

Held at 9:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on July 23, 2015

OFFICIALS:

Chairman A. Leslie Disher - Present
 Vice-Chairman Karen M. Schneider - Present
 Trustee Kyle J. Hertzfeld - Present
 Solicitor Dawn E. Sanderson - Present
 Property Officer/Ass't Zoning Inspector James E. Fischer - Present
 Zoning Inspector Eric H. Gay - Present
 Fiscal Officer/Zoning Secretary Kay Ann Robertson - Present

GUESTS:

John Widmer, Zoning Planner and Consultant
 Amy Deibel, Nexis Gas Transmission LLC, Independence, Ohio
 John Bins, Nexis Gas Transmission LLC, Independence, Ohio
 Larry Smore, Nexis Gas Transmission LLC, Independence, Ohio
 Dennis Langston, Const. Manager, Nexis Gas Transmission, Independence
 Mark Wagoner, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP, Toledo, Ohio
 Patrick Wambo, Waterville City Fire Chief, Waterville, Ohio
 Bob Weimer, 9401 Schadel Road, Waterville, Ohio

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman A. Leslie Disher called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All those present were asked to join Chairman Disher in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was called by the Fiscal Officer Kay Ann Robertson and all three (3) of the trustees were present: Leslie Disher; Karen Schneider; and, Kyle J. Hertzfeld.

AGENDA:

The Agenda had been prepared by Vice-Chairman Karen M. Schneider:

A. Leslie Disher made a motion to approve The Agenda for the July 23, 2015 meeting as it had been prepared by the Vice-Chairman Karen M. Schneider. Seconded by Kyle J. Hertzfeld.

Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PLAN AND DESIGN OF NEXIS TOWNSHIP COMPRESSOR STATION:

Mark Wagoner: The preliminary surveying and planning for the proposed Nexis Gas Transmission line has been going on for more than a year. He introduced the design team for the compressor station: Larry Smore, Project Manager; Dennis Langston, Construction Manager; Amy Deibel and John Bins. Mr. Wagoner indicated the compressor station should generate \$80,000,000. in revenue approximately \$3,000,000. per year. He said the township could realize \$400,000. in tax revenue. (It was later pointed out by the Lucas County Auditor that what if anything the township could get is determined by the Ohio State Auditor.)

Larry Smore: Every day begins with a job analysis of the project.

Amy Deibel: Every meeting begins with a discussion of safety. Safety is a big part of their job.

Larry Smore: A compressor station is needed every so often because as the gas travels through the lines, it loses pressure and the compressor station boosts it through. The site selection needs a willing land owner. It needs to be close to bedrock. They also look at the environment. They have selected an optimal site - a 40 acre parcel at the end of Moosman Drive in Waterville Township. They are now negotiating with the owner. They do not anticipate any expansion in the future. They are planning four (4) buildings on the site: electrical building; compressor building, air conditioning building and office building. There will be one 26,000 horsepower turbine driving the compressor. There will also be an approximately 190 foot tower on the property exclusively for their own use.

Amy Deibel: The gas enters the station and is filtered, some of it is used to fuel the turbine and the rest of the gas then leaves. They will have a backup generator.

John Bins: We are dealing with natural gas, simply compressing natural gas. Natural gas is one of the cleanest gases. There are not many emissions. They have filed for and received a permit from the EPA. They must also meet federal standards. Not all compressor stations are the same. Turbines are very well engineered. Before the turbine is put in operation, it must be tested and when in operation it will be tested periodically. There is no odor to natural gas.

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If the turbine should need repairs, they simply drop in a new one. There could be periods of time when the turbine would not operate. There would be no vibration with the turbine - it will sit on its own separate foundation.

James Fischer: There is a quarry nearby, so bedrock could be close. Would vibrations affect homes nearby?

John Bins: Turbines are very well balanced, so they usually do not tend to vibrate.

Dennis Langston: Blowdowns will pass through a silencer which will hold the noise to a certain level. There will only be blowdowns when servicing is needed, or the system needs to be taken down. Normally this does not happen very often.

