

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE

RESOLUTION 2021-R-168

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Maple Shade deems that it is in the best interest of the Township of transfer appropriations from the specific line items in the 2020 Current Funds and Utility Funds; and

WHEREAS, transfers are permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers are made as per attached Schedule A.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Maple Shade Township Council at a meeting held on November 18, 2021.

Andrea T. McVeigh, Township Clerk

DATE: November 18, 2021

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Nunes		x	x			
Schmidt			x			
Volpe	x		x			
Wiest			x			

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RESOLUTION 2021-R-169

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE BLOCK 172.03, LOT 1 (QUAL CU135)
TAX EXEMPT AND TO CANCEL AND REFUND TAXES
FROM AUGUST 31, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor, by way of an October 26, 2021 memorandum, has requested that the Township Council cancel and refund the taxes paid from August 31, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for the property known as Block 172.03, Lot 1 (QUAL CU135) and declare said property tax exempt as the Township Assessor has determined that the property owner meets the criteria of N.J.S.A. 54:04-3.30 to merit tax exemption as the widow of a totally disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council may revise and adjust past due assessments when in error and desires to act favorably with respect to the aforementioned recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Township Council, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby cancels and refunds the municipal portion of real property taxes paid from August 31, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for Block 172.03, Lot 1, in the manner and in the amounts set forth in the attached Schedule A.

2. That the Township Council hereby declares Block 172.03, Lot 1 (QUAL CU135) tax exempt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 based on the proof submitted that the property owner is a totally disabled veteran.

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RESOLUTION 2021-R-170

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) BY TRUCK AND/OR RAIL THROUGH NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, a fundamental purpose of government is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Constitution declares “All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness;” and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy recognized that “New Jersey is especially vulnerable” to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise, that “minority and low-income communities are disproportionately affected by climate change . . . [and] increased air pollution,” that “in the absence of action at the federal level, states must take the lead in reducing greenhouse gas emissions,” that it is “the policy of this State that . . . New Jersey must pursue a just and smooth transition away from its reliance on fossil fuels as a primary energy source,” and that “unlimited present day and future investments in expanded fossil fuel infrastructure [is] a potential waste of both private and public resources;” and

WHEREAS, New Fortress Energy is planning the overland transport of Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”, also known as liquid methane) by truck on public highways and by rail car on existing railways from a yet-to-be-completed liquefaction plant in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, to a proposed LNG export terminal in Gibbstown, New Jersey on the Delaware River (the “Gibbstown Logistics Center”); and

WHEREAS, New Fortress Energy subsidiary Energy Transport Solutions received a Special Permit from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”) for the transport of LNG in rail cars designed 50 years ago and never used for LNG transport while subsequent federal rulemaking requires a safer rail car design for all other carriers; and,

WHEREAS, the transport of LNG has unique safety hazards, exposing those along these particular truck and rail routes to unprecedented and unjustifiable risk. An LNG release boils furiously into a flammable vapor cloud 620 times larger than the storage container. An unignited ground-hugging vapor cloud can move far distances, and exposure to the vapor can cause extreme freeze burns. If in an enclosed space, it asphyxiates, causing death. If ignited, the fire is inextinguishable. A resulting pool fire is so hot that second degree burns can occur within 5 seconds for those exposed within .69 miles and 10 seconds of exposure could be fatal. An LNG release can cause a Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion. The explosive force of LNG is similar to a thermobaric explosion – a catastrophically powerful bomb. The 2016 US Emergency

Response Guidebook advises fire chiefs initially to immediately evacuate the surrounding 1-mile area. No federal field research has shown how far the vapor cloud can move so in the most recent serious Plymouth, Washington, LNG fire, they evacuated a 2-mile radius; and

WHEREAS, spillage of LNG into water presents a hazardous situation where the water quickly transfers heat to the liquid methane, causing it to expand with explosive speed that can result in damage to nearby structures. Explosion can occur and have a cascading effect as the vapor cloud moves downwind or along topographical features such as a tributary, ditch, tunnel, or human built structures, threatening public safety, human life and the environment; and

