

July 12, 2012  
Town of Afton  
County of Chenango

Present at the regular meeting were Supervisor J Lawrence, J Baciуска, C Tallmadge, R Tallmadge, M Long and Superintendent L Shultis, ACO A Cross

Visitors: L Warren, K Klee, E Colley, K Colley, R Colley, G Haynes, S Haynes, C Warren, T Akshar, J Akshar, E Reiling, R Ramsey, E Zaengle, B Olin, D Wakeman, G Harris, E Hromada, S Dougherty, M DeCordova, G Dawson, J Palumbo, W Leidecker, C Gaydorus, C Gaydorus, A Gaydorus, S Capizzi, M Bernhard, A Legget, K Michels, E Zablocki, P Wenner, J Wenner.

Bills were audited and ordered paid as follows  
General Fund Claims No 124 – 138 totaling \$2428.10 as listed on General Fund Abstract No 7 dated July 12, 2012 and

Highway Fund Claims No 104-114 totaling \$123576.74 as listed on Highway Fund Abstract No 7 dated July 12, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm with the salute to the flag. Regular meeting minutes of June 14, 2012 and Special work meeting of June 28, 2012 were reviewed and C Tallmadge made motion to approve, with J Baciуска seconding, Approved

#### Communications

- 1 Letter from Attny J Downey concerning resolution was distributed.
- 2 Letter from Attny J Downey on 88BC assessment was distributed to board

#### Recognition of Speakers

M Long spoke for D Slottje and E Zaengle spoke concerning the resolution by NYS DEC action on natural gas drilling through its Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Study (SGEIS). Both speakers were given 20 minutes to present their views.

Motion made by J Lawrence and seconded by R Tallmadge to approve the following Resolution

WHERE AS, the state has dedicated more than three years and more than 10,250 man hours creating a 900 page comprehensive plan for the sage development of natural gas through its draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact State (SGEIS) under the leadership of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DES) and Commissioner Joe Martens as well as Governor Andrew Cuomo; and

WHERE AS, promoting economic activity and creating jobs to support families is a top priority; and

WHERE AS, state officials are developing standards to ensure sage development of our natural gas resources based on the expertise of DEC employees and advisors, such as:

- Requiring DEC staff to visit every well pad before permits are issued; and
- Requiring pre approval of wastewater treatment plans for every proposed well pad; and
- Requiring multiple layers of cement and steel casings around each underground well, extending at least 75 feet below New York State's deepest drinking water tables; and

Requiring operators to provide dual failsafe protections for wastewater from hydraulic fracturing, mandating it be sealed in watertight, covered tanks enclosed in a secondary containment system; and

Requiring disclosure of all additives used in the hydraulic fracturing process; and

WHERE AS, the role of municipal governments in New York State's natural gas development still remains under review by the DEC as a part of the ongoing SGEIS process; and

WHERE AS, local municipalities will have a designated role under the state guidelines once released; and

WHERE AS, development of our natural gas resources is currently prohibited pending the DEC's plan and final approval by Governor Cuomo.

WHERE AS, premature local action in our municipality could negatively impact the competitive environment of all of New York State for natural gas development, and jeopardize the potential \$11.4 billion in statewide economic impact of development; and

WHERE AS, preserving a competitive environment for development in New York as compared to neighboring states will be critical to the economic future of our region; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned find pursuit of a ban or moratorium to be an irresponsible and premature misallocation of town resources pending the release of the state's final SGEIS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the state's leadership in developing a comprehensive statewide program to address the potential resource development holds for New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we have confidence the state will develop a program that allows development of our natural gas resources to proceed in a safe, responsible, and competitive manner.

Ayes

J Lawrence

R Tallmadge

J Baciuka

C Tallmadge

Nays

M Long

Resolution has passed with a majority vote.

#### Committee Reports

- 1) Financial reports distributed
- 2) Justice reports were distributed
- 3) Code enforcement not available
- 4) Assessor not available
- 5) Highway report completed oil and stone on 1<sup>st</sup> mile of E Afton Rd and Melondy Road, parts of Garlic Rd, Miller Rd, Latimer Rd and Corbin Rd. Working on Lingee Rd cleaning ditches and cutting trees. Have sterling with new box returned, looks good, some paving with the Village the past two days Oiling and stoning of Hall Road and St John's to begin next week weather permitting.