

TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

R2014-104: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS OPPOSING THE PILGRIM PIPELINE

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Company (“Pilgrim”) is proposing to build a new bi-directional pipeline through the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (the “Township”) that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey (the “Pipeline”); and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will carry oil from the Bakken Shale region of North Dakota extracted through a process of hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” which has been found to deplete clean water resources, create toxic air emissions and radioactive waste, and release large quantities of methane gas into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, data collected by the Capline Pipeline in Louisiana, which tested crude from 86 locations worldwide, indicates that sweet oil from the Bakken Shale has a far higher vapor pressure - making it much more likely to throw off combustible gases - than crude from dozens of other locations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that bringing sweet oil from the Bakken Shale into the Township potentially threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Pilgrim pipeline raises significant safety concerns for the Township, risks potential harm to municipal and county infrastructures, and negatively impacts future development in the Township; and

WHEREAS, due to the constraints of available workspace, construction of the Pipeline will place heavy equipment in close proximity to homes and foundations; and

WHEREAS, temporary workspace usage will also impact existing soils, reducing water absorption and increasing future flooding possibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline will carry a large volume of highly flammable oil through certain Township residential neighborhoods, which will place them in harm’s way should an explosion or spill occur; and

WHEREAS, any rupture or compromise of the Pipeline, even without an explosion or fire, will require extraordinary cleanup efforts, could force many Township residents from their homes, and place a large number of Township residents in close proximity to hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) only has 135 inspectors to oversee 2.6 million miles of pipeline, and only a fifth of that pipeline system has been inspected by PHMSA or its state partners since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline may decrease the values of homes located along its route and in surrounding neighborhoods; and

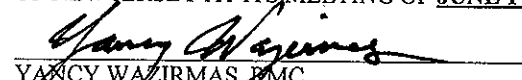
WHEREAS, many Parsippany residents depend on ground water and public community water systems for potable water supplies, the integrity and safety of which may be jeopardized by the Pipeline.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills as follows:

1. That the aforesaid recitals are adopted and incorporated herein as if repeated in full; and
2. That the Township Council hereby calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal, surveying, or construction of the Pilgrim pipeline through and within the municipal borders of the Township; and
3. That the Township Council hereby requests that a full Environmental Impact Statement be completed to assess the myriad environmental consequences of the Pipeline project; and
4. That the Township Council hereby directs the Township Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the following:
 - a. Governor Chris Christie;
 - b. State Senator Joseph Pennachio;
 - c. State Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCroce;
 - d. State Assemblyman Jay Webber;
 - e. Morris County Chosen Board of Freeholders; and
 - f. Governing Bodies of all Morris County Municipalities.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Carifi	X					
Mr. dePierro	X				X	
Mr. Peluso	X					
Mr. Stanton	X					X
Mr. Valori	X					

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND LAWFUL COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AT ITS MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2014.


 YANCY WAZIRMAS, BMC
 TOWNSHIP CLERK


 COUNCIL PRESIDENT PAUL CARIFI JR.