

New Salem Township

Resolution # 001

Agreement with Citizens against Heartland Greenway Pipeline

We, the undersigned, being all trustees of New Salem Township consent and agree that the following resolution was made on October 11, 2022, at 7:30 pm at the New Salem Township Hall.

We do hereby consent to the adoption of the following as it was adopted at our regular meeting. In accordance with State law and the bylaws of this Township, by unanimous consent, the board of trustees decided that:

Whereas the elected officials of New Salem Township do hereby oppose the construction of any CO2 Pipeline in our township because CO2 Pipelines are a threat to the health and safety of all residents of New Salem Township, and

Whereas, residents of New Salem Township would be negatively impacted by living under a constant threat of a CO2 Pipeline leak and explosion, as was seen in Satartia, Mississippi, and

Whereas residents of New Salem Township would need to pay increased taxes to allow our fire and EMS department to buy electric vehicles that would be able to run during a CO2 leak, since CO2 crowds out oxygen and disables gas combustion engines, which is a burden to both taxpayers and emergency planners, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced, on May 26, 2022, the agency's plan to initiate a new rulemaking process with a goal of strengthening its safety oversight of carbon dioxide (CO2) pipelines, as well as enforcing actions against Denbury Gulf Coast Pipelines for its CO2 pipeline failures in Satartia, Mississippi that caused the evacuation of 300 people and resulted in the hospitalization of nearly 50, thus confirming that existing regulations for such pipelines are inadequate to protect communities from dangerous pipeline failures and potential loss of life, and

Whereas, at a minimum, considering the PHMSA creating new measures for CO2 Pipeline Safety, the Illinois Commerce Commission should not grant any CO2 Pipeline the right to build in Illinois until the new safety measures are finalized, and

Whereas we as elected officials of New Salem Township and our elected officials in McDonough County need time to review these new PHMSA measures and enact ordinances to protect our residents and ensure CO2 Pipelines must adhere to both the PHMSA measures and any addition measures we find to be in the best interest of our residents' safety and general welfare, and

Whereas we the elected officials of New Salem Township are responsible for the upkeep of all Township Roads, CO2 pipelines threaten drainage of farm fields which can cause standing water on our roads, and

Whereas our residents would likely experience reduced property values if they were forced to have a CO2 Pipeline through their property, as any reasonable person would choose to buy property without a Co2 Pipeline or near a CO2 Pipeline, all other factors being equal, and

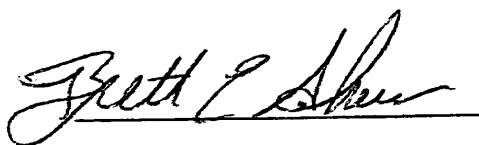
Whereas this reduction in property values and the hope of alternative retail, commercial, or other productive, tax-paying development along a CO2 Pipeline route will diminish the fiscal health of our Township tax base, and

Whereas, as stewards of tax dollars and the public trust we oppose this entire CO2 Pipeline scheme as a false and unproven method of helping the environment, and

Whereas the Federal tax dollars subsidizing this CO2 Pipeline could be much better spent on more proven methods of reducing carbon dioxide emissions without the need to use Eminent Domain and put our Township residents at permanent risk of CO2 Pipeline leaks.

Therefore, it is resolved, that the elected officials of New Salem Township that we hereby oppose the construction and use of eminent domain for any CO2 Pipeline in New Salem Township and urge McDonough County and the Illinois Commerce Commission to join us in opposing CO2 pipelines to protect the health and safety of our residents.

The officers of the New Salem Township are authorized to perform the acts to carry out this resolution.



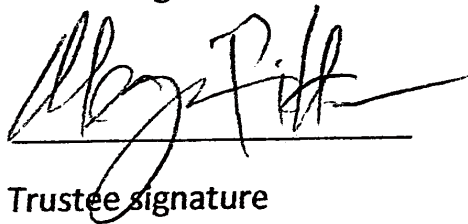
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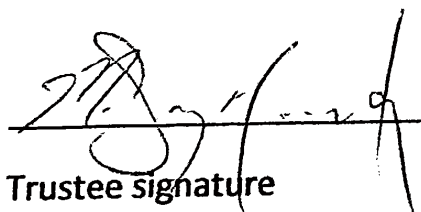
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