

An emergency 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 Hathaway, Jones, and Barnes; and Kevin Merchant, Assistant Resident Engineer for the Oneida(West)/Madison County region of the New York State Department of Conservation.

DeRuyter was hard hit by a rain storm on July 1st that resulted in flash flooding. The Genevieve D. Staley Civic Center was opened for evacuees as homes on Mechanic and Water streets in the Village were evacuated. Members of the Fire Department spent hours assisting flood victims and pumping basements and the Auxiliary provided food and water to anyone who needed it. Several area residents used their own equipment to help alleviate flooding and open roads.

Supervisor Degear reviewed the State of Emergency Declaration he instituted following the flash flooding that occurred as a result of the July 1st storm . This makes the Town eligible for FEMA assistance if it is awarded. It is estimated that repairs to Town roads will be at least \$500,000.00. Supervisor Degear has been contacted by Governor Cuomo and will be reaching out to Senator Shumer and Congressman Hanna.

Kevin Merchant outlined the assistance that will be coming tomorrow from the New York State Department of Transportation at no charge to the Town. All work will be coordinated through Highway Superintendent Cook.

Supervisor Degear and Highway Superintendent began touring and assessing damage to DeRuyter roads at 6AM. Carey Road has suffered major damage along with Fairbanks Road, Arnold Road and Chapman Road. More road assessments will be done tomorrow.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to apply for a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Guideline 7b of our Procurement Policy allows for emergency purchases pursuant to GML §103, therefore, motion by Councilmen Hathaway and Barnes to authorize Highway Superintendent Cook to make such emergency purchases. All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman
Town Clerk