

The regular meeting of the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** for July 2022 was held this evening via web-conference, Chairman Mitchell Zygmund-Felt presiding. Members present were Commissioners Areman, Brockington, and Pransky. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Norris.

Staff present via web conference were: Henry Sekawungu, Director of Planning and Zoning; Roger Phillips, Interim Township Engineer; Ken Hellendall, Emergency Management Coordinator; Scott Lynch, Fire Marshal; Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; and Robert Zienkowski, Township Manager. Also, present via web-conference was Ed Diasio, Township Solicitor.

Mr. Zygmund-Felt called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

1. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Enbridge/Texas Eastern regarding repairs to their pipeline on Church Road between Waverly Road and Limekiln Pike.

The proposed project was presented by John Sheridan, Greg Hackworth, Bill Quinn, and others of Enbridge/Texas Eastern (an updated PowerPoint presentation is attached). Mr. Sheridan provided updates for the pipeline project on Church Road between Waverly Road and Limekiln Pike. Mr. Hackworth provided an overview of and the reasoning for the proposed project, explaining that Enbridge/Texas Eastern is required by its regulators to conduct preventative maintenance activities of its pipelines. Through a routine in-line inspection, an anomaly was found in this section of pipeline in the eastbound lane of Church Road, requiring physical inspection.

In order to perform the physical inspection, the eastbound lane of Church Road will need to be closed with a detour. Route 73 West (Church Road) will remain open and driveways across from Arcadia University will be restricted to right-turn-only, with the exception of the EMS substation. Mr. Hackworth discussed the vehicle detours that will be put in place as well as the need for off-duty police officers for traffic detail. Mr. Hackworth explained that a service agreement with Cheltenham Township will be put in place after the Township's approval. Flaggers will also be utilized on Church Road to allow EMS mobilization. They would like to start the project August 1, 2022, which will allow the project to be completed before local schools start on August 29.

Tracey Burm, Enbridge's local right-of-way agent, will notify stakeholders in person. She will also send out notifications of the proposed project to designated areas as soon as possible, explaining the reason for lane closures, work hours, and contact information for any concerns or questions. The Planning and Zoning Department has determined that excavation in the pavement will not require Stormwater Management approval or an Earth Disturbance permit. A Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) application was submitted to PennDOT, as well as temporary detour routes for approval.

Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Quinn addressed some questions that were sent from Township prior to the meeting:

How are you regulated and how do you monitor your system?

They are regulated by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and regularly perform aerial and on-the-ground inspection of pipelines and rights-of-way to monitor factors that might impact the integrity of the pipeline.

How do you protect your system in high traffic areas?

Through the company's technical guidelines, Enbridge maintains strict requirements for construction activities in its system or right-of-way and the movement of vehicles or mobile

equipment within or across the right-of-way. Guidelines are distributed to third party contractors regularly to ensure the contractors have it available during the planning stages of their work.

How do you talk to stakeholders about safety around pipelines?

There is constant contact with stakeholders to ensure transparency and provide an opportunity to share important information, hear neighbor's experiences, respond to questions, and update Enbridge's safety programs.

Mr. Areman asked if the 21 days proposed for the project will include excavation, inspection and repair. Mr. Jake Maki responded that the 21 days accounts for the whole project. Mr. Areman asked if the excavation was a danger to the public. Mr. Maki said there is no danger to the public and assured Mr. Areman that their team will comply with any Township restrictions. PennDOT will also put out a press release regarding the project. Mr. Areman asked how residents can submit claims if their property becomes damaged from the project and suggested contact information be provided to residents in the event that such issues arise.

Mr. Zygmund-Felt asked about the procedure for illegal detouring, particularly by non-residents and commercial vehicles. Mr. Frank Cippel, Traffic Engineer from Michael Baker International, said that many traffic signs will be in place to detour local traffic, and Police Officers will monitor any vehicles going through restricted areas. Mr. Zygmund-Felt asked if an agreement was reached with the Police Department with regard to compensation for officers. Acting Chief Slavin responded that CTPD has a standard contract which details hours and compensation for outside contractors to hire officers.

Mr. Zygmund-Felt asked how secure the site will be during construction. Mr. Maki said every precaution will be made to ensure the security of the site to reduce risk. Mr. Zygmund-Felt also advised that a Business Privilege License will need to be obtained by any for-profit business that operates in the Township. Mr. Sheridan responded that their team will comply and submit the documents for the required permits and licenses.

