina outlined some items she felt were compelling regarding the Township’s vulnerability to a pipeline hazard, the impacts on physical structures, and that East Goshen has a greater overall risk.

1 The County has provided a lot of information and intends to use their document as a tool
2 for planning.

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4 The TF will review this draft and continue discussion at their next meeting.

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6 **Liaison Reports**

7 Jim noted that based on the responses received from the Futurist Committee's survey, the
8 Pipeline TF is "doing their job".

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10 **Adjournment**

11 The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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13 The next meeting is Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

16 *Susan D'Amore*

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Memo

To: Conservancy Board, Parks & Rec Commission, Pipeline Task Force, Futurist Commission, Sustainability Commission & Historical Commission
From: Dave Ware
Re: 2022 Budget Request
Date: July 7, 2021

As we enter the second half of 2021, it is time to begin thinking about the Township's budget for 2022.

To that end, attached please find an Excel worksheet with individual tabs for each of your ABCs budgets showing:

- 2021 Annual Budget
- 2021 year-to-date actual expenditures through June
- 2021 Projection (which in total matches 2021 Annual Budget)
- A blank column for the 2022 annual budget request
- Justification section for comments as to 'why' this amount, if it causes 2022 to be greater than the 2021 Annual Budget; feel free to re-adjust line items, we're more concerned with the total

I would be grateful if you could provide me with (for your ABC only):

- 1) 2022 budget requests for each line item
- 2) A justification for your 2022 budget request for any line item for which you are requesting more budget authority in 2022 than you received in 2021.

Note that the Township has many "ABC-related" expenditures. For example, the Township needs to maintain the Blacksmith Shop/Plank House. The Township also incurs legal costs related to the pipeline and consulting costs related to planning work, etc. These line items are separate from your ABC budget; however, to the extent that your ABC intends to make upcoming recommendations to the Board of Supervisors that could result in the expenditure of Township funds beyond current levels, please let me know as soon as possible!

As always, 2022 will be a tight budget year. Preliminary forecasts suggest that the Township will need to continue to deplete its general fund balance in order to achieve a balanced budget. Thus, all Township departments and ABC groups will be under pressure to identify cost savings.

When developing your budget request, remember your group's mission, goals and objectives. Then ask yourselves, what do you need in order to realize your objectives and what do you merely want? Expenditures that don't meet the "need" threshold are unlikely to receive BOS approval.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email over the summer.

As we plan to have preliminary budget materials prepared for discussions with the Board in September workshops, **please return this completed worksheet to me by no later than Friday, August 27th**. I will follow up with you if I have any questions.

Thank you!

2021 Budget	2021 YTD Expenses	2021 Projection	2022 Budget Request	Justification
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PIPELINE TASK FORCE

PIPELINE TASK FORCE EXPENSES

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Memo

East Goshen Township

Date: July 28, 2021

To: Authorities, Boards and Commissions

From: Susan D'Amore

RE: Future ABC Meetings

Governor Wolf's COVID-19 emergency disaster declaration officially ended back in June. The declaration ending caused the expiration of PA Act 15 of 2020 which means that fully virtual meetings are no longer allowed by law.

This memo is to inform you that as of September 1, 2021, all East Goshen Township ABC meetings must be held **in person**. I will be re-advertising in the Daily Local as needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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