



TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK

RESOLUTION # 23-79

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK SUPPORTING A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND OPPOSE A POWERPLANT IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) has proposed to build a gas-fire power plant in the Keasbey section of the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex County is home to at least six major fossil-fuel plants; and

WHEREAS, the Township of East Brunswick supports and encourages an environmentally friendly community for its current and future residents; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a power plant in the County of Middlesex can be consequential to the environment and to the health of many residents; and

WHEREAS, natural gas power plants, though less detrimental than coal, produces global warming emission which contributes to climate change; and

WHEREAS, natural gas power plants emits sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide (NOx) which pollutes the air and can be consequential to the health of many citizens especially those suffering with respiratory conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is an existential climate crisis effecting the globe and threatening the ozone layer contributed by methane, carbon dioxide, and nitrous oxide emissions, which are human related threats to the environment and a significant source that leads to global warming; and

WHEREAS, building a power plant will be dangerous to the health of children, the elderly, and those with cardiovascular or respiratory conditions that live within or in close proximity to a power plant; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that more efforts be made to reduce dangerous emissions to ensure a sustainable, safer, and healthier environment for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of East Brunswick opposes the proposed gas-fire power plant to be built in the Keasbey section of Woodbridge Township and call upon Governor Phil Murphy and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to oppose all fossil fuel projects in overburdened communities, and impose a moratorium on same until rules are established pursuant to the state's environmental justice law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk forward this resolution to Governor Phil Murphy, Commissioner of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Shawn LaTourette, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, Congressman

Frank Pallone, State Senator Patrick Diegnan, Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak, Assemblyman Sterley Stanely, and the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE						
Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
Wendell	X		X			
Winston			X			
Zimbicki			X			
McEvoy			X			

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this is a true and compared copy of a resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of the Township of East Brunswick on January 23, 2023.

ADOPTED: January 23, 2023


Tamar Lawful, Township Clerk