

The August 10, 2010 Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order At 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilman Klossner, Councilman Strong, Councilman Farrell and Councilman Hyatt with Supervisor Zorn presiding.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the Town Board minutes as read with one correction," abstract error, General Fund total should be \$25756.35 " Councilman Klossner seconded carried.

The board reviewed the July Planning board minutes. The June minutes have not been received as of today.

During reports Superintendent Catalano reported that the new truck is back for an ongoing hesitation problem. The injectors will be replaced. He is also pricing new loaders & backhoes. The Highway Dept. dug a drywell in Pikes Creek at Ransom Park for the Fire Department.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to accept the following resolution, Councilman Farrell seconded carried.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Tioga, Tioga County, New York (hereinafter referred to as the Board) has followed with interest the Spoken and published information relating to the Marcellus Shale (hereinafter referred to as the Marcellus) natural gas formation production potential in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the dire and declining financial position of the State of New York and the analogous local need to employment and economic stimulation; and

WHEREAS, the Marcellus is the larger in size (65 million acres) than the Barnett Shale in Texas (3 million acres) with a production of fifty (50) years or more; and

WHEREAS, the DEC has been conducting a comprehensive review of the environmental issues pertaining to horizontal drilling and hydro-fracturing related to gas production in the Marcellus and it appears that the regulations relating to the production of natural gas in New York State are and will be the most controlling in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this Board that the opponents to gas production in New York State have lost sight of the fact that the landowner is the original environmentalist, having been referred to as conservationists- by definition, a person who advocates conservation of natural resources. Furthermore, opponents also have lost sight of the fact

that gas companies have been and will continue to produce gas in New York State by vertical drilling, and if horizontal drilling is prevented vertical drilling will continue. The Board notes that one horizontal well per 640 acres is far more protective of environment than numerous vertical wells in the same acreage because it has a smaller environmental footprint; that numerous vertical wells will result in greatly increased traffic, greatly increased noise, greatly increased waste product; with the entire industry expanded beyond necessity; and

WHEREAS, it appears from published reports from the DEC that the watershed for New York City will be protected and there will be no environmental impact on the western region of New York State, and each region, in addition to the entire state, will benefit economically from the revenues realized from the gas industry. Now

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Town of Tioga Board respectfully requests the State Legislature stand aside regarding the issue of drilling in the Marcellus and allow the DEC to complete the SGEIS and Issue permits for horizontal drilling; and further, in the event the State Legislature passes legislation for a moratorium of any length, creating a delay or total ban of drilling in New York State that Governor Paterson veto any and all such legislation and permit the Marcellus industry to progress.

FURTHER the Town Clerk of the Town of Tioga is instructed to forward this resolution, passed this 10th day of August, 2010, to the Supervisors and Mayors of all municipalities in the County of Tioga, to Town of Tioga's State representatives in Albany, and to Governor Paterson.

I, Brenda Middendorf, Clerk of the Town of Tioga, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Town of Tioga on August 10, 2010

Councilman Farrell suggested that the Town purchase rough cut lumber from DeLowes for the BBQ pit roof.

The Highway Department will move the tree away from the new sidewalk in the fall.

Councilman Klossner made the motion to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$126,221.31, Councilman Strong seconded carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$27,809.27 Councilman Farrell seconded carried.