

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 and Highway Superintendent Cook.

Motion by Councilmen Jones and Hathaway to accept the minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

#### TOWN CLERK REPORT:

- The monthly written report was submitted.
- The Town has stored 29 rolls of microfilm at Iron Mountain for approximately 15 years. The annual cost has always been just over \$200. The annual invoice has been received but a \$753.60 administrative fee has been added. When contacted, Iron Mountain said they might possibly be able to remove some of the administrative fee. This invoice will be held for further investigation.

#### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Stone hauled.
- CHIP sealing next week.
- Freightliner has been sandblasted and painted.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Highway garage engineering – work is complete but no report yet.
- Tentative equalization rate is 89.5
- Supervisor Degear arranged a meeting with the Department of Transportation, Mayor Nancy Parkhurst, Assemblyman Bill Magee, Senator Dave Valesky, Nancy Edwards and Win Skeelee. Nancy Edwards and Win Skeelee have been corresponding with various agencies concerning the intersection of State Route 13, Lincklaen Street and Albany Street in the Village of DeRuyter. Currently there is a 3-way stop at this intersection. Traffic is not required to stop when traveling north on Route 13 (left hand turn). Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Skeelee feel that this intersection should be a 4-way stop. The Department of Transportation did a study and determined that, according to their study, the 4-way stop was not warranted. The meeting was to review that information and observe traffic at the intersection. Mr. Skeelee also has a concern about the approach to Route 13 from Middle Lake Road and Supervisor Degear requested that the State take another look at reducing the speed limit between the Village line and the Drift Inn.
- The changes in the Land Use Regulations are still being reviewed by the county and our attorney. Highway Superintendent suggested some minor changes to the language.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Highway employee John Breed filed a workplace violence report on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Degear investigated and the report has now been filed with the Town Clerk. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones that the corrective action regarding said report has been reviewed and approved by this Town Board. All in favor and carried.
- Mortgage tax report was reviewed.

- A fiber optic network is being installed in Cortland County. Possibility of continuing through the village will be explored.
- The Village of DeRuyter has started charging for water used at the highway barn. The Board suggested Supervisor Degear speak with Mayor Parkhurst about some of the services the Town shares with them and ask that they might re-consider this charge.
- Byron and Jim Moore (B & J Realty) are selling property next to Town Barn. During a meeting with Supervisor Degear, the Moores presented a 1977 survey map that indicated a portion of the Town property actually belonged to them. Research proves that their information is not correct. Their asking price for the entire property is \$300,000. Supervisor Degear suggests the Town purchase a portion of this property for highway department use. The building previously used by Moore Tires is 5,250 square feet. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to adopt the following:

**#44 RESOLVED:** WHEREAS, B & J Realty is offering for sale its property located on NYS Route 13 next to the Town of DeRuyter property housing the highway department and,

WHEREAS, the Town of DeRuyter Town Board feels that acquiring the former Moore Tire building and a portion of the property associated with it would be beneficial,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into negotiations with B & J Realty for a portion of the former Moore Tire property and the building formerly housing Moore Tires and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract to purchase, according to law, if the negotiations are favorable.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Degear	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilman Barnes	Aye
Councilman Hathaway	Aye
Councilman Coon	Aye

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

TOWN HALL UPDATE:

- Sheet rock installation is progressing
- Electrical inspection is complete
- Plumbing in
- Library Capital Campaign – goal is \$400,000
- Community Services sponsored a spaghetti dinner
- Facility furniture funded by JCAP grant is here. Had to purchase prior to deadline date.

MADISON COUNTY:

- Oneida Indian Nation issues – press release
- Resolution to increase wireless surcharge and authorize a landline surcharge
- County roads receiving repair work

Motion by Councilmen Coon and Barnes to accept the Supervisor's Statement. All in favor and carried.

Motion by Councilmen Coon and Barnes to pay the bills as audited:

Abstract # 1007	\$23,682.82
Abstract # 1006	\$16,198.86

All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman  
Town Clerk