Amy Deibel: Nexis has a third party do noise sampling and will take readings periodically. The noise levels must be 55-decibels or less - dishwasher operates at approximately 50-decibels. There will be insulation around the piping and equipment with mufflers on the turbine. Nexis would measure the noise at the nearest residence. The proposed compressor station is at least 1000 feet from the nearest home. If the noise level is greater than 55-decibels, they will have to add more insulation.

John Bins: There is a FERC document available.

Karen Schneider: Noise is the township's biggest concern. Currently the Township is working on zoning guidelines. The proposed compressor station is in an area of anticipated growth.

Larry Smore: If residential growth comes closer to the compressor station in the future, Nexis may revise the need for more noise insulation.

John Widmer: What is the range of noise measurement. The trustees are asking to measure the noise level at the fenceline not at the compressor station itself.

Larry Smore: The entire acreage will be fenced. There will be thicker insulation inside the compressor station. There will be metal sheeting inside the compressor station to hold in the noise. There will be a constant hum. They will be testing noise levels when there is the least amount of background noise. Once the compressor station is completed, he and his team will leave, but Nexis will still be there.

Les Disher: There is quite a rock bed in our area, if blasting is required, how will you deal with that?

John Bins: They prefer to grind through the rock, blasting would be a last resort. If they would have to blast they would do testing before they begin and test again after they are finished.

Larry Smore: They will begin construction in March of 2017 and it should take six (6) months to complete.

Karen Schneider: The township is also concerned about the lighting and road maintenance during and after construction.

Larry Smore: The excess property would be mowed not farmed. The perimeter would not be lit only a light at the gate. The drive into the property would be concrete or blacktop. We would have to get permits to use the local roads.

Les Disher: I would suggest using US 24 to SR 295 to Neapolis-Waterville Road to the compressor station site.

Karen Schneider: What about safety issues?

Larry Smore: We are in the process of getting everyone together.

John Widmer: What about the storage of building materials - inside or outside?

Larry Smore: There will not be much outside storage, only the vehicles of the workers. This will not be a maintenance headquarters.

Karen Schneider: There is no public water or sewer near that site.

Amy Deibel: They will use well and septic system.

John Bins: The turbine is air-cooled. They would need water to wash their trucks.

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Karen Schneider: What about security?

Larry Smore: The location on US 24 helps.

Amy Deibel: We will have cameras at the gate and in the interior of the building. The doors are locked with brakes.

Karen Schneider: What kind of access would emergency personnel have?

John Bins: A person on their staff always is notified first and they in turn notify the correct fire or police responder. The first contact for Nexis must live within twenty (20) miles of the site. During the day, they will be on site. Once they are operational, Nexis will set up meetings to train police and fire personnel.

Amy Deibel: All of the buildings have pitched roofs, with cornices, etc. The lighting of the parking lot will be directed down and not be bright - the minimum requirements. She will check further on this.

James Fischer: The next time you meet with us, could we see a blue print of how it will be laid out - a preliminary site plan.

Karen Schneider: Will the electric power be above or below ground? Underground.

Patrick Wambo: Could their proposed tower on the property be rented out? Their tower is not rented out - they have been approached but it has never been permitted.

Dennis Langston: The project will be bid competitively. There will be 50-55 people on site during construction. It should be completed in six (6) months.

John Widmer: Would you be opposed to a walking/biking trail along the pipeline route. We do have several paths in the Metro Parks System.

Larry Smore: It should not be an issue. No vegetation can be over four (4) feet tall. Their office is out of Cleveland. To get in touch with them, it is best to contact Mark Wagoner. Perhaps they can set up another meeting for this fall.

Les Disher: Chairman Disher thanked all of the representatives for coming this morning. We will make this a real team effort!

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought before the Waterville Township Board of Trustees, Kyle J. Hertzfeld made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Karen M. Schneider.

Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Attest:

Kay Ann Robertson

Trustees:

Les Disher
Kyle J. Hertzfeld
Karen Schneider