

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
TO OPPOSE THE PILGRIM PIPELINE

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Company (“Pilgrim”) is proposing to build a new bi-directional pipeline (“Pipeline”) through the Village of Tuxedo Park or land owned or to be owned by the Village of Tuxedo Park that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline will carry oil extracted from North Dakota’s Bakken shale through the process of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, an extreme method of oil and gas extraction that depletes and despoils clean water resources, creates toxic air emissions and radioactive waste, and contributes to the climate change crisis by releasing large quantities of methane gas into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, in February the Wall Street Journal compared oil from 86 locations around the world and found Bakken crude oil to be the most volatile. Bringing this fuel into our community endangers our families, property, and environment; and

WHEREAS, the Village is concerned that bringing this fuel into and through our community endangers our surface and subsurface water sources, our reservoir and lakes, important protected species (i.e. bald eagles, timber rattlesnakes, woodpeckers, etc.), and our environment as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Pilgrim Pipeline raises significant safety concerns for the Village of Tuxedo Park, as well as potential harm to municipal and county infrastructure, and likely negative impact upon future development in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Tuxedo Park (“Village Board”) is concerned that heavy construction equipment will also be in close proximity to homes and foundations due to the constraints of available workspace. Temporary workspace usage will also severely impact the existing soil reducing water absorption and may increase future flooding possibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is concerned about the hazards the Pipeline project may create due to the nature and volume of the highly flammable oil flowing through the Pipeline, and its proposed route, which crosses through residential neighborhoods. These communities will be in the “impact radius” should an explosion and or spill occur; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tuxedo Park is a unique community listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and there is a concern that the Pipeline project would negatively impact the unique characteristics that underlie the Village’s listing on the National Register of Historic Places; 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 one fifth of that pipeline system has been inspected by PHMSA or its state partners since 2006; and

WHEREAS, because the potential for a pipeline explosion could harm hundreds of people, we express grave concerns about this project negatively affecting the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board's responsibility is to provide a safe environment for its residents, and this Pipeline raises serious safety concerns as described above; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project may negatively impact tax revenue for the Village of Tuxedo Park based on right-of-way agreements with Pilgrim Pipeline and a decline in the property values of homes along and adjacent to the new Pipeline and surrounding neighborhoods as a direct result of the project; and

WHEREAS, many Village residents depend on ground water and public community surface water systems for water supply and this project will impact surface and groundwater quality and quantity; and

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources requires protection of area water supplies and other natural resources for generations to come; and

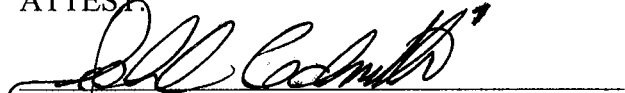
WHEREAS, protection of the Village water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restoring degraded environments after the fact.


NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

- 1- The Village Board opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline.
- 2- The Village Board calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal, surveying, or construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline through or adjacent to the Village of Tuxedo Park.
- 3- Because this project will traverse and negatively impact numerous significant natural areas and the resources of the municipality, the Village Board requests a full environmental review be conducted by the DEC to assess the myriad of environmental consequences resulting from the proposed project.
- 4- The Village Board authorized and directs the municipal clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the following persons and entities:
 - a) NY Governor Andrew Cuomo
 - b) State Senator John Bonacic
 - c) State Assemblyman Karl Brabenic
 - d) Food and Water Watch, NY State office, 68 Jay Street, Suite 713, Brooklyn, NY 11201
 - e) The Sierra Club – Atlantic Chapter, 353 Hamilton Street | Albany, NY 12210

- f) All Orange County Municipal Village Boards and Town Boards
- g) Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus
- h) Orange County Legislature

ATTEST:


_____, Clerk


_____, Mayor