

WEST PIKE RUN TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Meeting June 27th, 2019
Continuation of Regular Business Meeting

CALL TO ORDER The West Pike Run Township Board of Supervisors met for continuation of regular Business meeting on Monday, June 27, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Molish.

PLEADGE & Present at the meeting were, Supervisor Phil Podroskey, Supervisor
ROLL CALL Richard Molish,
Solicitor Dennis Makel, Chief Sneddon, and Secretary/ Treasurer Frank Muccino.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Dr Hurley- Spoke about the Township Canine Dolly stating all her blood work has come back good, but he would like for her to lose some weights for her overall health.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion occurred about Bearcat Ambulance services, who provide ambulance services to part of the township, that they are going out of business within 90 days.

Motion to: Terminate any relationship it has with Bearcat Ambulance service effective June 27, 2019. Motion made by Phil Podroskey, 2nd by Rick Molish, Motion Carried.

Motion to: Appoint Ambulance and Chair of Washington to provide primary Ambulance Service effective June 27th, 2019 on temporary basis. Motion made by Phil Podroskey, 2nd by Rick Molish, Motion Carried.

Question was asked if Bearcat would reimburse their members. Solicitor Makel said that Ambulance and Chair would honor the membership of Bearcat ambulance.

Mike Kopar from PSI reported to the Board on Air study done at Tiberie residence:

Mr. Kopar stated it was a limited sample, but that the sample show low levels of what they call TIC (tentatively Identified Compounds) which were associated with propane and other natural gases and they were not reported to be above any regulatory limits. Although it was a limited sample, and the sample was limited to were the first sample was taken on Mr. Tiberie property.

Nathan Ribar, Environmental Health Project- Spoke about testing they conducted in late August 2018. Using a summa canister conducted over a 24-hour period. In their analysis of the VOC that were collected, which is all the chemical they test for. A test that the EPA uses and

sets the guidelines. They found 6 different chemicals none of them were above the any regulatory limits. He stated that whenever grabbing a sample over 24 hours you don't see the Maximum or minimum concentrations; you will only see the average. He stated there could be levels at certain times that do exceed the limits but they are not able to see the maximum levels. In addition to the 6 chemicals they did they also found tentatively Identified Compounds, Propane, Ethanol, Butane from that analyze as well. He stated his best guess is these are from the well located in close proximity to the Tiberie.

Both agreed that they got consistent results of each other's testing

Nathan Ribar explained that they compare the results to thresholds that are set by other government agencies, so whether that's OSHA, ATSDR or things like that. Basically, what they comparing them to is Health standards usually occupation or standards set for people who are not going to be exposed to these things for a long period of time so it's completely different for someone that living in this area and even at low levels being exposed to these chemicals for extended period of time.

Solicitor Makel asked both if you live next to it is this deadly?

Mr. Kopar responded that he didn't know the answer to that. But he stated he knows that there are certain compounds and chemicals that are regulated for a reason. He stated that once again it was a snapshot in time where sample was collected and basically was trying to determine what was different between the samples to determine what source might be.

Mr. Ribar stated that his groups specializes in public health and he read off list of potential health ramification associated with chemicals that where found. He stated many of the chemicals can cause issues such as Neurological, Cardiovascular, Eye, skin Irritations Raspatory problems.

Solicitor Makel asked at what levels do these issues occur?

Mr. Ribar stated that they only set regulation for short term exposure. They do not set thresholds for people living in close proximity of these locations. So, they do not really have a way of setting that level.

Mr. Kopar- stated that's the problem they had in interpreting the results, its difficult giving a assessment of health effects of something, when there are not enough studies to show what they are from exposure over a period of time.

Solicitor Makel Asked if they had anything else to offer?

Mr. Ribar- stated they also did studies at other locations within township area, where a lot of the same chemicals where found. He stated that had found 3 to 5 chemicals at the other locations, at All locations 2-propanol, Acetone, Toluene. At another location they found formaldehyde which can cause raspatory effects as well as being a probable cancer causing

chemical. It has been known to be byproduct of combustion of diesel so be it a increase in truck traffic or generators running off of diesel.

Public Comments or Questions.

Dale Tiberie – Asked what can be done to monitor the air quality on more regular basis?

Mr. Kopar- Stated you can set up environmental monitoring stations that can be set out and collect samples at different intervals. There are VOC monitors but they do not differentiate between the different chemicals.

Mr. Ribar – stated that in addition to the VOC monitoring, they did Particulate monitoring over a 32-day period of time in which the results showed they were somewhat elevated. They plan to continue doing Particulate monitoring at 2 locations within the township.

