

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 Rhonda Wheeler and Ruthanne Stone. Councilman Barnes was absent.

Supervisor Degear began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to accept the minutes of the July 16th meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- Monthly written report submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Cleaning ditches along athletic field at school.
- Studying salt prices and quantities required.
- The new tractor and mower are working well.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Regular monthly financial reports.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- FERC notice of schedule for environmental review of the New Market Project. Expect to issue EA 10/20/2015. Decision deadline 1/18/2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Town has been notified that our current bank, Citizens Bank will be imposing significant new fees beginning September 1st. Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to adopt:

#52 RESOLVED: WHEREAS, Resolution #5 of 2015 designated Citizens Bank as the official bank for the deposit of Town monies, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of DeRuyter received a letter dated July 31, 2015 from Citizens Bank explaining that the bank finds "it necessary to adjust our pricing structure" and that this "may result in a monthly service charge," and;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter does not believe that paying such charges is an acceptable use of the public's monies entrusted to the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter will consider alternative solutions for the Town's banking needs if fees are instituted on the Town's accounts at Citizen's Bank , and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Town of DeRuyter Investment Policy, Sec. 64(1) of the NYS Town Law, Sec. 10 of the NYS General Municipal Law and Sec. 107-A of the NYS Banking Law, that resolution #5 of 2015 be amended to include M&T Bank, Oneida Savings Bank, Key Bank, Alliance Bank, HSBC, First Niagara, Dryden Bank and Citizens Bank as designated official banks for the deposit of town monies.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Carey Road FEMA Mitigation Project update.
- Camp Crone Project/Grant survey review/current results.
- Phone system is now up and running. Still using old fax machine and number as new one is not working yet.
- Solar Power Initiative update. Renewable Energy Portfolio.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion by Councilman Coon and Hathaway to declare the 1985 Ford 4600 and 2000 Bush Hog SM60 surplus equipment, to advertise them on “Auctions International” and to accept a bid of at least \$5,500 for the tractor and \$2,500 for the Bush Hog. All in favor and carried.
- NYSDOT Civil Rights Compliance Review. The Town of DeRuyter does not need to comply as we received no Federal funds other than FEMA.
- Comprehensive Plan – budget for mailings etc.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Madison County – Ambulance services study
- Madison County – Courthouse renovations – engineer says it is possible to make it ADA compliant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

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

Abstract #1013	\$27,556.26
Abstract #1014	\$38,510.18

All in favor and carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman, Town Clerk