

DeRuyter Town Board Meeting
December 11, 2008

The regular meeting of the DeRuyter Town Board was held at 7:30PM on the above date in the DeRuyter Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Degear, Clerk Wightman, Councilmen Jones, Barnes, Hathaway and Coon, Highway Superintendent Cook, Assessor Harris and Attorney Matt Neuman. Also in attendance was Fay J. Sorrells and his son.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to accept the minutes of the November 6th meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

BID OPENING:

- Five bids were received for lawn & snow maintenance:

Custom Made Landscaping Brian Hastings	All 5 items	\$5,200.00
Diamond Lawn Care Fay J. Sorrells	All 5 items	\$8,640.00
Mark Harris	All 5 items	\$10,000.00
Craig Cook	Item 1 & 2	\$4,900.00
Delbert Newton	Item 1 & 2	\$7,800.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- The monthly written report for November was submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Plowing and sanding.
- Had to buy salt and some repair parts.
- Fuel price is down slightly.
- Ordered updated Stop and Yield signs to comply with new standards.
- Madison County will start new payment method for plowing their roads starting January 1st. Forms will need to be returned to them every two weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Grounds keeping issues discussed. Norman Pelcher resigned effective November 28, 2008.
- Contract review with Attorney Matt Neuman.
- Sheriff Cary requested that the Town of DeRuyter formally ask that he rescind the Sheriff's Office bill to the DeRuyter Firemen's Fair Committee for police protection during the 2008 DeRuyter Firemen's Fair since the Town provides a satellite office for the Sheriff's Office at no cost to them. Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones authorizing Supervisor Degear to draft and send a formal letter. All in favor and carried.
- 315 area code (lack of numbers) - it appears that the overlay option will be chosen.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Following further discussion, motion by Councilman Barnes and Coon to adopt:

#67 RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the Town of DeRuyter advertised for sealed bids for Lawn and Snow Maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, five (5) sealed bids were received and are listed above; and

WHEREAS, Custom Made Landscaping was low bid for all 5 items listed in the specifications;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby accept the bid submitted by Brian Hastings/Custom Made Landscaping contingent upon clarification of a full 12 month contract and submittal of valid business certificate, liability insurance naming the Town of DeRuyter as additional insured and workers compensation and statutory disability insurance unless sole proprietor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign a contract for services with Brian Hastings/Custom Made Landscaping.

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 enter into annual agreement with Industrial Medical Associates, P.C. for drug testing. All in favor and carried.

#68 RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Madison County adopted Resolution No. 390-08 on October 14, 2008 designating the improved roads of the County Road System of the County upon which snow and ice removal should be performed, and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent of Highways was authorized to enter into agreements with the Town for the aforementioned purpose during the fiscal year 2009 at rates specified in the Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of DeRuyter, Madison County be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the County of Madison to perform snow and ice removal upon the improved County Road System as per attached Agreement.

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.

- Assessor Steve Harris has been appointed to the position of Chenango County Director of Real Property. In that position he cannot assess for Towns within Chenango County but can be assessor for Towns outside Chenango. He wishes to continue as Sole Assessor for the Town of DeRuyter but needs to adjust his hours to work with his new position. He suggested that \$1,200 be removed from his salary line and placed in the clerk to the assessor line to compensate for any extra work placed on that position. Motion by Councilmen Jones and Barnes to modify the 2009 budget to reflect the change in the assessor salary (decrease line A1355-1.1 from \$14,200 to \$13,000). The \$1,200 will not be placed in the Clerk line at this time but will be placed in Contingent account (A1990.4). All in favor and carried.

TOWN HALL UPDATE:

- The roofers (Mikalunas Builders, LLC) are finished until the elevator enclosure is completed and the crew doing that part of the project is done until the weather permits them to continue.

MADISON COUNTY UPDATE:

- Tentative County tax rates for DeRuyter are: Town - \$6.61477, Village - \$7.90361
- Study continues on County-wide assessment.
- Motion by Councilors Coon and Jones to accept the Supervisor's statement. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilors Coon and Jones to pay the bills as audited:

Abstract # 1021	\$28,494.69
Abstract # 1022	\$14,515.08

All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman
Town Clerk