

The regular monthly meeting of the DeRuyter Town Board was held at 7:30PM on the above date in the Genevieve D. Staley Civic Center.

Present were Supervisor Degear, Clerk Wightman, Highway Superintendent Cook, Councilman Coon, Councilman Hathaway and Councilman Jones. Also present were David Craine, Warren Babcock, T. Michael Salter, Molly Letsen, Jamie Tousant, Levi Tousant and Joseph Yanksowski. Councilman Barnes was absent.

Supervisor Degear began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Degear shared two photographs taken by the DeRuyter Central School photography class.

Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to accept the minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:**

- Monthly written report submitted.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Tallet Road has now been paved and shoulders are done. The guiderails should go up soon.
- New tractor/mower working well.
- Chips sealing next week.
- NYSDOT and SuitKote milled a portion of Route 13 and we received some of the millings in return for our help. Some of the millings have been used to improve the walking track. Superintendent Cook will draft a letter of thanks to Town of Cuyler Highway Superintendent John Breed.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

- Monthly written financial reports were submitted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- From NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services, a letter stating they have processed a payment in the amount of \$91,821.47 related to the severe storms and flooding in July of 2013.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mower/tractor purchase: Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to adopt

**#51 RESOLVED:** WHEREAS, the Town of DeRuyter was in need of an updated tractor/roadside mower and was the successful bidder for a used 2002 New Holland TN 70D tractor and 2002 McConnel PA 92 06 boom mower; and

WHEREAS, use of the Highway Equipment Reserve is subject to permissive referendum and has been duly advertised to permit the Town Board to allocate \$22,109.99 for the purchase of said tractor and mower; and

WHEREAS, the 30 day waiting period for permissive referendum has expired,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter authorizes the 2015 Town Budget to be modified as follows:

Increase Appropriated Reserves – Highway Townwide (DA511) and increase estimated expenditures (DA960 – sub DA5130.2) by \$22,109.99 for the payment of said used tractor/mower.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Degear	Aye
Councilman Coon	Aye
Councilman Barnes	Absent
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Hathaway	Aye

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Speed study request – still no response from NYSDOT for East Lake Road request or South Hill request.
- Blind person signs – no applicable sign according to Madison County Highway Superintendent.
- DeRuyter Lake Initiative - A septic system survey is being mailed to residents of DeRuyter Lake.
- The Tioughnioga (DeRuyter) Lake Preservation Foundation is holding a “Hot Dog Expo” for Lake residents. Speakers will discuss the walleye program, watershed management and the septic survey/planning ideas.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- David Craine of NBT-Mang Insurance Agency presented a proposal for insurance renewal. Motion by Councilmen Jones and Hathaway to accept NBT-Mang Insurance Agency’s proposal of \$18,443.19 to renew the Town’s insurance(s). All in favor and carried.
- Supervisor Degear recently contacted Senator Valesky’s office to ask about possible funding from the moneys received through the state’s bank settlement. The Senator’s office has responded saying that we are eligible for \$100,000 through the State & Municipal Facilities Capital Program (SAM). Different projects were discussed. The consensus of the Board was to use this money for the Camp Crone Road project.
- Following a discussion, motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones authorizing the Supervisor to sign the lease agreement with the Madison County Board of Election for the use of the Civic Center for primary and general elections. All in favor and carried.
- News that Centro’s restaurant has been sold. The Board has been asked for a letter of support for a liquor license. Board members are in support.
- Cleaner position is vacant as Connie Angell has given here two week notice and is resigning. Motion by Councilmen Jones and Hathaway to accept Connie Angell’s resignation. All in favor and carried. Melissa Rose applied and was interviewed for the cleaner position the last time the position was available and is still interested in the job. Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to appoint Melissa Rose to the position of cleaner at the Civic Center. All in favor and carried.
- Bones apparently unearthed by woodchucks were discovered in one of the abandoned cemeteries. The Madison County Sheriff’s office was contacted and the bones were examined by the medical examiner. They determined that the bones were of no forensic value and returned to us. They will be re-interred with Pastor Vern Groves offering prayers.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Update from Madison County concerning the Health Assessment and Environmental Monitoring Project regarding the proposed compressor station in the Town of Georgetown. They are

conducting a Project Information Meeting on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at the DeRuyter Central School from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

- A list of the new phone numbers was presented. Although there have been several problems, the system seems to be working except for the fax line which should be functional soon.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to pay the following claims as audited:

Abstract #1011	\$52,024.53
Abstract #1012	\$93,088.35

All in favor and carried.

Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to accept the Supervisor’s statement. All in favor and carried.

Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to adjourn. All in favor and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman, Town Clerk