

# DeRuyter Town Board Meeting

## October 2, 2008

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

Present were Supervisor Degear, Clerk Wightman, Deputy Clerk Cirbus, Councilmen Jones, Barnes, Hathaway and Coon and Highway Superintendent Cook. Also in attendance were Village Mayor Nancy Parkhurst, Village Trustee Mike Skeele, Norman Pelcher, Delbert Newton, and Larry & Sandra Alexander.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to accept the minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

### PRIVATE ROADS:

- Larry and Sandra Alexander attended the meeting to ask if the Town could help maintain West Cottage Lane which is a private road. It was explained that the Town cannot maintain or supply materials for a private road which is basically the same as a private driveway but Supervisor Degear stated that we would check with the Town Attorney to see if anything has changed.

### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- The monthly written report was not available due to the early meeting date. September's report will be submitted at the November meeting.

### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Sand pile is close to being completed.
- Madison County is still trying to determine how Towns will be reimbursed for plowing/sanding County roads.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Degear talked with Attorney Matthew Neuman of the firm of Riehlman, Shafer and Shafer. He is very interested in the position of Town Attorney for DeRuyter.

### BUDGET REVIEW:

- Delbert Newton and Norman Pelcher attended the meeting to discuss the pay rate for next year. The possibility of mowing the abandoned cemeteries two or three times per year was discussed.
- Mayor Parkhurst and Trustee Skeele attended to discuss the increase in the fire budget. The Town and Village signed a 5-year contract to begin in 2006 which requires consent of both parties and a public hearing prior to amendments. The Village presented the change to the Supervisor in August without discussion.
- Supervisor Degear reviewed changes to the tentative budget. Councilman Jones suggested increasing the Town Clerk salary budget line to reflect a 3% increase.
- Equipment replacement plans were discussed. The tentative budget includes option D.
- Utilization of fund balance was discussed.

### TOWN HALL UPDATE:

- Westcott & Simpson will be doing the roof. Some of the materials for the project have been delivered.
- Third floor windows are to be installed this year.

### MADISON COUNTY UPDATE:

- Landowner's Gas Leasing Forum to be held on 10/7 in Cazenovia.
- Solar Energy Workshop to be held in Morrisville on 11/1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to adopt the following:  
# 60 RESOLVED: WHEREAS, there has been heretofore duly established in the Town of DeRuyter, a Fire Protection District known as DeRuyter Fire Protection District, embracing all territory in said Town wholly outside the Village of DeRuyter except that portion thereof within the confines of the New Woodstock Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS the Town of DeRuyter entered into a duly authorized contract with the Village of DeRuyter to furnish fire protection to said Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS said contract was entered into on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2005 for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 184 of the Town Law of the State of New York, a public hearing must be held in order for either party to amend said contract; and

WHEREAS, the Village of DeRuyter has proposed an increase from \$59,500 to \$88,000,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter will hold a public hearing at 7:30pm on the 6th day of November, 2008 concerning said increase in the DeRuyter Fire Protection contract.

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.

- The purchase of a new loader was discussed at length. Motion by Councilmen Coon and Jones to adopt the following:

#61 RESOLVED: That this Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to proceed with the purchase of a Volvo wheel loader on NYS Bid utilizing a Municipal Leasing Program with five annual payments at a total cost of \$113,966.38, minus \$38,000 from the trade in of the 1995 Cat wheel loader.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Motion by Councilors Coon and Hathaway to accept the Supervisor's statement. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilors Coon and Hathaway to pay the bills as audited:

Abstract # 1017	\$19,542.24
Abstract # 1018	\$15,674.16

All in favor and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman  
Town Clerk