

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-2010**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Butler, Wayne County, New York (hereinafter referred to as the Board) has followed with interest the spoken and published information relating to 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 analogous local need for employment and economic stimulation; and

WHEREAS, the Marcellus is larger in size (65 million acres) that the Barnett Shale in Texas (3 million acres) with a production potential 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 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 the 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 water consumption, 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 that region; there will be no environmental impact on the western region of New York State; and each region, in addition to the entire State, will be benefit economically from the revenues realized from the gas industry. Now

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Town of Butler Board respectfully requests the State Legislature stand aside regarding the issue of drilling in the Marcellus and 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 Patterson veto any and all such legislation and permit the Marcellus industry to progress.

FURTHER the Town Clerk of the Town of Butler is instructed to forward this resolution, passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010, to the Supervisors and Mayors of all municipalities in the County of Wayne, to Butler's State representatives in Albany, and to Governor Paterson.

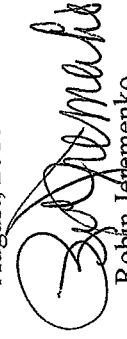
NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Butler adopt Resolution  
08-09-2010.

Roll call vote:	Councilman VanGelder	Aye
	Councilman Wagner	Aye
	Councilman VanDeusen	Aye
	Councilman Spickerman, Sr.	Aye

Resolution Carried.

This is to certify that I, Robin Jeremenko, Town Clerk of the Town of Butler in the said County of Wayne have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution 08-09-2010 with the original now on file in this office, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original and the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010

  
Robin Jeremenko  
Town Clerk