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Edward Latuska, Chairman
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Andrew Erie, Supervisor
Kenneth Frenchak Jr, Supervisor
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Mark Lauer, Public Works Director
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Michael Gallagher, Solicitor
Olsen & Associates, Engineer

CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Special Meeting Minutes
 March 19, 2014
 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Edward Latuska called the Special Meeting, of the Center Township Board of Supervisors, to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Center Township Municipal Building, 419 Sunset Drive, Butler PA 16001.

ROLL CALL:

In addition to Chairman Latuska, present were; Vice Chairman Alan Smallwood; Supervisor Andrew Erie, Township Engineer Ron Olsen: Public Works Director Mark Lauer and Township Secretary/Treasurer Anthony Amendolea. Supervisors Kenneth Frenchak and Philip Wulff were absent.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to receive information of the proposed EdgeMarc pipe line. No action will be taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

- EdgeMarc Pipe Line: Mr. Cedric D. Flowers, EdgeMarc, and Mr. Jim Albitz, Wood Group Mustang, presented the proposed plan for the EdgeMarc pipeline. EdgeMarc was founded by Golden Sacs approximately two (2) years ago. They drill wells and build transmission lines. EdgeMarc is interested in Butler County and Washington and Monroe Counties, Ohio. The Marcellus shale gas in Pennsylvania is wet gas and more profitable due to the by-products. The transmission line is needed because the wet gas must be processed prior to distribution. The transmission line will run from MarcWest Bluestone in Evans City to Allegheny Township, Butler County. Phase I will run from Evans City to the Oakland/Concord Township line. Phase II will run from Oakland/Concord Township to Allegheny Township. Phase I has procured most of the fifty foot (50') rights-of-way from affected property owners and tree cutting has begun and must be completed before March 31, 2014 due to the Indian bats.

The transmission line is sixteen inches (16") in diameter, meet DOT specs 192 Class 3, in forty foot (40') sections welded together and a minimum of three feet (3') of cover. Streams will have five feet (5'), roads four feet (4') and farms will have four (4) to five (5) feet of cover. The gas will be transmitted at up to 1,480 pounds per square inch. Two (2) compressor stations will be built (Mahood/Whitmire Roads (Oakland Township) and

Allegheny Township. Shut off valves, operated manually, will be placed approximately every eight (8) miles. The compressor stations are manned twenty-four (24) hours seven (7) days a week. The transmission line will be located by GPS and line markers. Since the line is traveling through the less dense areas of the Township, it is considered Class 1, but designed as Class 3. No buildings are permitted to be built from twenty-five feet (25') of the center of the pipe plus any setbacks established by Township ordinances.

There is no requirement to train emergency responders but EdgeMarc will provide. An operation manual will be present to emergency responders once it is written.

EdgeMarc expects to have a field office in Butler County. They are completing the permit application. The trees that were cut cannot be moved until they receive the permit to move in equipment, which they project to be May 1, 2014. Construction is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (3 MINUTE LIMIT):

1. Mr. George White, 319 Palmer Road: Mr. White questioned if the pipe line would follow the roadway corridor. Mr. Albitz answered that the pipeline has followed the power line corridor south of Center Township. Once in Center Township, due to procurement of rights-of-way, the pipe line travels in a serpentine direction. Road crossings will be made close to ninety degrees (90°).
2. Ms. Marsha Dasch, 311 East Brewster Road: Ms. Dasch wanted to know how deep the pipe line is, what dangers are associated with the pipe line and what property owners may do with the property.
3. Mr. Andrew Kovalchick, 227 Aggas Road: Mr. Kovalchick questioned the proposed routing.
4. Mr. Reid Campbell, West Sunbury Volunteer Fire Department: Mr. Campbell was concerned with emergency response of EdgeMarc and the role of emergency responders.
5. Mr. Carl Marinaro, 219 McClung Boulevard: Mr. Marinaro questioned if coal methane could be transmitted through the line. Mr. Albitz stated if the requirements were met, he could possibly tap into the line.
6. Mr. Jeff Stone, address unknown: Mr. Stoner questioned if any horizontal drilling would take place. Mr. Albitz stated there is one under a body of water for approximately 1,000 feet.

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. Township Engineer Ron Olsen: Olsen stated that Building Code Official Round considered the cutting of trees in the right-of-way as forestry. The Board will consider amending the timber harvesting ordinance to exempt clear cutting of trees for pipe line construction. He is concerned with the inspections during and after construction. Mr. Albitz replied that all records of the construction and installation of the pipe line is maintained by EdgeMarc.

- 2. Public Works Director Lauer: Road crossings will be monitored by the Township. Mr. Albitz stated EdgeMarc would bore under the roads. The pipe would have an additional coating to protect the line from damage when pushed under the road.
- 3. Supervisor Erie: Erie stated with the fifty foot (50') right-of-way plus setbacks established by ordinances the Township is losing approximately eight (80) acres which cannot be built on. Does the Township get reimbursed?

ADJOURNMENT:

Latuska stated this meeting was originally scheduled as an informational meeting. The Board is trying to be open and transparent so the meeting was opened to the public.

Latuska motioned to adjourn at 11:17a.m. Erie seconded. Motion carried.

Anthony A. Amendolea Township Secretary/Treasurer	Edward G. Latuska Chairman
Alan H. Smallwood Vice Chairman	Andrew Erie Supervisor
<i>Absent</i> Kenneth J. Frenchak, Jr Supervisor	<i>Absent</i> Philip B. Wulff Supervisor