

**East Goshen Township**  
**Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda**  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025  
East Goshen Township Building  
10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81293249195>

Dial In Number: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 812 9324 9195

1. Call to Order (10:00 AM)
2. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
3. Approval of Minutes (10:05 AM to 10:10 AM)
  - a. October 10, 2024 and November 14, 2024
4. Public Comment (10:10 AM to 10:15 AM)
5. Chairperson's Report (10:15 AM to 10:30 AM)
6. Old Business (10:30 AM to 11:15 AM)
  - a. Hydrogen pipelines.
    - Research regarding proposed setback distances.
    - Path forward.
  - b. La Porte pipeline fire.
    - Regulations regarding requirements for protective/safety equipment around above-ground infrastructure on pipelines.
    - Response from PHMSA to info request by Mary.
7. New Business (11:15 AM to 11:45 AM)
  - a. Protection of Williams natural gas valve station on Paoli Pike from vehicle strike.
    - Follow up from discussion at 11/19/2024 BOS meeting.
  - b. Spotlight PA article on ME2 project permitting.
  - c. Watersheds (Info from Judi).
8. Reports / Legislative Update (11:45 PM to 11:50 AM)
  - a. Resolution on carbon tax - H.Con.Res.86 of the 118th Congress (Info from Mary).
9. Liaison Reports (11:50 AM to 11:55 AM)
  - a. CCEA Meeting 01/11/2025 (Judi).
10. Correspondence / Any Other Matter (11:55 AM to 12:00 PM)
11. Next Meeting  
Meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM.
12. Adjournment (12:00 PM)

1 PIPELINE TASK FORCE  
2 Thursday October 10, 2024  
3 East Goshen Township Building  
4 DRAFT MINUTES  
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7 **Members Present are highlighted**

8 Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Mary McCloskey; Members: Judi DiFonzo, John  
9 McDonough

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11 **Others Present are highlighted**

12 Township Supervisor: Barbara Emery; Township Manager: Derek Davis;  
13 Office Administrator: Ashley Nowak; Nathaniel Smith (West Chester Resident-via  
14 Zoom)

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16 **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>

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18 **Call to Order**

19 Gerry called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.  
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21 **Recording**

22 The meeting was not being recorded.  
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**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the September 12, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Chairperson’s Report**

Gerry noted that West Whiteland Township recently adopted a carbon dioxide pipeline ordinance that is very similar to the one in EGT.

**Old Business**

**Hydrogen Pipelines**

Continued discussion of this topic including our latest findings. So far, few existing regulations and guidelines specific to hydrogen pipelines have been identified. The group reviewed a first draft of a proposed ordinance and an appendix. Barbara suggested that wording be added to the subsection on material of construction for hydrogen pipelines in the draft ordinance to better explain why hydrogen embrittlement is a critical issue. This comment will be addressed in the next draft. The use of permits to regulate hydrogen pipelines in the township was discussed. It is felt that an ordinance could serve as the basis for any future permitting requirements. The group agreed that we need to do some more research on proposed setback distances. We are looking for justifications or examples already in practice.

**PTF Article for Spring 2025 EGT Newsletter**

The revised deadline is 10/29/2024. The topic will be a recap of our accomplishments for this year and our goals for next year. Gerry will email a draft to the PTF by 10/16/2024. Comments are due to Gerry by 10/21/2024. [PMN: All of these tasks were completed and the article was emailed to Jessica Wilhelmy and Ashley Nowak on 10/24/2024.]

**New Business**

**Pipeline fire in La Porte Texas**

The group discussed a summary of this incident that Gerry prepared and emailed on 09/22/2024. There are many features of this La Porte pipeline that are similar to those for pipelines in EGT. Mary will research regulations regarding the requirement for protective/safety equipment around above-ground infrastructure (like valve stations) on pipelines. These regulations could be at the federal, state, or local level.

