

ALLOW HORIZONTAL DRILLING IN THE MARCELLUS SHALE

Resolution: 10-107 10/12/2010

Motion by: Councilor Christopher Latremore

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

WHEREAS, the Marcellus is larger in size (65 million acres) than 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 State; 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 – 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 entire State, will benefit economically from the revenues realized from the gas industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Town of Chazy 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 Patterson veto any and all such legislation and permit the Marcellus industry to progress.

FURTHER the Town Clerk of the Town of Chazy is instructed to forward this resolution, passed this 12th day of October, 2010, to the Town of Barker, to Chazy's State representatives in Albany, and to Governor Patterson.

Seconded by: Councilor Jerry Deno

Discussion: None

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Roll Call:	Christopher Latremore	x	
	Jerry Deno	x	
	Cathy Devins	x	
	Donald Trombly	x	
	Staub Spiegel	x	

Carried: Yes