

Cross Village Township

RESOLUTION # 2012-10

A Ban on the Practice of Hydraulic Fracturing Until Such Practice is Deemed Safe By The Michigan and United States Environmental Protection Agencies

Whereas, the hydraulic fracturing, aka “fracking” of underground shale is being utilized to commercially extract natural gas in Michigan and is being contemplated and/or implemented around Emmet County; and

Whereas, according to credible news sources and anecdotal evidence, widespread environmental and human health impacts have resulted from documented spills, blowouts, leaking wells, and other environmental accidents due to the practice of hydraulic fracturing; and

Whereas, large mining apparatus with increased related traffic are necessary to fracking, as is the transport, high-pressure use and collection of large amounts of toxic chemicals which also pose a risk of air land and water pollution; and

Whereas, numerous political subdivisions, other state authorities and medical associations are calling for a ban on fracking in their respective areas to protect their ecosystems; and

Whereas, the Cross Village Township Board recognizes that water is essential for the life, prosperity, sustainability and health of the community and that damage to water sources thereby causes tangible loss to individuals, communities and ecosystems; and

Whereas, Cross Village Township Board is charged with protecting the health, safety and welfare of its residents via its powers and constitutional home rule authority under Michigan law; and

Whereas, the USEPA is currently conducting a study of the safety of hydraulic fracturing with regard to drinking water, public health and the environment, to be completed in 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, Cross Village Township, MI HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

Section 1. We, Members of Board of Cross Village Township, Michigan hereby go on record

strongly urging the Emmet County Commissioners, Michigan Legislature and Governor to place a ban on the future hydraulic fracturing of shale for the commercial extraction of natural gas until the safety of the processes and its related chemicals have been fully investigated and vetted through the Michigan and U.S. Environmental Protection agencies. This Board collectively fears the adverse effects and possible irreversible damage to our water systems and supplies that pose a threat to our health, safety and welfare and that of our future generations.

Section 2. The Clerk is to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Emmet County Commissioners, Governor's office, and the Leadership of the Michigan House and Senate.

The foregoing resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

Upon a roll call vote the following voted YES :

Upon a roll call vote the following voted NO :

The Supervisor declared this resolution adopted at the meeting of the Township Board held on March 6, 2012.

Certificate

I, Rob Keller, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Cross Village Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board by a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 6th day of March, 2012, at which meeting a quorum was present; and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

_____ Rob Keller, Clerk, Cross Village Township