**Reports / Legislative Update**

Mary reported that she emailed Chester County Commissioner Josh Maxwell in October to express concern regarding potential damage to pipelines as a result of extreme flooding. In his response, Commissioner Maxwell cited the Pipeline Incident Annex being developed by the Chester County Department of Emergency Services. He also mentioned current work on a flood mitigation plan for the entire Brandywine watershed. The intent of this plan is to expand the capacity of retention basins and dams.

1 **Liaison Reports**

2 None.

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4 **Correspondence / Any Other Matter**

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7 **Next meeting**

8 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 14, 2024 at 7:00pm.

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10 **Adjournment**

11 The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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13 Respectfully submitted,

14 *Gerald Sexton, Chair East Goshen Pipeline Task Force*

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1 **Approval of Minutes**

2 The draft minutes for the meeting on 10/10/2024 need some additional editing. They  
3 will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

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5 **Public Comment**

6 None.

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8 **Chairperson's Report**

9 Gerry noted that October 8<sup>th</sup> was National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day. That date was  
10 chosen because 10/08 is the same sequence of numbers as the atomic weight of  
11 hydrogen, which is 1.008.

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13 Gerry shared that the Center for Hydrogen Safety (CHS) announced that PHMSA joined as  
14 a strategic partner. CHS is a global non-profit dedicated to promoting hydrogen safety  
15 and best practices worldwide. Gerry intends to do more investigation of CHS to  
16 determine if they have any information that could be useful to the PTF.

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18 Gerry also shared an article on sequestering carbon in wood vaults. As is the case with  
19 most new technologies, barriers to scaling up include permitting and funding. But the  
20 simplicity of this methodology means implementation could be rapid.

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22 **Old Business**

23 **Hydrogen Pipelines**

24 The group continues to work on a draft hydrogen pipeline ordinance. Proposed setback  
25 distances from the pipelines were discussed. So far, it has been difficult to find  
26 information that strongly supports a rationale for a specific setback value. More research  
27 is needed.

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29 **La Porte Texas Pipeline Fire**

30 Many features of the La Porte Texas pipeline are similar to those for pipelines in EGT. The  
31 group discussed the four above-ground valve/meter stations in our township and  
32 preventing an accident like the one in La Porte. The valve station on the Williams natural  
33 gas pipeline south of Paoli Pike is the most vulnerable to a vehicle strike. Several means  
34 of reducing this risk were discussed. Paoli Pike is a state road which is managed by  
35 PennDOT. Michele will ask Derek to place this topic on the agenda for the next BOS  
36 meeting on 11/19/2025 and Gerry will attend.

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38 **New Business**

39 The group discussed what to do in the future if there is another Zoom-bombing issue like  
40 the one that occurred at the October meeting.

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42 John will not be continuing with the PTF in 2025 and will resign effective 11/30/2025.  
43 The PTF thanked him for his service during the past two years.

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45 Gerry proposed some changes regarding the PTF meeting schedule in 2025. He would  
46 like to reduce the frequency of meetings and change the meeting time. He recommended

1 that the PTF meet every other month and during the day. The group agreed with this  
2 proposal and gave suggestions for possible dates and times. [PMN: The group agreed to  
3 meet at 10:00 am in the small conference room on the third Tuesday of odd numbered  
4 months with the exception of May. Since 05/20/2025 is Primary Election Day, the PTF  
5 will meet at 10:00 am on Monday 05/19/2025 (3rd Monday). This 2025 PTF meeting  
6 schedule was approved by the BOS at their re-organization meeting on 01/06/2025.]  
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8 **Reports / Legislative Update**

9 Judy summarized the 10/24/2024 CC-PSAC meeting. She reported that there are two  
10 table-top functional exercises planned for December.  
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12 **Liaison Reports**

13 None.  
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15 **Correspondence / Any Other Matter**

16 None.  
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18 **Next meeting**

19 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 10:00am.  
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21 **Adjournment**

22 The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.  
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24 Respectfully submitted,

25 *Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator*  
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