

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2024**  
**East Goshen Township Building**  
**FINAL MINUTES**

**Members Present are highlighted**

**Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Jim Christenson**

**Members: Judi DiFonzo, John McDonough**

**Others Present are highlighted**

**Township Supervisor: Barbara Emery; Township Manager: Derek Davis; Public: Ginny Kerslake from West Whiteland Township**

**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

<i>ACOE</i>	<i>Army Core of Engineers</i>
<i>BI&amp;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>DES</i>	<i>Department of Emergency Services</i>
<i>EGT</i>	<i>East Goshen Township</i>
<i>ET</i>	<i>Energy Transfer</i>
<i>FEMA</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency</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>NGL</i>	<i>Natural Gas Liquids</i>
<i>PHMSA</i>	<i>Pipeline Hazard Materials and Safety Administration</i>
<i>PMN</i>	<i>Post Meeting Note</i>
<i>PTF</i>	<i>Pipeline Task Force</i>
<i>PUC</i>	<i>Public Utility Commission</i>

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Gerry called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Gerry called for a moment of silence to remember PTF member Paul Kersavage who passed away last year.

PMN: The PTF extends our condolences to the family of Paul Kersavage on his passing. Paul was a valued member of our group and a significant contributor during his brief time on the PTF. We enjoyed working with Paul and he will be greatly missed.

### **Recording**

The meeting was not being recorded.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on December 14, 2023 were unanimously approved.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Chairperson's Report**

The PTF currently has three members. The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to reduce membership from seven to five members. Gerry was in favor of this change. The PTF will need to prioritize our efforts until full staffing is achieved.

Gerry stated that top priorities for the PTF at this time are 1) filling the two vacancies, 2) the Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Ordinance, and 3) the EGT Pipeline Incident Annex being developed by Chester County Emergency Planning (discussed below).

### **Old Business**

#### **Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Draft Ordinance**

The township solicitor reviewed this draft ordinance and the Board of Supervisors discussed it at their meeting on January 16, 2024. Derek will put this ordinance on the agenda for the BOS meeting on February 20, 2024.

#### **Response from PHMSA regarding ME2 construction records request**

Back in July, EGT sent a letter to PHMSA requesting information regarding the design of the Energy Transfer ME2 and ME2X pipelines. Derek received a response email from PHMSA on 01/30/2024. The PTF will defer working on this topic until the other priorities discussed above are addressed.

### **New Business**

#### **EGT Pipeline Incident Annex**

Chester County Emergency Planning hired a contractor to develop this annex. They sent a draft to Derek and Gerry for review. Copies were forwarded to the other PTF members for their review. Ashley will create a shared document to collect everyone's comments and then send them to the contractor. Gerry and John will focus on the plan. Judi will focus on the spreadsheet of critical infrastructures since she has already started working on this.

### **PTF 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Goals**

The ABC Annual Planning Session is scheduled for 03/12/2024. Gerry created a first draft of 2023 accomplishments and 2024 goals and emailed it to Judi and John. Comments are due back to Gerry by 02/26/2024. He will finalize this summary and send it to Ashley. PMN: This was completed on 02/28/2024.

### **Updates to Pipeline Information Database**

John is working on updating this database and passed out his latest version at the meeting. He has some more research to do and plans to reach out to the county for additional information.

### **PTF article for next Township Newsletter**

The PTF will submit an article. John suggested that Paul's passing be noted; Judi and Gerry agreed. Possible topics could be the Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Ordinance or the EGT Pipeline Incident Annex, based upon progress on these items. This will be decided at the next PTF meeting. The deadline for submission is 03/22/2024.

### **Reports / Legislative Update**

None.

### **Liaison Reports**

None.

### **Correspondence / Any Other Matter**

None.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2024 at 7:00pm.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator*

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