

VILLAGE OF PENN YAN

Resolution No. 52 -2011

Policy of Not Accepting Wastewater From Hydrofracking Operations at the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion by Trustee William Allison, seconded by Trustee

Wayne Davidson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing or "hydrofracking" is a form of natural gas drilling in which large volumes of water, sand and a mix of chemicals are pumped into the ground to crack rock and release natural gas, a process which creates wastewater as a byproduct; and

WHEREAS, the components of the wastewater from the natural gas well drilling process known as hydrofracking may be unsuitable and unsafe for disposal at local wastewater treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, the potential water quality impacts from the migration of chemicals and radioactive substances through the discharge of wastewater from hydrofracking operations are a case of environmental concern; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Penn Yan Wastewater Treatment Plant presently operates at near capacity and is presently under a NYSDEC consent order; and

WHEREAS, the Village Department of Public Works Director has recommended against accepting hydrofracking wastewater at the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Penn Yan that it shall be the policy of the Village of Penn Yan not to accept any hydrofracking wastewater from processing at the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant from any after this date hereof.