Lois Fair Shake Environmental Group- asked about real time monitoring?

Mr. Ribar – stated that Carnegie Mellon is currently developing something to monitor the levels of VOC but won't tell what those VOC are.

Colleen Tiberie – Why isn't EQT here, why are they not culprit able in this and having to do something about it, capture the emissions, I understand they are not required to do this but can't we change it in the Ordinance and why does it happen only at night?

Mr. Kopar – Explained that possible reason that they notice it at night may be due to a temperature inversion. Where particulates don't evaporate as quickly and dissipate into the air.

Colleen Tiberie – asked if this is occurring at other well in area?

Mr. Kopar – Stated he has not tested other pads for VOC.

Colleen Tiberie- Asked how we can get EQT more involved in this Process? Are they not suppose to let the township know what they are doing on well pad?

Supervisor Molish – Stated not if its general maintenance.

Dale Tiberie – asked if the township received a report from EQT as required in the Ordinance about their plans are every year on each site?

Supervisor Molish – stated we have not received a report.

Solicitor Makel – stated we will look into that.

Dale Tiberie – Stated that he believes we need to look into township Ordinance and strength it before they come back. Need to add that they would be require test for Air, Water, Soil quality before, during and after drilling in the Township.

Solicitor Makel – stated that he would prefer that Township require them to reimburse the Township for a third party hired by the Township to do the testing.

Dave – could ultra violet light or sun light be dispersing the strength of the odor during the day. Where the night time or lack of sun light exposure doesn't disperse the odor?

Mr. Kopar – Stated from what he been told by the lab it's a temperature inversion

Dale Tiberie – Asked the board if they feel it is right that they have to live next to this site and have to endure what they have to endure?

Supervisor Podroskey – Asked how long has this been going on?

Dale Tiberie – Stated he believed it had started when production started but noticed it more about a year ago.

Walter King – Talked about adding something to the Township Ordinance to make them prove they are doing it the right way. He also stated because of all the problems they have he believes he should have their taxes waved?

Mr. Ribar – Talked about the Monitor installed on the Kings and Tiberie called Purple Air to monitor the particular matter.

Solicitor Makel – Spoke about changes that can be made Township Ordinance.

Dr. Hurley-Asked if Mr. Kopar or Mr. Ribar had tested the well after there had been event at one of the wells?

Mr. Kopar – Stated that you would have to have a Monitor at the well pad 24 hour a day 7 days a week to find out what is being released.

Connie Palfrey-Asked if Township Knew that Compressor Station at Doepler Pad came back on line.

Susan Hurley- Stated to the board she feels that they are slowly being poisoned.

Dale Tiberie – Stated that the raw gases coming out of the ground is poisonous. They need to stop polluting our air.

Connie Palfrey – Asked Mr. Ribar if the other place that they tested were near well pads or compressor stations

Mr. Ribar – stated they were.

Colleen Tiberie – Asked if the Gas Company could collect the emissions instead of releasing it in the air.

Dale Tiberie – Stated they are deliberately releasing emissions into the air.

Walter King – Ask if can implement a tax based on the amount of gas being produced?

Solicitor Makel – Stated that Township ability to tax is based off the local Tax Enabling Act. If that special Tax is not listed then can't do it.

Dale Tiberie – ask if their sensor that you can monitor to pick up these particular VOC?

Mr. Kopar – Said there are monitors but they are not for a specific VOC, in order to monitor for a specific VOC, you have to know the range and get specific bulb that only monitors in that range.

Mr. Makel Suggest within next 2 or 3 weeks to have Mr. Kopar and Mr. Ribar to get together and provide Township with information on machines or devises that can assist the Township, and help the Township with these complaints.

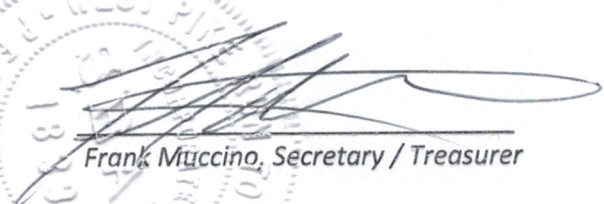
Mrs. King – Stated that now Equitrans took over the compressor stations. They don't know who to contact now if they have a problem

Solicitor Makel – Talked about the way Equitran and EQT pass the blame between each other.

Supervisor Molish – Advised we need a Pamphlet with contact numbers.

Motion to Adjourn made by Phil Podroskey, 2nd by Rick Molish. Motion Carried.

With no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm



Frank Muccino, Secretary / Treasurer

