August 26, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a resolution passed by our town board regarding the Snyder Farm group. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Stermer
Chemung Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2015-073
SYNDER GROUP RESOLUTION SUPPORT

RESOLUTION BY: NAGLE
SECONDED BY: LOPER

RESOLVED, THE CHEMUNG TOWN BOARD AGREES WHEREAS, the Snyder Farm Group has applied for state permits to develop a natural gas well in the Town of Barton; and WHEREAS, natural gas exploration, development and delivery are compatible with and not disruptive to our rural way of life; and WHEREAS, the Town of Chemung Town Board believes in and supports the rights of private property owners to safely explore and recover the mineral resources of their land; and WHEREAS, the Snyder Farm Group controls 100 percent of the land beneath which the natural gas would harvested; and WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has referred to the proposed means of stimulating and recovering the natural gas as “environmentally friendly”; and WHEREAS, the proposed means of stimulating and recovering the natural gas uses no water and therefore is not covered by New York State’s proposed ban on high volume hydraulic fracturing; and WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has the necessary resources and technical expertise to ensure that exploration, development and delivery of natural gas are conducted in ways that are protective of human health and the environment; and WHEREAS, natural gas development strengthens America’s energy security and provides a clean alternative to sources of energy that are linked to global climate change; and WHEREAS, respect for the will of the people, as expressed through their local elected representatives, is a cornerstone of our democracy; NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chemung supports the Snyder Farm Group’s proposal to explore and develop the mineral resources under their private property; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Chemung urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct a thorough but timely review of the Snyder Farm Group’s proposal that examines factual evidence, science and technology; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Tom Reed, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assemblyman Christopher Friend, County Legislator Raymond Case, County Legislator Dale Weston, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Marc Gerstman.

CARRIED: AYES: BIRNEY; BERNATAVITZ; LOPER; NAGLE; RICHTER
NAYES: NONE

I, Mary Ellen Stermer-Chemung Town Clerk, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of Resolution #2015-073 as adopted by the Chemung Town Board on the 13th day of August, 2015.

Mary Ellen Stermer, Chemung Town Clerk

Dated: 8/25/15