

The regular meeting of the DeRuyter Town Board was held on the above date in the Genevieve D. Staley Civic Center.

Present were Supervisor Degear, Clerk Wightman, Highway Superintendent Cook, Councilman Barnes, Councilman Coon, Councilman Jones and Councilman Hathaway. Also present were Ruthanne Stone, Carol Babcock, Warren Babcock, Joe Yankowski, Rhonda Wheeler, T. Michael Salter and Gordon Curtis.

Supervisor Degear began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to accept the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:**

- The written monthly report and the tax collection report were submitted.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Statistics for the winter season:
  - 177 plowing/sanding trips
  - 600 tons of salt used
  - 3,500 tons of sand used
  - 6,600 miles on the new truck
- 284 Agreement reviewed and signed.
- Extra CHIPS money for winter recovery
- Camp Crone proposal

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

- Monthly financial reports submitted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter from Donald and Terry Ann Smith regarding water drainage concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Lawn and Snow bid opening. One bid received from Richard Eldridge, 6751 West Keeney Road, Cuyler, New York. General Maintenance of the Town Hall (Civic Center) property is \$800 per year. For mowing and cleanup of the 5 cemeteries, the bid is \$3,100 per season. Removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks around the Town Hall is \$1,200 per year and the bid for removal of snow from the Utica Street Bridge is \$1,400 per year for a total of \$6,500. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to accept the bid of Richard Eldridge as outlined above. All in favor and carried.
- Review of possible Comprehensive Planning Committee members. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to appoint the following people to the Comprehensive Planning Committee: Joe Yankowski, Don Howell, Juanita Bush, Michelle Kennedy, Don Smith, Ruthanne Stone, Derek

Sinesi and T. Michael Salter. All in favor and carried. We still need appointments from the Agriculture Community, ZBA member and Planning Board member.

- Phone system update – Madison County is up and running. Supervisor Degear will be meeting with a consultant next week.
- Equipment replacement – one bid was received from Fenton Ford for a 2016 pick-up truck. Supervisor Degear suggest refusing the bid and waiting to rebid/purchase a new pick-up. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to refuse the bid received from Fenton Ford. All in favor and carried. Highway Superintendent Cook has been looking for mower tractors and has found 3 possibilities but has not had the opportunity to look at them yet.
- Supervisor Degear presented and reviewed the Property Tax Freeze Shared Service/Efficiency Plan. Motion by Councilmen Jones and Hathaway to adopt the following:

**#47 RESOLVED: WHEREAS,** Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature enacted the Property Tax Freeze Credit to provide property tax refunds to homeowners as part of the 2014-2015 State Budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the law encourages local governments to generate long-term tax-relief for tax payers by sharing services, consolidating or merging, and demonstrating and implementing operational efficiencies; and

**WHEREAS,** for residents to be eligible to receive a credit in the second year of the program, any taxing jurisdiction in which the homeowner resides must stay within the property tax cap for their 2016 budget and put forward a state-approved Government Efficiency Plan demonstrating savings equivalent to one (1) percent of their 2014 tax levy in each of the following three years; and

**WHEREAS,** the Government Efficiency Plan is required to be submitted by June 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** these plans can include savings for shared services or efficiencies implemented January 1, 2012 to present; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of DeRuyter would need to submit a plan with a minimum savings of \$2,169 per year (2017, 2018, and 2019) in order to qualify and stay within the tax cap for the 2016 budget; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of DeRuyter has generated long-term tax-relief through shared services and efficiencies for many years including, but not limited to, snow plowing agreements with the Village of DeRuyter, Madison County, and the State of New York, shared services with neighboring towns, shared fueling station with the Village of DeRuyter, DeRuyter Fire Dept., and DeRuyter Central School, and consolidation of courts with the Village of DeRuyter; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Supervisor has recommended the submission of the following items that were implemented post January 1, 2012 to comply with the guidelines of the Government Efficiency Plan:

- Town/Village Public Works Contract – projected savings of \$1,910 for 2017, \$2,030 for 2018, and \$2,157 for 2019.
- Shared Phone Service with Madison County – projected savings of \$2,542 in all three years.

- Electricity Supply Contract – projected savings of \$1,010 for 2017, \$960 for 2018, and \$910 for 2019.
- Lease Agreement with DeRuyter Free Library – projected savings of \$4,330 for 2017, \$4,525 for 2018, and \$4,815 for 2019.

The combined savings of these items is well over the required annual savings of \$2,169 per year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of DeRuyter Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit the Government Efficiency Plan to the New York State Division of Budget to comply with the June 1, 2015 deadline.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- The Hazardous Mitigation Plan was reviewed. Need to add language concerning chemical spills.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- There was a slight decrease in the CHIPS allocation and an increase in 2015 winter recovery monies, therefore, motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to adopt:

**#48 RESOLVED:** That this Town Board does hereby increase appropriations DB5112.2 from \$68,879 to \$79,100.62 and increase revenues DB3501 from \$68,879 to \$79,100.62. The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to adopt:

**#48 RESOLVED:** Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter must establish and designate a polling place for public elections; and

Whereas, the Genevieve D. Staley Civic Center is fully ADA accessible and an approved site by the Madison County Board of Elections,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter designates the Genevieve D. Staley Civic Center, located at 735 Utica Street in the Village of DeRuyter as the official polling place for the year 2015. The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Degear	Aye
Councilman Coon	Aye
Councilman Barnes	Aye

Councilman Hathaway	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Supervisor Degear hosted a Substance Abuse Forum. Local clergy, law enforcement personnel, community members, school officials and representatives from Bridges attended. Ideas to help prevent substance abuse were discussed, including an after prom party, mock car crash and a SADD chapter.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Madison County Update
  - Courthouse litigation regarding accessibility – plaintiffs are withdrawing their case.
  - Fire Training Facility – money to be set aside from Indian settlement to construct.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Joe Yankowski – Dominion/fracking concerns. Farmers Market to be at Big M.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

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

Abstract #1005	\$26,100.59
Abstract #1006	\$16,607.40

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