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**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

May 9, 2012

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**RESOLUTION #18****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Councilman Guild and second of Councilman Crans, the following resolution was

ADOPTED                      Ayes    3           Grant, Crans, Guild  
                                     Nays    0

RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 11, 2012 Monthly Board Meeting be approved as written.

**GUESTS/RESIDENTS**

Kenneth Knowles Sr. of the Steuben County Land Owner's Coalition was present to discuss the proposed resolution by the Town Board that they are in support of natural gas drilling in the Town of Woodhull. He brought statistics of possible income for the Town, Fire Department and school districts if drilling were to be done

**RESOLUTION #19**

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**SUPPORT OF NATURAL GAS DRILLING**

On a motion of Councilman Crans and second of Councilman Guild, the following resolution was

ADOPTED                      Ayes    3           Grant, Crans, Guild  
                                     Nays    0

RESOLVED that the Woodhull Town Board supports the development of natural gas drilling in the Town of Woodhull. (A copy of the resolution passed is attached at the end of these minutes.)

Mary Shupp, of the Community Holiday Committee, had quotes from two additional companies for Christmas Decorations for the town streets; All American and Downtown. Both quotes were higher than the quote from Display Sales. The committee has established a face book page for the Woodhull Winter Fest celebration. The old decorations have been taken to Mary Shupp's residence. The committee is cleaning them up and assessing them and determining if they can be salvaged with new lights.

**RESOLUTION #20****PURCHASE OF HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**

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                                     Nays    0

RESOLVED that the Community Holiday Committee go ahead with the purchase of (7) new 50" candle wreaths with 50 LED lights, 6 pair of pinecones and 2 - 18" bows, and a lighted garland with bows from Display Sales of Bloomington, Minnesota at a cost of \$4,540.

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TOWN OF Woodhull  
STEUBEN COUNTY, NEW YORK

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

The undersigned, being the Town Clerk of the above stated Town in Steuben County, NY, hereby certifies that the following resolution was duly made, seconded and adopted by the TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF Woodhull at a regular meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**WHEREAS**, promoting 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 road 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 a part of the ongoing SGEIS process: and

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**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 the economic future of our region; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Town Board, find pursuit of a ban, moratorium or other legislative impediment to natural gas exploration to be a premature misallocation of town resources pending the release of the state's final SGEIS; and

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Dated: May 2, 2012

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Sharon A. Brewer  
Town Clerk  
Town of Woodhull

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