

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

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

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

- The monthly written report was submitted.
- Received a Dog Control Officer Inspection Report. We received a satisfactory rating.
- New York State has decided to turn dog licensing over to the local municipalities. We will be responsible for issuing and renewing our own licenses. The Clerk will investigate what we need to do to be ready for the transition.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Attended Cornell Road School this week.
- Signage changes coming.
- Chips program approved.
- Rabies clinic at the Town Garage went well.
- The Highway Superintendent and crew did an "equipment show" for the DeRuyter Central School pre-kindergarten children.
- The box on the Freightliner has been painted but the Freightliner is in for repairs again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Calvin Wood attended the meeting on behalf of himself, Steve Best and Jeff Clark to voice concerns over the addition of another Stop sign at the intersection of Albany Street, Lincklaen Street and Route 13 in the village. Supervisor Degear explained his position and his participation in the process that led to the NYSDOT's consideration of a four-way stop. As a farmer, Calvin says that the extra stop sign would be inconvenient and detrimental to his business, citing increased wear and tear on his equipment's brakes and clutches along with increased fuel usage. It was suggested that Mr. Wood and the other area farmers contact the DOT to voice their opinions. The Town Board directed Supervisor Degear to compose a letter to the DOT asking that they take these farmer's concerns into consideration.
- Supervisor Degear will speak to the County about the parking on Albany Street as some feel that the diagonal parking contributes to unsafe conditions.
- The engineer's report for the Town Garage has been received. The condition of the building is listed as fair to poor with estimates for repair at \$360,000 and replacement at \$650,000.
- Our attorney has sent a letter to Iron Mountain notifying them that we are breaking our contract and will be removing our items from storage at their facility.
- The Village of DeRuyter now states that they are required by law to issue a water bill to every user. The water usage figure we received seems high and will be investigated.

- Supervisor Degear will be working with the DeRuyter Free Library and Community services to draft an agreement for payment of utilities at the Town Hall.
- The “Right to Farm” portion of the changes to our Land Use Regulations has been found acceptable by Madison County.
- Motion by Councilmen Jones and Hathaway to enter into executive session, in accordance with Public Officers Law, §105 to discuss the acquisition of the former Moore Tire building and property.
- Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to close the executive session. All in favor and carried. There will be no further action to acquire the former Moore Tire building and property.

TOWN HALL UPDATE:

- Boilers have been delivered.
- Sheet rock on Town floor should be done this week.
- Power pole is in. A trench will be dug for power lines.
- Motion by Councilman Barnes and Coon to begin next month’s meeting at the Town Hall in order to tour the building, adjourn and re-convene at the temporary offices. All in favor and carried.

MADISON COUNTY UPDATE:

- Madison County Fair – July 8 – 11.
- County Home Health Care – some deficiencies noted, large budget gap. Privatizing being considered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- National Grid will be replacing/upgrading street lights. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to sign the contract with National Grid. All in favor and carried.
- The Historical Society is seeking a grant to repair the former 7th Day Church which they now own. They would like a letter of support from the Town Board. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to give the Historical Society a letter of support to aid in their application for a grant. All in favor and carried.
- Retirement issues tabled until next meeting.
- Proposed Local Law #1 of 2010, entitled “Right to Farm Law” was submitted to Town Board members for review. The Town Board recognizes that farming is an essential enterprise and an important industry that enhances the economic base, natural environment and quality of life in the Town of DeRuyter. The Town Board further declares that it shall be the policy of the Town to encourage agriculture and foster understanding by all residents of the necessary day-to-day operations involved in farming so as to encourage cooperation with those practices.

It is the general purpose and intent of this law to maintain and preserve the rural traditions and character of the Town, to permit the continuation of agricultural practices, to protect the existence and operation of farms, to encourage the initiation and expansion of farms and agri-businesses,

and to promote new ways to resolve disputes concerning agricultural practices and farm operations. In order to maintain a viable farming economy in the Town of DeRuyter, it is necessary to limit the circumstances under which farming might be deemed to be a nuisance and to allow agricultural practices inherent to, and necessary for, the business of farming to be able to proceed, and to be undertaken free of unreasonable and unwarranted interference or restriction.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to hold a public hearing concerning proposed local law #1 of 2010 at 8:30PM on Thursday, July 8, 2010 in the temporary Town Offices. All in favor and carried.

- Supervisor Degear was approached by Ed Fostveit about hiring Troy and Banks, the company he represents, to research our utility bills for errors. There is no charge to the Town unless they do find errors resulting in refunds. In that case, their fee would be 39% of whatever refunds we receive. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to contract with Troy and Banks to audit our utility bills. All in favor and carried.
- Following a discussion, motion by Councilmen Jones and Barnes to allow the Town Highway Department to haul stone for the DeRuyter Fire Department. 3 in favor (Degear, Jones, Barnes) 2 abstain (Coon, Hathaway). Motion carried.
- Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to accept the Supervisor's Statement. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to pay the bills as audited:

Abstract # 1009	\$18,120.56
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All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman
Town Clerk