

Village of Port Byron

Resolution #230918

A RESOLUTION AS TO THE PROPOSED CO2 PIPELINE

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Byron that Wolf Carbon Solutions US LLC has submitted an application for a Certificate of Authority for a pipeline system to the Illinois Commerce Commission that as proposed would be near the village boundaries of the Village of Port Byron (the "Village") and village property, specifically within one and one-half miles of the Village;

WHEREAS the Village Board seeks to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the Village and its residents;

WHEREAS under the Illinois Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Sequestration Act the Illinois Commerce Commission in determining the application will make findings including as to evidence of the effect of the pipeline upon the economy, infrastructure, and public safety presented by local government units that will be affected by the proposed pipeline route;

WHEREAS a CO2 pipeline could pose a threat to the safety and well-being of residents, as seen in Sartaria, Mississippi, with mass CO2 poisoning after a pipeline break;

WHEREAS a CO2 pipeline will affect the economic conditions in the area, for instance, requiring additional training and equipment, such as electric vehicles able to run during a CO2 leak, which would increase expenses of local agencies, burdening taxpayers and agencies, potentially causing tax increases;

WHEREAS having a CO2 pipeline near properties is likely to negatively impact property values, diminishing the fiscal health of the Village's tax base;

WHEREAS The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced on May 26, 2022, in response to criticisms and the findings from the Sartaria investigation, that it was initiating a rulemaking to update its CO2 pipeline safety standards;

WHEREAS the date in which the new rule will be finalized is unknown, meaning if approved the pipeline may be constructed prior to the finalization of the updated safety standards;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Byron as follows:

Section 1: The recitals contained above are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Resolution verbatim, as findings of the Board of Trustees;

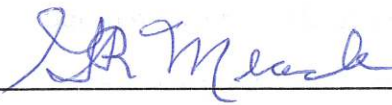
Section 2: Because of the impacts on the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village, the Board of Trustees hereby opposes the CO2 pipeline proposed.

Section 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval as provided by law.

Approved by the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Port Byron, Illinois, this 18th day of September, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

APPROVED:

Date: Ayes: Trustees Meade, Bitler, Marsden, Oliver, Klute
Nays: Trustees None
Absent: Trustees Clark

Signed: 
Village President

Date: September 18, 2023

Attest: 

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