

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 Coon, Barnes, Hathway and Jones. Also present were J. Yankowski, T. Careaga and L. Fitzpatrick.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to approve the minutes of the January 9th meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

- Monthly written report, including tax collection report.
- Lots of issues with the new DEC automated licensing system but up and running now.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Plowing and sanding. We may have enough sand to complete the season and we are close to reaching our allotted salt supply.
- Highway Superintendents are to meet with Assemblyman Magee and Senator Valesky prior to advocacy day.
- A sander has been installed on the Village truck.
- Will request bids for gravel and washed sand to be opened at next month’s meeting.
- New hires working out well.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

- Written monthly reports submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal concerning recommendations generated by their last inspection. The last correspondence from them indicated there were no recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS:

- FEMA/Storm relief update. Engineer’s estimate for repairs to critical areas of Carey Road.
- CCAP update – generator start-up waiting for warmer weather.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Village of DeRuyter approved the Town/Village agreement at their January meeting. Although implementation of this agreement is almost budget neutral, there are some necessary budget modifications. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to adopt the following:

#44 RESOLVED: That this Town Board does hereby modify the 2014 Budget as follows:
 Increase General Fund Estimated Expenditures

A5110.1	\$4,000.00
A9010.8	\$804.00
A9040.8	\$240.00

Increase Estimated Revenue

A2300	\$5,044.00
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Increase Highway Townwide Fund Estimated Expenditures

DA5142.1	\$4,976.00
DA9010.8	\$918.00
DA9060.8	\$202.00

Increase Estimated Revenue

DA2300	\$6,096.00
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Increase Highway Part Town Fund Estimated Expenditures

DB5110.1	\$9,699.00
DB9010.8	\$1,926.00
DB9060.8	\$235.00

Increase Estimated Revenue

DB2300	\$11,860.00
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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 Hathaway and Coon to appoint Walter C. Cook to the position of Street Superintendent with an annual salary of \$4,000.00. All in favor and carried.
- Computer Use Policy – a computer use policy has been drafted and reviewed. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to adopt said “Town of DeRuyter Use of Computer and Related Equipment Policy” as presented. All in favor and carried.
- Cyber Security Citizen’s Notification Policy – a policy to notify residents of a breach in information that constitutes private information as defined, when the Town believes that a person or persons have acquired said private information without authorization was drafted and reviewed. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to adopt the “Cyber Security Citizen’s Notification Policy” as presented. All in favor and carried.
- Ms. Careaga and Ms. Fitzpatrick attended the meeting to share their concerns about traffic on East Lake Road and pedestrian safety. Following a discussion, motion by Councilmen Jones and Barnes to adopt:

#45 RESOLVED: Whereas, East Lake Road is a roadway owned and maintained by the County of Madison as County Route #57; and

Whereas, the continued safety along East Lake Road is of concern to the DeRuyter Town Board; and

Whereas, the DeRuyter Town Board, along with the residents residing in this particular area, believe a reduced speed zone would be beneficial to ensure public safety along East Lake Road;

Be It Resolved, that the DeRuyter Town Board does hereby request that Madison County take the necessary steps to reduce the speed limit along East Lake Road within the Town of DeRuyter creating a 35mph speed zone extending from the intersection of East Lake Road and South Lake Road northward to the intersection of East Lake Road and Dam Road.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Employee Handbook – Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to add the following paragraph to section 5.2, subsection 5.2.1 (Coverage) of the Town of DeRuyter Employee Handbook: *The Town of DeRuyter offers eligible employees the opportunity to participate in a Town-sponsored Section 125 plan. The benefit of participating in the Section 125 plan is that an employee’s contributions to the plan are deducted from the employee’s paycheck before federal, state, and social security taxes are calculated. This reduces the employee’s taxable income and increases net wages. The options offered under this plan are presented to each eligible employee each December for their selection. An employee may elect to pay the employee portion of the medical insurance costs with pre-tax dollars. All in favor and carried.*
- Discussion of the Governor’s proposed budget
- Discussion of the possibility of Madison County providing access to IT services.
- A New York State Emergency Information Handbook was distributed to Board members. Supervisor Degear is exploring the possibility of having a hand-held scanner at the Town office. Highway Departments need to be on an emergency system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mr. Yankowski spoke of his meeting with Supervisor Degear. Although he felt the meeting was helpful, he thought Town Board members should have been included. He still wants hydro-fracking banned.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

- Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to pay the bills as audited:

Abstract #1001	\$173,506.79
Abstract #1002	\$45,366.17

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