WHEREAS, neither the State of New Jersey, the Delaware River Basin Commission, the Army Corps of Engineers nor any other agency has assessed the potential public safety, public health or environmental impacts of the proposed overland transport of LNG by truck or by rail car on the communities along the possible transportation routes between Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, and Gibbstown, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, no full-scale Quantitative Risk Assessment, which quantifies the frequencies of events such as transportation accidents and their consequences, has been done of the trucks or rail cars that would contain the LNG that would travel from Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, to Gibbstown, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the growth in gas production through hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, which the development of LNG transport and export infrastructure incentivizes, poses a direct and imminent threat to human health and the climate. Over the past decade, oil and gas infrastructure has been the primary source of the rising global atmospheric levels of methane, a gas which has a warming effect 86 times greater than CO₂ over a twenty-year period and 36 times greater over a hundred-year period; and

WHEREAS, methane, a potent greenhouse gas and ground-level ozone precursor, is known to leak from every part of the gas supply chain or is intentionally vented; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has already warmed approximately 3°F in the last century; heavy rainstorms are now more frequent; and sea levels have already risen roughly sixteen inches since 1911 and are now rising about one inch every six years, eroding beaches, submerging low lands, exacerbating coastal flooding, increasing the salinity of estuaries and aquifers, and threatening sensitive ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, there has not been sufficient investigation nor planning to prevent the spread of highly toxic legacy pollution at the former DuPont “Repauno” site, presenting a substantial threat to water quality and species including lack of control of discharges of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers has issued approval of a permit to Delaware River Partners, LLC (“DRP”) pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, 33 U.S.C. § 403, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1344, for the construction of a proposed new docking facility (“Dock 2 Facility”), which will transfer LNG to docked vessels

but has not performed an environmental impact statement (EIS) and no other agency has performed an environmental impact statement, leaving the project unexamined under the National Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, neither the State of New Jersey, the Delaware River Basin Commission, the Army Corps of Engineers nor any other agency has conducted a comprehensive assessment of the cumulative and long-term impacts of the full scope of New Fortress Energy's plan to liquefy natural gas from fracking wells in Northern Pennsylvania, transport the LNG by truck or rail to the Gibbstown Logistics Center and export by marine vessels overseas on the Delaware River past Delaware and South Jersey Bayshore communities; and

WHEREAS, LNG's hazardous nature, flammability and potential for powerful explosion combined with the difficulty of predicting the movement of LNG when released from a container such as a truck or rail car, exposes emergency and first responders to danger that cannot be reliably prevented, risking the health and safety of these workers; and

WHEREAS, the potential transportation routes travel through communities with proportionately more people of color and low-income populations, compounding environmental injustices and these communities are already unjustly burdened by environmental and public health harms, which is intolerable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The **Township** strongly opposes New Fortress Energy's proposal to transport dangerous LNG by train and truck through NJ for export, and calls upon Governor Murphy and the State of New Jersey to rescind state permitting that would allow the export of LNG from the Gibbstown Logistics Center Dock 2 based on the lack of comprehensive, full and fair review of the potential public health and safety and environmental impacts of this project and the environmental injustice imposed by the footprint of the entire project, including transportation.
2. The **Township** calls upon the State of New Jersey to act in furtherance of its policy to transition away from fossil fuels by taking all measures possible to prevent the transportation of LNG by truck and/or by rail through New Jersey and by conducting a public health and safety analysis, a comprehensive quantitative risk assessment, and a comprehensive environmental analysis of the potential impacts of this transportation to communities and the natural environment in New Jersey.
3. The **Township** calls upon the Army Corps of Engineers to perform an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act.

4. An official copy of this resolution be filed with New Jersey State Governor Phillip D. Murphy, PO Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625.

5. An official copy of this resolution be filed with Lieutenant Colonel David Park, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District and Edward E. Bonner, Chief of the Regulatory Branch the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District, 100 E Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

6. An official copy of this resolution be filed with Secretary Pete Buttigieg, US Secretary of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave E, Washington, DC 20590.

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RESOLUTION 2021-R-171

AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE FOR A LIVE NATIVITY ON DECEMBER 3, 2021

WHEREAS, the Township has been asked to assist the Immanuel Baptist Church on Friday December 3, 2021, which requires closing certain portions of South Poplar Avenue from Main Street to East Gradwell Avenue, starting at 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, Title 39 provides that the Township may provide, by resolution, for a temporary road closure; and

WHEREAS, the Township manager and the Traffic Safety Officer of the Township Police Department have reviewed the proposed closures and recommend approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Township Council, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby directs that S. Poplar Ave. from Main Street to E. Gradwell Ave. be closed to vehicular traffic in the areas so identified at the dates and times set forth above.
2. That the Township Council hereby declares that this resolution shall take effect upon approval by the County of Burlington.

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