

The regular meeting of the DeRuyter Town Board was held at 7:30pm on the above date in the Town Offices located at 1695 Albany Street.

Present were Supervisor Degear, Clerk Wightman, Councilmen Barnes, Coon, Hathaway and Jones, Highway Superintendent Cook, Martha and Henry Conway from the Madison County Courier and Craig Cook.

Motion by Councilmen Jones and Hathaway to accept the minutes of the January 13th meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

- The written monthly report was submitted.
- Enough taxes have been paid to pay the Supervisor the entire amount of Town taxes due which is \$483,650.26.
- Received information from the Town of Pembroke concerning dog census by mail. The Clerk will find out more about what it would cost to do a similar mailing.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

- Written monthly statement submitted.
- 2010 year end summary submitted.
- Supervisor Degear reported on his trip to Albany. He feels that we need to press our legislators for mandate reform.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Plowing and sanding operations continue.
- Only minor equipment repairs.
- Hope to have enough sand to finish the season but have prices in case we should need more.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Moore Tire property – Craig Cook attended the meeting to ask questions concerning the purchase. Supervisor Degear explained that the purchase was subject to permissive referendum and that we are 27 days into that 30 day process. Craig asked if we intend to demolish the old barn and the answer is yes, at some point.
- Backhoe sale – the backhoe is a 1976 and minimum auction price appears to be \$2,500. The Town doesn’t use it much. The Village probably puts 95% of the hours used on it. This issue will be discussed further with the Village officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Boat House Restaurant Motion by Councilmen Hathaway and Coon to adopt:

#45RESOLVED: WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirement of the New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Law, an applicant for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail, for on-premises consumption, as well as any applicant for renewal of such a license, must notify the Town Clerk of the municipality wherein the premises are located, and

WHEREAS, this notice is given in order that the municipality, if it so desires, may express an opinion for or against the granting of said license or renewal to the ABC Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter, with respect to the application submitted by Richard Gulbin, owner/operator of the Boat House Restaurant, South Lake Road, DeRuyter, New York for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for on-premises consumption, the DeRuyter Town Board does express a favorable opinion.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Tax Cap discussion – Supervisor Degear advised this Board of the problems we will face if/when the State passes the Tax Cap legislation. He contacted Senator Valesky about the impact of the tax cap on municipalities. Senator Valesky thanked Supervisor Degear for his input but in the end, voted for the tax cap.
- Solicitor Registration Ordinance discussed.
- Code Enforcement Officer Cook is responsible for inspecting after chimney fires. He will be asked to contact Ed Coon.

TOWN HALL UPDATE:

- Roger Cook is painting the Town Offices.
- Electrician working weekends.
- Claude Staley thinks we might be able to move into the offices sometime between April and June.
- Elevator being installed.
- Heat in basement being installed.

- Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to accept the Supervisor's Statement. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilmen Hathaway and Coon to pay the bills as audited:

Abstract # 1001	\$137,850.33
Abstract # 1002	\$37,051.49

All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman
 Town Clerk