

The regular 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, Councilmen Jones, Hathaway, Coon and Barnes. Also present were Warren Babcock and Michael Salter.

Supervisor Degear began meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to approve the minutes of the March 10th meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT: The regular monthly Clerk/Collector report was submitted. The Town is now being charged a returned check fee of \$10.00 for bounced checks. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to adopt:

#50 RESOLVED: WHEREAS Tompkins Trust Company is an official bank for the Town of DeRuyter and;

WHEREAS Tompkins Trust Company has imposed a returned check fee of \$10.00 for each “bounced” check submitted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Board hereby adopts the following Returned Check Policy:

Any checks returned to the Town for non-payment by payer’s bank will be assessed a \$12.00 Returned Check and Postage Fee. The payment evidenced by the returned check will be removed from the account and penalties (if any) will accrue until such time as the fee and replacement funds are received. Payers will be notified by certified mail.

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.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- We should receive \$68,000 in CHIPS funding (down .9% from last year)
- We could receive over \$15,700 in Pave NY funding.
- There are two other funding programs contained in the State Budget.
- Filling potholes
- Averaged 100 plowing/sanding trips this season (down about 80 trips)
- Major road repairs begin April 14.
- Might not need to purchase any sand next winter.
- Plows have been painted and two are still mounted and ready if needed.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Written financial reports submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Community Foundation gazebo grant has been satisfied and is now closed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Highway Items
 - Pole barn and cold storage ideas
 - Garage abatement cost discussed. Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to approve the proposal dated March 31, 2016 (proposal # A-16107) submitted by Abscope Environmental, Inc. for asbestos abatement in the amount of \$31,500.00 and the Proposal submitted by Barton & Loguidice dated April 11, 2016 (file 708.3652) for asbestos abatement project monitoring and air sampling services in the amount of \$3,500.00. All in favor and carried.
 - Supervisor Degear met with the builder of the salt/sand storage building but has not received budget numbers to date. He estimates approximately \$150,000 for the building and \$15,000 for site work.
 - Supervisor Degear talked with the owner of the Big M and he is willing to sell a small portion of land to the Town of DeRuyter for \$1,000. Motion by Councilmen Hathaway and Barnes to move forward with this purchase. All in favor and carried.
 - CNY Farm Supply has a couple rental backhoes coming up for sale at a cost of approximately \$40,000. The Town of Whitestown has a NH 555E that they will sell for \$24,000 (they refused a high bid of \$17,766 on the auction site). Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to approve up to \$24,000 for the purchase of the NH 555E backhoe from the Town of Whitestown and to use fund balance for this purchase. All in favor and carried.
- Liquid Bituminous Bids - Madison County is asking for bids. Motion by Councilmen Hathaway and Coon to approve using Madison County's bid process for our future purchase of brine. All in favor and carried.
- Carey Road Radio Tower has agreed to the Town placing a repeater on it but they need to get FAA approval before they can begin construction.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Due to the slow progress of the Madison County solar project Blue Rock Energy renewal agreement approved.
- Polling Place – Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to adopt:
#51 RESOVLED: 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 2016.

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 After Prom Party Committee is asking for a donation for their 2nd Annual After Prom Party. The Board members agree that a donation is appropriate.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- County Government Month – Safe & Secure Counties – Open House from 9am to noon on April 30th.
- County Courthouse renovations update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Spoke about radio tower.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion by Councilmen Jones and Barnes to enter into executive session on advice from counsel.
- Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to end executive session.

OTHER BUSINESS (continued):

- Contract for snow removal at the Civic Center and lawn mowing will remain in effect through this year.
- Rising Communities still moving forward. SAM Program has been expanded to include trucks and plows.
- The Madison County Sheriff’s Office is looking for a place to locate a Hummer in DeRuyter.
- Councilman Coon reported that Nate Degear (Supervisor Dan Degear’s son) is working on his Eagle Scout project. He is coordinating with the DeRuyter Fire Department to purchase and place 911 numbers on all resident properties in the Town of DeRuyter.

- Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to accept the Supervisor statement. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to approve payment of the following claims:

Abstract #6	\$53,437.50
Abstract #7	\$26,270.23

All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman, Town Clerk