

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 Jones, Hathaway, Coon and Barnes. Also present were Randy Coolbaugh, Warren Babcock, Ruthanne Stone, Joe Yankowski and Michael Salter.

Supervisor Degear began meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to approve the minutes of the February 11th meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- Monthly written report along with Tax Collector's report was submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Routine equipment maintenance.
- Cutting brush
- 284 Agreement was presented for the Board members to sign. No capital projects yet.
- Both trucks are now back in operation. No charge for radiator repair.
- PESH report was reviewed. Short amount of time to comply.
- New hire is working well.
- Superintendent Cook attended Advocacy Day in Albany on March 9th.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Officials of the Ironman Race have re-drawn the course resulting in no traffic issues. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to send a letter of support. All in favor and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Camp Crone Project update – may be two or three months before notification.
- Update on Community Development Block Grant. The following resolution was offered by

Councilman Coon, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Jones, to wit:

#47 RESOLVED: WHEREAS, previously the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter by indenture of a mortgage, bearing the date of August 10, 2001, held the position of Mortgagee for certain premises owned by Theodore Fuller and Rebecca Fuller in a total amount of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$17,600.00), in part to secure payment of money therein specified; and

WHEREAS, said mortgage related to certain lands and tenements associated with a Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), a portion of which remains unpaid; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Fuller and Rebecca Fuller, as Mortgagors of the premises relative to the CDBG, have requested and the Town has agreed to give up and surrender a portion of the mortgaged lands as security for the money remaining due on said mortgage; and

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York (SEQRA), requires that as early as possible and within twenty (20) days of a complete application, an involved agency shall make a determination whether a given action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter has determined that the proposed action is a Type II Action and, as a result, no environmental impact is anticipated.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a “Release of Part of Mortgaged Premises,” as more particularly described in Schedule “A” hereto, and that said partial mortgage release shall not affect the balance of the remaining portion of the premises; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Board shall take the necessary steps to properly file and record said “Release of Part of Mortgaged Premises” at the sole cost and expense of Theodore and Rebecca Fuller.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Robert Jones	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Cedric Barnes Jr.	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Robert Hathaway	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Edwin Coon	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Daniel Degear	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Highway Department discussions
 - Abatement of old garage advertised with Empire State Purchasing Group.
 - Property line issues – Mr. Fowler is open to the Town purchasing a portion of his property to correct property line irregularity. Supervisor Degear will contact Butch Brown about the old railroad bed. This Board agrees that we should go forward with talks and suggests we offer Mr. Fowler \$1,000.
 - New York State Department of Labor Public Employee Safety and Health (PESH) Bureau Notice of Violation and Order to Comply. Although the inspection date was January 11th, the order was not issued until March 7th and violations must be abated by March 24th. There were 3 “serious” items and 1 “not serious”. Most have already been taken care of.
 - Salt storage – Supervisor Degear and Superintendent Cook inspected the Village of Hamilton’s salt storage facility and was quite impressed. The approximate cost is \$137,000 and Supervisor Degear suggested we bond for this purchase. He will put together a budget and more solid figures.
 - The Village of DeRuyter is contemplating the purchase of a machine to do sidewalks in the winter. The Village has offered to sell their 2011 truck, including the plow, sander and brine equipment to us for \$30,000. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to adopt

#48 RESOLVED: WHEREAS the Village of DeRuyter has offered for sale, one 2011 Chevrolet truck with plow, sander and brine equipment; and

WHEREAS this Town Board hereby offers the Village of DeRuyter \$28,000.00 for the purchase of said truck; and

WHEREAS this Town Board anticipates the Village Board of the Village of DeRuyter will accept said offer,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Board hereby appropriates \$28,000 fund balance to increase DA5130.2 for the purpose of purchasing said Village of DeRuyter truck.

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.

- Banking – Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to adopt

#49 RESOLVED: WHEREAS, Resolution #4 of 2016 establishes Tompkins Trust Company as the official depository for the Town of DeRuyter; and

WHEREAS Justice Fox and Justice VanNordstrand continue to use Citizens Bank for their Town accounts,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution #4 is amended to include Citizens Bank and Tompkins Trust as official depositories for the Town of DeRuyter for the year 2016.

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.

- An application to double the height of the radio tower off Carey Road is before the Planning Board. Motion by Councilmen Coon and Hathaway to make sure the tower will have warning lights and to negotiate a spot for a local repeater. All in favor and carried.
- Town Hall
 - The parking lot will need sealing this year. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to request bids for sealing the Town Hall parking lot. All in favor and carried.
 - The window sashes also need to be wrapped. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to request bids for wrapping the window sashes at the Town Hall (Civic Center). All in favor and carried.
- **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - Update from Supervisor Degear’s trip to Washington, D.C.
 - County Government month – Safe & Secure Counties – Madison County to host an Open House in April.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - Joe Yankowski – gas development and fracking
 - Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to accept the Supervisor statement. All in favor and carried.
 - Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to approve payment of the following claims:

Abstract #4	\$23,836.24
Abstract #5	\$26,993.18

All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman, Town Clerk