

The regular meeting of the DeRuyter Town Board and the public hearing concerning the 2010 Preliminary Budget was held at 7:30PM on the above date in the temporary Town office at DeRuyter Central School.

Present were Supervisor Degear, Clerk Wightman, Councilmen Jones, Barnes, Hathaway and Coon and Highway Superintendent Cook.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to accept the minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, the September 22<sup>nd</sup> budget session and the October 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:**

- The monthly written reports for September and October were submitted. Clerk Wightman thanked the highway crew and Town Board members for helping move the office once again.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- The trucks are ready for the winter season.
- Ditching and brush cutting.
- Inventorying culvert pipes in the township.
- Highway crew member ran for election to the position of Highway Superintendent in a neighboring Township but did not win.
- Win Skeelee gave correspondence to both the Highway Superintendent and the Supervisor concerning a 4-way stop at the 4 corners in the Village of DeRuyter but the Town has no jurisdiction.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE 2009 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:**

- The public hearing was opened at 7:45PM. Since there was no one present to address the preliminary budget, the public hearing was closed at 7:47PM.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Lawn and Snow Bid Opening:

Ladd Construction	\$6,760.00
Brian Hastings/Custom Made Landscaping	\$7,350.00
Richard B. Eldridge	\$5,900.00
Keeney Tree & Lawn Care (mowing/leaf removal only)	\$4,980.00

**#55 RESOLVED:** WHEREAS, the Town of DeRuyter advertised for sealed bids for Lawn and Snow Maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, four (4) sealed bids were received and are listed above; and

WHEREAS, Richard B. Eldridge was low bidder for all items listed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby accept the bid submitted by Richard B. Eldridge contingent upon submittal of valid business certificate, liability insurance naming the Town of DeRuyter as additional insured and workers compensation and statutory disability insurance unless sole proprietor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign a contract for services with Richard B. Eldridge.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Changes to the Land Use Regulations have been suggested. In an effort to save attorney fees, Supervisor Degear suggested a committee be appointed to review the Land Use Regulations and make recommendations so that all changes can be accomplished at one time. Councilman Barnes volunteered to be on the committee. The rest of the committee will be made up of Planning, Zoning and Grievance Board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It is sometimes difficult to get a quorum at Planning/Zoning Board meetings, therefore Councilmen Barnes and Coon moved to allow Planning Board members to act as alternate Zoning Board members and Zoning Board members to act as alternate Planning Board members. All in favor and carried.
- Our estimated sales tax appears to be a bit higher than first anticipated. Supervisor Degear recommends placing \$3,750 into highway equipment reserve or contingency. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to place \$3,750 in Highway Equipment Reserve. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to adopt:

**#56 RESOLVED:** WHEREAS, this Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget, and heard all persons desiring to be heard therein,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Town Board does hereby adopt such preliminary budget, as the Annual Budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning the first day of January, 2010 and that a copy of said budget, as so adopted, shall be on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and considered to be part of the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Officer shall prepare and certify in triplicate, copies of said budget as adopted by this Town Board, together with estimates, if any, adopted pursuant to Sec. 202A, § 2 of the Town Law and deliver 2 copies thereof to the Board of Supervisors of this County.

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.

- Councilman Coon provided information regarding the new laws concerning outdoor burning.

TOWN HALL UPDATE:

- Windows are complete and new doors will be installed soon.
- Interior renovations have begun.

MADISON COUNTY UPDATE:

- It is early in the Madison County budget process but it appears there will be an increase in the tax levy for DeRuyter.
- Supervisor Degear attended an Indian Affairs Hearing in Washington, D.C. on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Motion by Councilors Coon and Jones to accept the Supervisor's statement. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilors Coon and Jones to pay the bills as audited:

Abstract # 1019	\$21,668.71
Abstract # 1020	\$25,078.16

All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman  
Town Clerk