

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUISVILLE TOWN BOARD
LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Legault, Town Supervisor
Patrick Carroll, Councilman
Dan O'Keefe, Councilman
Vern Fenlong, Highway Superintendent

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Roy Beshaw, Councilman
David Moulton, Councilman

Supervisor Legault called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Moved by Supervisor Legault, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe and duly carried to support the approval of horizontal drilling in New York State as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Louisville, St. Lawrence 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 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 NYSDEC 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 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 NYSDEC 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 benefit economically from the revenues realized from the gas industry. Now

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Louisville Board respectfully requests the State Legislature stand aside regarding the issue of drilling in the Marcellus and allow the NYSDEC 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 Louisville is instructed to forward this resolution, passed this 8th day of September, 2010, to the Supervisors and Mayors of all municipalities in the County of Broome, to Barker's State representatives in Albany, and to Governor Paterson.