

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

Present were Supervisor Degear, Clerk Wightman, Councilmen Hathaway, Coon and Barnes, Highway Superintendent Cook, David Craine for Mang Insurance, Joe Yankowski, Gene Selden and John Farewell. Councilman Jones was absent.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to accept the minutes of the June 14th meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

- Written monthly report submitted.
- Thank you note from the Cook family.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Most of the chip sealing is done.
- Grading gravel roads.
- Ditching
- Culvert ordered for Williams Road.
- NYSDOT wants the Town to either abandon Ladd Road or put up proper signage. We will do some research on the length of the road, etc.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Monthly written reports were submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Degear reviewed the trip to Dimmock, PA
- A lease agreement has been drawn up between the Town of DeRuyter and the DeRuyter Free Library. Motion by Councilmen Hathaway and Coon to hold a public hearing on August 7th to present and discuss said lease agreement. All in favor and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- David Craine presented Mang's insurance proposal. Motion by Councilmen Coon and Barnes to accept the proposal with the adjustments requested regarding coverage on Town buildings and to pay the invoice for 2012-2013 insurance coverage. All in favor and carried.
- Retirement reporting - Motion by Councilmen Coon and Barnes to adopt:

#45 RESOLVED: WHEREAS, The Office of the State Comptroller New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System requires that a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution be established for retirement credit reporting purposes for elected and appointed officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of DeRuyter hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

TITLE	NAME	STANDARD WORK DAY (Hrs/Day)	TERM BEGINS/ ENDS	DAYS/PAY PERIOD (Based on record of Activities)	PAY PERIOD
Elected Officials					
Town Clerk	Rebecca Wightman	6	1/1/2012-12-31-2013	9.61	Bi-Weekly
Highway Superintendent	Walter Cook	8	1/1/2012-12-31-2013	10	Bi-Weekly
Supervisor	Daniel Degear	6	1/1/2012-12-31-2013	12.08	Monthly
Appointed Officials					
Code Enforcement Officer	Roger Cook	6	1/1/2012-12/31/2012	4.26	Monthly
Assessor	Stephen Harris	6	10/1/2007-9/30/2013	3.42	Monthly
Deputy Supervisor	Edwin Coon	6	1/1/2012-12/31/2012	1	Yearly

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Degear – aye
Councilman Coon – aye
Councilman Barnes – aye
Councilman Hathaway – aye
Councilman Jones – absent

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Bath salts discussion. Motion by Councilmen Coon and Barnes to adopt:

#46 RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the sales and abuses of synthetic “designer” drugs, know commonly as “bath salts”, continue to increase among individuals in our community; and

WHEREAS, these “designer drugs” are specifically synthesized with a similar but slightly modified structure of a Schedule 1 controlled substance in order to avoid existing drug laws, and can be continually chemically modified to avoid legal repercussions, while maintaining their intended effects and usages; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, health agencies, emergency medical providers, law enforcement, and local courts are experiencing increased cases and reports linked to the use and abuse of these substances; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers and retailers of these substances often market these substances in packaging that include no warnings or adequate descriptions of the ingredients, and are deceptively sold as plant food and other ordinary household goods; and

WHEREAS, individuals obtain the substances either through storefront retailers, indirectly through others, or through internet sales; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health in New York State issued an Order for Summary Action To Ban The Sale And Distribution Of Designer Drugs Commonly Packaged And Marketed As Bath Salts on May 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature again as two bills before it S6694-A (Flanagan) and A9781 – A (Cusik) that would classify substituted cathinones as a controlled substance based on foundational chemical structures under the public health law and the penal law)which should address the current practice of making minor alterations to chemicals to subvert statutes that prohibit distinct chemicals) and would create a Statewide substituted Cathinone Surrender Program to allow for the surrender of these harmful substances to appropriate authorities; and

WHEREAS, all these facts support the assertion that these substances continue to pose a significant and immediate public health threat and danger to public safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeRuyter Town Board urges the New York State Legislature and the Governor to immediately pass further meaningful and effective legislation criminalizing the manufacture, distribution, sale and possession to these substances and their future derivatives by anyone of any age in New York State with the intent of protecting the health and safety of all citizens of New York State.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

- Supervisor Degear – aye
- Councilman Coon – aye
- Councilman Barnes – aye
- Councilman Hathaway – aye
- Councilman Jones – absent

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Both the Village of DeRuyter and the Board of Elections would like to see the polling place return to the Town Hall. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to designate the Genevieve D. Staley Civic Center (DeRuyter Town Hall) as the official polling place for 2012. All in favor and carried.
- Discussion of “Solarize Madison County”.
- Possibility of using geo-thermal technology to air condition the Civic Center was discussed.
- Motion by Councilmen Coon and Barnes to change the date of next month’s meeting to Tuesday, August 7th at 7:30PM due to scheduling conflicts. All in favor and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Joe Yankowski addressed the Board again about his concerns regarding hydrofracking.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to approve the Citizen’s Bank Mastercard bill that did not arrive in time to be entered on this month’s abstract. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to pay the bills as audited:

Abstract #1011	\$20,679.57
Abstract #1012	\$6,219.51

All in favor and carried.

- Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to accept the Supervisor’s statement. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilmen Coon and Hathaway to adjourn. All in favor and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman, Town Clerk