

TOWN OF DERUYTER BOARD MEETING – March 13, 2008

The regular meeting of the DeRuyter Town Board was held at 7:30PM on the above date in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Degear, Clerk Wightman, Councilors Hathaway, Barnes, Jones and Coon, Highway Superintendent Cook and Codes Enforcement Officer Cook.

Motion by Councilors Barnes and Coon to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2008. All in favor and carried.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- Monthly report submitted.
- The Clerk's computer is installed and the old computer has been installed in the Codes Enforcement Officer's office and all office computers are networked to one printer.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Road salt is unavailable.
- The sand pile should be sufficient.
- Traveled to Watertown to indicate where lights and controls should be located on the new truck. Considering having Ziebart applied to the cab for \$450 - \$600.
- The Highway Superintendent submitted the "Agreement For Expenditure of Highway Moneys" subject to emulsion and culvert pipe prices.
- Fuel prices continue to rise.
- Will be getting gasoline through DeRuyter Central School but there is a concern that it could cause a shortage for the school and, in that case, we would have to find an alternative means of purchasing gasoline.

CODES ENFORCEMENT:

- Doug Randall has been working with the Codes Enforcement Officer and with the Madison County Health Department to determine what type of sewage disposal system will be required upon completion of the renovations to his camp. The Health Department states that "This Health Department recognizes holding tanks may be the only option to replace failing OWTS's on sites where (typically seasonal) residential dwellings have been constructed on parcels too small or otherwise incapable of accommodating an acceptable OWTS. Whereas new construction is being proposed, and if securing additional property is not feasible, we request correspondence be provided from the Town Codes Enforcement Office indicating the Town is prepared to approve the new residential construction proposed, that a holding tank arrangement is acceptable in recognition that no alternative exists, and that the Town has no objection to said arrangement". Motion by Councilors Coon and Barnes to authorize the Codes Enforcement Officer to provide the appropriate correspondence to the Madison County Board of Health indicating the Town's approval for a holding tank on the Randall property. All in favor and carried.
- There was discussion of establishing a comprehensive plan for the Town.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- The annual report has been completed and is available for inspection in the Clerk's office. The Supervisor distributed copies of the summary page to the Councilors.
- The quarterly Justice reports were submitted.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from the NYS Coalition of Concerned Citizens regarding Article X – the Home Rule issue.
- Notice of new cable rates from Time Warner.
- Notice from NYS Office of Real Property that our new residential assessment ratio has been established at 91.65. This is the residential assessment ratio, not the equalization rate.
- 315 phone number relief proposed options from the NYS Public Service Commission.
- Invitation to attend meetings from the NYS Commission on Property Tax Relief.
- Madison County Department of Health is trying to arrange educational programs on healthy living.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The library agreement will be completed soon with more specific language concerning the payment of utilities and custodial services. The library will be responsible for paying their electric, heat and phone, plus their own custodial needs.
- The Codes Enforcement Office will be doing a safety inspection of the Town Hall soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion by Councilors Coon and Jones to adopt:

#43 RESOLVED: WHEREAS, Chapter 662 of the Laws of 2006 establishes a requirement of four (4) hours of approved training for municipal planning and zoning officials effective January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, said law authorizes the municipal legislative body to designate training for which credit may be given to satisfy the annual hourly training requirement, and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2008 and on March 19, 2008, the Madison County Planning Department, in cooperation with the New York State Department of State conducted two (2) hours of training on planning and zoning issues entitled Planning Board Overview and Use Variances;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DeRuyter Town Board finds that the training conducted on March 12th and March 19th shall be credited as four (4) hours of the required four (4) hours of annual training for the year 2008 for those planning and zoning officials in attendance.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Degear	Aye
Councilor Jones	Aye
Councilor Barnes	Aye
Councilor Hathaway	Aye
Councilor Coon	Aye

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

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- TOWN HALL UPDATE:
 - ✓ Claude Staley’s crew measured the outside of the Town Hall.
 - ✓ Carl Stearns has been hired as Architect. The Town Board needs to decide how much we can pay for these services.
 - ✓ It’s possible we may have to vacate the building by October.
 - ✓ The moneys donated my only be sufficient to cover 1/3 of the total project cost.
 - ✓ The Board must decide how it will proceed with the project.
- MADISON COUNTY UPDATE:
 - ✓ Supervisor Degear has been appointed to the NYSDEC Region 7 Fish & Wildlife Board and Community Action Board of Directors.
 - ✓ The Oneida Indian Nation land will be entered into trust. The County is questioning whether or not to file an appeal.
 - ✓ The Agriculture Rural Development Program applied for a grant to set up an Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund for small (under \$10,000) low interest loans to assist farmers in creating and expanding value-added enterprises.
- Motion by Councilors Coon and Barnes to accepted the Supervisor’s statement. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilors Coon and Barnes to pay the bills as audited:

Abstract #1003	\$20,540.17
Abstract #1004	\$18,103.06

All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman

Town Clerk

TOWN OF DERUYTER BOARD MEETING – March 31, 2008

A special meeting of the DeRuyter Town Board was held at 7:30PM on the above date in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Degear, Clerk Wightman, Deputy Clerk Cirbus, Councilors Jones, Coon, Hathaway and Barnes.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposal for architectural services submitted by Crawford & Stearns.

Supervisor Degear met with Claude Staley, Carl Stearns and Tim Winters at the Town Hall on March 28th. It is estimated that the exterior work on the Town Hall will cost between \$700,000 and \$800,000. The need for additional funding will need to be secured to complete items such as the elevator. The exterior work should be completed in 2008.

The building committee recommends hiring Crawford & Stearns.

Councilors Barnes and Jones moved to adopt the following:

44 RESOLVED: That this Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Degear to enter into contract with Crawford & Stearns for architectural services as per their proposal and that the funding for this service will be from monies currently in non-highway building reserves and, therefore, pursuant to section 64(14) of the Town Law, this resolution is subject to permissive referendum, the purpose and effect of which is to appropriate funds not to exceed \$24,350.00 from the Non-Highway Building Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying for the contracted services of the architectural firm of Crawford & Stearns as per their proposal submitted to this Town Board.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Degear	Aye
Councilor Jones	Aye
Councilor Barnes	Aye
Councilor Hathaway	Aye
Councilor Coon	Aye

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

Motion by Councilors Barnes and Jones to adjourn. All in favor and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman

Town Clerk