Public Comment:

Darlene Melton asked how EMS will be able to get out of the substation during off hours when the off-duty officers and flaggers are not present. Chief Slavin said that the substation is closed during the overnight hours when ambulances work out of the main location.

Leah Modigliani asked about a recent event when gas pressure needed to be reduced during a water main break, but it took 12 hours to do so. She asked about the protocols for an emergency situation. Mr. Quinn responded that the situation is assessed based on severity, and they are able to reduce pressure at a quicker rate if the situation demands; however, it requires venting the gas into the atmosphere.

Rhonda Isser said the gas line was a major concern during the Interceptor A project, and asked that Texas Eastern address how that was handled. Mr. Sheridan said he was not part of that project, but assured that for this project, they will maintain transparent communication with residents and ensure that all concerns or issues will be addressed and safety is a priority. Ms. Isser stated that it has been her experience that the company was very responsive to community concerns during the Interceptor A project and pointed that Texas Eastern takes these concerns seriously.

Tom Mullian expressed concerns about high traffic and semi-trucks on the road, natural force damage, freeze and thaw, and road contour changes and asked if it would be possible to have

another meeting to address these issues. Mr. Sheridan assured Mr. Mullian that these concerns can be discussed in another meeting, but assured him that the pipeline is made to withstand the weight of the trucks, and that integrity of the pipes is regularly tested.

Theresa Camerota raised concerns felt in response to the recent water main break, regarding the pipeline's safety and potential risks to the residents in the area. She asked if the high concentration of utilities within the right-of-way of Church Road is an unusual situation due to its age. Mr. Quinn stated Church Road is not an unusual situation among the densely populated areas where it is common to have higher concentrations of all utilities. Mr. Hellendall stated from his experience, Enbridge/Texas Eastern have been extremely transparent and communicative on a continual basis regarding safety practices and updates and he is confident they are working in the interests of safety in the Township.

Howard Schatz stated he was impressed with the comprehensive presentation, and asked about the calibrations of tools used in inspections and how data is validated. Mr. Quinn stated they do have tests in place to validate the calibrations of the tools for both a financial and public safety reasons.

Edie Cerebi asked if the presentation given tonight will be available online. Mr. Zygmund-Felt asked Mr. Sheridan to send the most updated presentation to the Township for posting.

Mr. Zygmund-Felt thanked Enbridge/Texas Eastern for the presentation, and asked that they be prepared to fully address the resident concerns submitted at the legislative meeting on July 20.

Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee with a 5-0 vote recommended the Board of Commissioners continue discussion with the intent to approve the Enbridge/Texas Eastern pipeline inspection project on Church Road between Waverly Road and Limekiln Pike at the July Board of Commissioners' meeting, conditioned upon all questions and communication issues being addressed (Ayes: Zygmund-Felt, Pransky, Areman, Brockington, Norris).

2. **RECEIPT OF MONTHLY REPORTS AND CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
 - A. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the June 2022 Report of the Highway Department.
 - B. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the May 2022 Report of the Refuse and Recycling Department.
 - C. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the June 2022 Report of the Parks Maintenance Department.
 - D. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the June 2022 Report of the Code Administrator.
 - E. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the June 2022 Report of the Street & Traffic Light Superintendent.
 - F. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the June 2022 Report of the Fleet Superintendent.
 - G. The Shade Tree Advisory Commission Meeting was canceled for June.
 - H. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the June 13, 2022 Environmental Advisory Council meeting.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
4. **NEW BUSINESS**

5. CITIZENS' FORUM

Darlene Melton expressed concerns regarding the problematic drive-thru traffic flow causing traffic issues at Chick-Fil-A. Mr. Lynch said that he will talk with the restaurant manager. Mr. Zygmund-Felt recommended that this issue be put on the agenda for the Public Safety Meeting.

Tom and Olga McHugh asked about the diameter of the gas line that is being excavated on Church Road, the pressure of the natural gas, and if any agents have been added to the gas. Mr. Zygmund-Felt responded that technical questions will be forwarded to the technical team to be addressed at the legislative meeting.

Howard Schatz had an additional question about whether seismic monitors were ever put in to monitor the road over time. He will put it in writing for the Enbridge technical team.

6. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


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