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Tioga County Legislature shows its support for propane fracking

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Owego, NY (WBNG Binghamton) The Tioga County Legislature passed a resolution on Tuesday expressing its total support for the Snyder Farm Group, and bringing propane fracking to Tioga County.

The brief meeting started at noon on Tuesday and ended with the legislators passing the resolution to support propane fracking in Tioga County.

"If there's any place in New York State where a natural gas well could be drilled, it would be right here in Tioga County," Martha Sauerbrey, Chairwoman of the Tioga County Legislature, said.

In July of 2015, the Snyder Farm Group applied for a state permit to develop a natural gas well in the Town of Barton.

While high-volume hydraulic fracturing is banned in New York State, propane fracturing is not.

The Tioga County Legislature said it strongly believes in and supports the rights of private property owners to explore and recover the mineral resources on their land.

The Snyder Farm Group owns the land where it wants to place the natural gas well.

Sauerbrey said a lot of time and consideration had gone into supporting the Snyder Farm Group.

"There are people who do not agree but I think as we study this process, it seems safe. And one well will show us a lot of information and actually will bring some revenue into the area," Sauerbrey said.

Action News reached out to the DEC to see where the application is in the process.

It said,

"We have received the application. As required by law, we will review the permit. DEC will follow the mandates in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), which could include requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There is no firm timeline for a decision," Thomas Mailey, the Director of Media Relations for the DEC, said.

Five Tioga County legislators said yes to the resolution, with one legislator abstaining from the vote.