



**City of Lambertville**  
**Special Session**  
**Thursday, November 10, 2016, 7 p.m.**  
**Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center**  
**25 South Union Street, Lambertville**  
**MINUTES**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.**

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and read a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record, noting the Clerk provided the required notice on Friday, November 3, 2016 to the Democrat, the Times, posted the agenda to the bulletin board at City Hall, the website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://www.lambertvillenj.org), and noticed various people on the list serve, inclusive of Department Heads, City Attorney and City Engineer.

**ROLL CALL.**

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

*Present:* Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

*Absent:* Councilwoman Asaro, Councilwoman Warner – (father is in the hospital).

*Also present:* Members of the Lambertville PennEast Pipeline Committee: Sue Begent, Gina Fischetti, Filomena Hengst, Lauren Rosenthal McManus, Jeff Tittel, Kelly Kappler, Kim Nage, and Judy Detrano; Suez – David Fournier, and USFW – Steve Mars.

**CLOSED SESSION – none.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

Mrs. Ege led the public in a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.**

Mayor DelVecchio nominated Judy Detrano to serve on the PennEast Pipeline Committee. Councilman Sanders made a motion to confirm the Mayor's nomination. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**PENNEAST PIPELINE.**

Mayor DelVecchio introduced Sue Begent, the Chairperson of the City of Lambertville's Committee Against the PennEast Pipeline. He informed the members of the public present that there were rules for speaking and asked that if you wanted to speak to raise your hand and take turns and asked that everyone respect each other.

PENNEAST PIPELINE COMMITTEE - Sue Begent, Chairperson of the City of Lambertville's Committee Against the PennEast Pipeline gave a presentation on the impacts of the proposed pipeline.

Ms. Begent reviewed the attached power point presentation with the members of the public present. She asked that if people couldn't hear her that they waive their hand. If they have a question, they should just raise their hand. She thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and explained that she has had a crash course on the information she was presenting. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the project, understand what the committee has done, present excerpts from the EPA, DEP, Rate Counsel and introduce the City's CAP Group.

The attached power point presentation was reviewed with the members of the public.

**WHAT ARE FRACK OUTS?** Mr. Steve Mars of the USFW explained that frack outs are when the mixture of clay ends up in the water supply from blasting. He said there was no rule about blasting. Swan Creek is a high hazard water dam and it could be compromised during construction or at some point down the road. In addition, it will take 50 years for the growth to regenerate. It will damage roads and cause congestion with all of the trucks from Texas.

Jeffrey Tittel explained that the easement will be 400 feet wide by 117 miles long. Once the easement is granted, it can't be taken back and it can be sold to other entities down the road. It will take 18 million gallons of water to test the pipeline. It will increase flooding and the new proposed route is on the Lambertville/West Amwell border on Music Mountain and follows the power lines along Hewitt Road. We could experience problems like in Flint, Michigan with water quality. One major safety event could damage property, cause property values to decline, cause health issues, etc. Currently, they experience one major event per month throughout the United States. The explosions and leaks will be a problem because they cannot inspect the lines. The lines corrode over time. And, Spectra Energy just reversed the flow in the existing pipeline in West Amwell because they don't need the gas. The deadline for comment has been extended to December 5. Mr. Tittel asked that everyone file a comment or become an intervenor. The Lambertville CAP is planning on holding sessions to assist the public with their filings. Mr. Tittel explained that 15 million people drink water from the Delaware River every day. He commented that the major issue is that the application filed by PennEast Pipeline was lacking key information. Mr. Tittel explained that Governor McGreevy did a lot of good things to protect the environment and one was to make Alexauken Creek a category 1, protecting water quality. The burden to prove that this pipeline won't impact water quality is on PennEast Pipeline. The pipeline will cross 255 streams. We are coming to you to ask that you come to meetings, sign up for the notices. DRCC and SHPO have jurisdiction. The game is to slow down the pipeline.

**SUEZ WATER COMPANY** – David Fournier

Mr. Fournier informed the members of the public that about 1 year ago PennEast Pipeline representatives visited Suez and asked to survey the right of way. That was the only communication they had with the PennEast Pipeline. Suez is a public utility and they are hesitant to take a side. They were invited to meet with the Lambertville CAP and that was when they found out what was planned. Since then, Suez filed to become an Intervenor and has been in communication with the City of Lambertville's Committee Against the PennEast Pipeline. The immediate concerns are: the project is too close to the infrastructure, environmental impact, risk to residences, and water quality. Suez requested a meeting with the representatives of the PennEast Pipeline about two weeks ago. It has not been scheduled yet.

John Hencheck of Quarry Street stated that his wife has seen trucks from Texas, and she has asked the driver what they are doing. This project will not benefit New Jersey and those hired will be from Texas. He also commented that the proposed route is to go right through the Irish Burial Ground (1832). Jeff Tittel commented that Parks will look into it.

Patty Cronheim asked if they were in communication with dam safety. Mr. Fournier explained that they had it inspected but they did not speak to them about PennEast Pipeline. It was suggested that Suez reach out to State of NJ Dam Safety.

Steve Mars commented that PennEast's submission to dam safety did not include plans or specifications.

SIERRA CLUB – Jeff Tittel

Mr. Tittel commented that he spoke throughout the PowerPoint presentation and it isn't necessary for him to comment now.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE – Steve Mars

Mr. Steve Mars participated in the power point presentation and assisted with answering many questions. He also stated that should this go through, pristine land that has never been disturbed will be damaged and we don't really know how that will overall impact our community. The USFW wrote a letter to FERC identifying data gaps in the application. The proposed pipeline impacts 80 miles in Pennsylvania and 35 miles in New Jersey. The application doesn't give you enough information; there is no biological survey to support that it won't impact the frogs, bog turtles, fish, herring run or the shad, crossings, or creeks. Mr. Mars was out walking the proposed route and found the habitat is in pristine condition and has never been logged. An old habitat of high quality. We don't know what is in the right of way. The project cannot start until the survey is complete. There are federal laws before the first set of permits is obtained from DEP, the Army Corp of Engineers. This project will cross 40 C1 streams.

Mayor DelVecchio asked how the public can help. Mr. Mars commented that if anyone lives along the proposed route, they should not grant access to the representatives of PennEast. The PennEast Pipeline may need to go to the Courts to gain access and they may need to use eminent domain to obtain easements. He asked that those in the right of way contact New Jersey Conservation Foundation to have their land surveyed for species. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the route on line for the list of impacted property (New Jersey Conservation Foundation has it). The Bald Pate Mountain is listed as one of the impacted properties. There are giant trees that you can't wrap your arms around they are so old. We have no idea what the impacts will be to the infrastructure.

Sue Begent and members of the Lambertville CAP Committee asked the members of the public to not leave until they signed up for the newsletter. They reminded everyone that they will be holding sessions to help people make comments and become an intervenor.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

None.

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Regularly Scheduled Session

Thursday, November 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

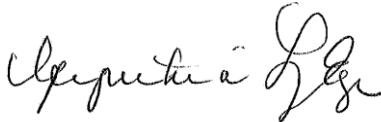
## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITIONS OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilman Sanders. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia L. Ege

CMR, RMC, City Clerk

*The November 10, 2016 minutes for the Special Session were approved at the regularly scheduled session of November 22, 2016.*

