

OCTOBER 21, 2015

7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: J. Golden
D. Haywood
I. Kyd
P. Mike, Alt #1
N. Marmorato, Alt #2

ABSENT: R. Phillips

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by D. Laudенbach.

NOTIFICATION

In order to ensure full public participation at this meeting, all members of this Board, and members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Notification of the time, date and place of this meeting has been published in the Hunterdon County Democrat, Courier News and has been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

NEW AND PENDING MATTERS

Nomination of Chairperson for remainder of 2015

J. Golden was nominated by D. Haywood, seconded by N. Marmorato and carried for the remainder of 2015.

It was moved by D. Haywood, seconded by N. Marmorato and carried to close the nominations. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Resolution in Opposition to Penn East Pipeline

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 02

**TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD
BOARD OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS the Kingwood Township Board of Health is concerned about the potential for serious health impacts to the residents of Kingwood Township due to the construction of the PennEast pipeline through the Township; and

WHEREAS the pipeline route traverses an area of the region with the highest arsenic concentration in the state of New Jersey with no monitoring plans or mitigation measures to address the potentially serious health effects being proposed by PennEast; and

WHEREAS the residents of the Township rely solely on private wells for potable drinking water; and

WHEREAS the fracturing of bedrock necessitated by the construction will potentially release the heavy metal arsenic into the earth, air and water supply including private wells and such water bodies as the Delaware and Raritan Canal posing both immediate and long term adverse health effects; and

WHEREAS damage to private wells can be caused directly by vibration due to blasting and construction and indirectly by changes induced in the Township's delicate and complex aquifer systems; and

WHEREAS although the Township has enacted ordinances to protect well water supplies under "normal" conditions, PennEast shows no intent to develop mitigation plans for aquifer and well damage or to monitor for health-threatening changes; and

WHEREAS the majority of the Township is served by individual septic systems; and

WHEREAS the potential exists for vibration-induced damage to septic systems caused by blasting and other construction activities resulting in contamination of potable water supplies; and

WHEREAS because of the highly fractured bedrock underlying the Township septic systems are extremely expensive to construct, often costing \$50,000 to \$60,000 for individual home systems; and

WHEREAS PennEast has not recognized that the burden of repairing or replacing systems damaged by construction could result in further groundwater contamination due to the inability of individual homeowners to afford the unanticipated costs of repairing damage caused by pipeline construction; and

WHEREAS the roadways in the Township are often narrow and winding, and sometimes congested in morning and late afternoon; and

WHEREAS there exists no plan for limiting construction activities that could pose a danger to children and other residents such as during periods when school buses are picking up and dropping off children throughout the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kingwood Township Board of Health opposes the construction of the PennEast Pipeline through the Township supporting the recommendations of the Kingwood Township Environmental Commission.

It was moved by D. Haywood, seconded by N. Marmorato and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2015-02 – Opposition to the PennEast Pipeline. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

D. Haywood requested that Resolution No. 2015-02 be posted on the FERC website.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by J. Golden, seconded by N. Marmorato and carried to approve the minutes of August 19, 2015. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**, except I. Kyd and P. Mikes, who **ABSTAINED**.

CORRESPONDENCE

State of New Jersey – Proposed PennEast Pipeline
Citizens Against the Pipeline – July 2015 Progress Reports

The Board briefly discussed the status of the PennEast pipeline.

County of Hunterdon – Department of Health – September Report

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by P. Mikes, seconded by J. Golden and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. All members present voted **AYE**.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Laudenschick, Secretary