

PASSED: June 14, 2016  
BY: Wolf

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-24

RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO DUKE ENERGY'S PLANNED CENTRAL  
CORRIDOR GAS PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, Duke Energy has proposed three routes for a 30-inch, high pressure natural gas pipeline and two of these routes involve property in Amberley Village;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village has always tried to be very considerate of the environment both within Amberley and surrounding communities and has been a Tree City, USA community for twelve years. The proposed routes will be very devastating to the environment with the removal of many mature trees. This is especially concerning given the impact to our tree canopy over the past few years from issues like the Emerald Ash Borer;

**WHEREAS**, one of the proposed routes goes along Ridge Road for more than one mile and Ridge Road is a heavily travelled road and the main artery of Amberley Village and also the location of the Village's police and fire units. Ridge Road is also the main road that emergency vehicles use to traverse the Village and any construction along this road would require a partial or complete closure for substantial time;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village has many creeks and steep hillsides including along Ridge Road. Construction along any route in the Village would be very harmful to the environment and could destabilize hillsides along roads due to the wide right-of-way required for this pipeline;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed pipeline is a large diameter and high pressure pipeline and such pipelines situated in a High Consequence Area, such as Amberley Village, create an increased risk to the safety of people, schools, hospitals and property. Although disasters from such pipelines are rare, if they do occur in High Consequence Areas then the result will be devastating to property and lives;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed pipeline will have significant impact on property values along its route and would also result in difficulty selling properties along or close to its route;

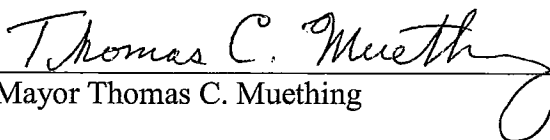
**WHEREAS**, Ridge Road is a major access road for Amberley and surrounding communities to major highways in the area including I-75, I-71 and Ronald Reagan Highway and any disruption on this road due to construction of the pipeline, maintenance of the pipeline or catastrophic failure of the pipeline would have a significant impact on access to these highways;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF AMBERLEY VILLAGE, STATE OF OHIO**, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

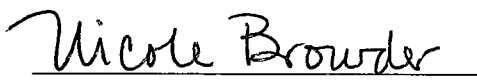
**SECTION 1:** The Village objects to Duke Energy's planned pipeline project and demands that the Company develop alternative and reduced risk routes for this project if the project is indeed required. Routes through more rural and Low Consequence Areas are available and, while it is recognized that these may involve more costs, such costs would be appropriate given all of the downsides including safety and environmental impact from the current proposed routes.

**SECTION 2:** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
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Mayor Thomas C. Muething

Attest:

  
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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016, the forgoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all of the places of public notice as designed by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

  
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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council