

SPECIAL MINUTES

March 25, 2015

Representatives from Rover Pipeline LLC met with the Franklin Township Board for a special informational meeting. Supervisor Platt brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor Bob Platt, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Clerk Sue Whitehead arrived at 7:10 p.m.

A proposed 42" natural gas pipeline route would greatly affect the western and northern part of Franklin Township. The total pipeline route is 711 miles long with 7.48 miles of the route passing through Franklin Township. Rover Pipeline filed the necessary paperwork with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in June 2014 to begin the permit process. The company is anticipating approval of the project by November 2015. If approved, the project would be under construction in Defiance, OH in 2016 with anticipated completed construction by June 2017.

Rover Pipeline is seeking leases from affected property owners now and stated it would pay for any crop damages. The pipe will be buried no less than 4 feet on Farm land. 80% of the main transmission line will be under farm land.

Some of the questions received from the public present at the meeting were:

- Franklin Township has many artesian/flowing wells; how will that be handled? Response: Rover's Land Agents handle any problems that may arise with land issues.
- Damaging local gravel roads with equipment? Response: Any damages made to the roads Rover will repair. Rover will acquire any road bonds or road usage agreement as required through the Lenawee Co. Road Comm.
- How have property owners been notified? Response: Any property within ¼ mile is required to be notified – even if not an affected landowner.
- Can Rover only move natural gas through the pipeline or can crude oil also pass through the pipeline later? Response: Rover can only handle natural gas through the pipeline. The only material that can pass through the pipeline is what FERC will approve.
- Construction working hours? Response: The proposed pipeline will be under construction from sun-up until sun-down 6 days a week, unless boring under a road, etc. then it will be 24 hours a day 7 days a week until the boring is complete.
- Drain tile damage? Response: Rover covers the cost of any damage or relocation of a drain tile.

- Noise? Response: There are no compressor stations planned for Michigan. The closest would be in Ohio.
- Safety? Response: Construction will include a visual and an x-ray inspection of every weld that joins sections of pipe together. Regulation safety devices will be installed along with automated valves installed to shut off in case of emergency. Gas control monitors the whole pipeline 24/7. Pipelines are regulated by (FERC) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and (PHMSA) Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Rover stated they will meet or exceed state and federal safety requirements.

After public questions/comments were heard the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk