Councilman Klossner made the motion to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$23,870.88, Councilman Strong seconded carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$22,671.45, Councilman Farrell seconded carried.

On the motion of Councilman Hyatt and seconded and carried the following Resolution was approved:

## RESOLUTION # 1 2012:THE TOWN OF TIOGA ACCEPT DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL

## IMPACT STATEMENT TO DEVELOP STANDARDS TO ENSURE THE SAFE DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL GAS

## RESOURSES BASED ON THE EXPERTISE OF THE DEC

WHEREAS, the state has dedicated more than three years and more than 10,250 man hours creating a 900- page comprehensive plan

For the safe development of natural gas through its draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (sGEIS) under the leadership

of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Commissioner Joe Martens as well as Governor Andrew Cuomo: and

WHEREAS, promotion economic activity and creating jobs to support families is a top priority: and

WHEREAS, state officials are developing standards to ensure safe development of our natural gas resources based on the expertise of DEC employees and advisors, such as:

Requiring DEC staff to visit every well pad before permits are issued; and

- Requiring preapproval of wastewater treatment plans for every proposed well pad; and
- Requiring natural gas operators to provide a plan for assessing and repairing any load wear before permits are issued; and
- Requiring multiple layers of cement and steel casings around each underground well extending at least 75 feet below

New-York State's deepest drinking water tables; and

- Requiring operators to provide dual failsafe protections for wastewater from hydraulic fracturing, mandating it be sealed
  - In watertight, covered tanks enclosed in a secondary containment system; and
- Requiring disclosure of all additives used in the hydraulic fracturing process: and

**WHEREAS**, the role of municipal governments in New York State's natural gas development still remains under review by the DEC as part of the ongoing sGEIS process: and

WHEREAS, local municipalities will have a designated role under the state guidelines once released: and

WHEREAS, development of our natural gas resources is currently prohibited pending the DEC's plan and final approval by Governor Cuomo: and

WHEREAS, premature local action in our municipality could negatively impact the competitive environment of all of New York State for

Natural gas development, and jeopardize the potential \$11.4 billion in statewide economic impact of development: and

**WHEREAS:** preserving a competitive environment for development in New York as compared to neighboring states will be critical to Economic future of our region: and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the undersigned, find pursuit of a ban or moratorium to be an irresponsible and premature misallocation of town resources pending the release of the state's final sGEIS: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we commend the state's leadership in developing a comprehensive statewide program to address the potential resource development holds for New York; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we have confidence that the state will develop a program that allows development of our natural gas resources to proceed in a safe, responsible, and competitive manner.

## **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Klossner aye
Councilman Strong aye
Supervisor Zorn aye
Councilman Farrell aye
Councilman Hyatt aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Klossner made the motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Councilman Farrell seconded carried.

Brenda Middendorf Tioga Town Clerk