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The Town of Forestburgh Town Board held their meeting for Planning Matters on **Tuesday, August 28, 2012** at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Sipos called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – William B. Sipos, Supervisor  
Eugene D. Raponi, Councilman  
John W. Galligan, Councilman  
Susan Parks-Landis, Councilwoman  
Michael Creegan, Councilman

Absent – None

Recording  
Secretary – Joanne K. Nagoda, Town Clerk

Others  
Present – William D. Bavoso, Attorney for the Town  
David Bavoso, Attorney for the Town  
Tim Gottlieb, Town Engineer

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2012 BANNING GAS EXPLORATION/DRILLING** – MOTION by Councilman Raponi, seconded by Councilman Galligan to adopt Local Law # 2 of 2012 banning the exploration and drilling of natural gas/petroleum. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Thomas McCormick – I have a question on the cell tower. Supervisor Sipos replied I will get to that shortly, it's not on the agenda, but I have an update.

**COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**LOST LAKE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL EXTENSION** – Supervisor Sipos stated that the preliminary approval for the Lost Lake Phase I subdivision is set to expire on September 13, 2012. The applicant has requested an extension for a period of six (6) months. MOTION by Councilman Galligan, seconded by Councilman Creegan to grant a six month extension on the preliminary subdivision approval for the Lost Lake project. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

**WEBSITE PROPOSAL** – Supervisor Sipos stated we will address at our September meeting next week. Matter tabled.

**TELEPHONE SYSTEM PROPOSALS** – Supervisor Sipos stated that we do have a problem with the phone system, and I was told it is one of the modules. However, I understand the module to be about \$560.00, I want to see if replacing that module will solve the problem before spending upwards of three thousand dollars on a new system. I should have an answer on that by our meeting next week. Matter tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Audrey Levine – What about the cell tower? Supervisor Sipos stated that the tower, with the diligent work of the fire district in getting this approved, there is an excavator on site and they broke ground this afternoon. I can't thank all of the people who worked on this enough, it has been a long time coming.

Ellen Galligan – Now that you have accomplished that, can you work on getting cable to the rest of the town? Supervisor Sipos replied the cell tower was many people, but we can work on that next.

Carl Amaditz – I just want to say something about this fracking in general. Carl Amaditz, 18 Black Brook Drive, I own one acre of land, if I drilled I wouldn't be wealthy like some of those people out in the western part of the county. Here in the United States we all want energy independence, but everybody is "not in my backyard". We don't want it here and instead we're held hostages by these dictators over in the middle east and that socialist down in Venezuela and you don't want to let it happen. Instead Pennsylvania is making the money and the jobs. I know I am probably the only here that feels that way, but I just think that has to be said. You have to look at things like this, we want to be energy independent, and we're not going to be running our cars off of wind power or solar in any of our lifetime. I just had to say it, the law passed and I'm sure you looked at every angle. Everybody is not 100% against it. Councilman Raponi stated that a lot of people feel like you do, Carl. If they could show me that they could frack and do it safely, then I would vote for it. But I haven't seen where they can do that yet. Until they can do that, I am going to be against fracking. Mr. Amaditz replied that is valid. Supervisor Sipos stated in the future, anything is possible, but at this particular time, they still won't release what's in those chemicals that they frack the ground with. Our environment is so sensitive to any type of damage like this. Poisoning the groundwater, well, without water we do not exist. Until they can prove they can pull that gas from the ground safely, we can always address it again at a later time.

**ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Councilman Galligan to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne K. Nagoda, RMC  
Town Clerk