

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

**Members Present are highlighted**

**Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Mary McCloskey (Zoom)**

**Members: Judi DiFonzo, John McDonough**

**Others Present are highlighted**

**Township Supervisor: Barbara Emery; Township Manager: Derek Davis;**

**Office Administrator: Ashley Nowak; Ginny Kerslake (West Whiteland Resident-Zoom)**

**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>MACH2</i>	<i>Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub</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**

Gerry called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

**Recording**

The meeting was not being recorded.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on June 13, 2024 minutes were approved with one comment regarding the 1338 Morstein Road Pipeline Awareness Study. Judi asked that the details about the request for a second emergency apparatus access road from this development be added to the minutes. [PMN: This comment was added and the final minutes were posted on the township website.]

### **Public Comment**

Ginny Kerslake reported that she is writing a letter to West Whiteland Board of Supervisors asking them to adopt an ordinance similar to the EGT ordinance on Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipelines.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Gerry reported that at the BOS meeting on August 6, 2024 it was noted the PTF has one vacancy. Gerry asked the group to think about this and encourage anyone they may know who would be a good fit to apply by contacting Derek Davis.

Mary submitted the PTF article for Fall 2024 newsletter. The next article for the upcoming Spring 2025 edition is due on 10/25/2024. This topic will be on the agenda for the PTF meetings in September and October.

Gerry shared highlights from some technical articles he read recently regarding more efficient production of green hydrogen, the role of hydrogen as clean energy, and new technology that could reduce generation of greenhouse gases.

### **Old Business**

#### **MACH2 Update**

Ginny shared that she attended a recent MACH2 meeting at SEPTA headquarters in Philadelphia. There was a presentation from SEPTA officials about a hydrogen fuel cell bus pilot project. SEPTA's use of hydrogen-powered vehicles is part of the MACH2 proposal. She stated that MACH2 is in the final stages of contract negotiations with the DOE. Phase 1 includes design and engineering. It is estimated that this will take about 15 months. Phase 2 is permitting which will take about 33 months. Ginny also reported that she submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for MACH 2. She will send the information receive thus far to Ashley to share with the PTF.

#### **Synopsis of special report from Politico on our nations failure to safeguard toxic pipelines**

Gerry will work on drafting a synopsis of this report for review at a future PTF meeting. Then the next steps for sharing this information will be determined.

## **New Business**

### **Discuss written statement of Tristan Brown PHMSA for House TIPS Hearing May 7, 2024**

The group discussed the highlights from this testimony. Of particular interest were current PHMSA research projects and the development of regulations regarding the transport of hydrogen and carbon dioxide.

## **Hydrogen Pipelines**

**Review preliminary research** – Gerry shared his research thus far. There are several concerns with hydrogen pipelines due to the unique physical properties of hydrogen. The PTF will do some more research on existing regulations and guidelines for hydrogen pipelines.

**Discuss path forward** – The PTF will discuss the results of the research on existing regulations and guidelines. This will help define the path forward. Barbara will advise the BOS at a future meeting that the PTF is working on this topic.

## **Reports / Legislative Update**

### **Update on SB831 Carbon Capture and Sequestration Act**

The bill was approved by the Governor on 07/17/2024 and is now officially called Act 87 of 2024. Ginny stated there are numerous environmental groups that oppose this legislation.

## **Liaison Reports**

**None**

## **Correspondence / Any Other Matter**

**None**

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 12, 2024 at 7:00pm.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator*

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