

The regular monthly 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, Councilman Coon, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Barnes and Councilman Jones. Also present were Charles Townsend, Jamit & Levi Tousant, Stan Covert, Kyle Hirt, Michael Salter, Joe Yankowski, Warren Babcock, Dave & Elise LaHart.

Supervisor Degear began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to accept the minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. All in favor and carried.

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:**

- Monthly written report submitted.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Salt prices up 4%
- Cleaning ditches
- Mowing roadsides
- Madison County Highway Superintendent, Joe Wisinski is asking the County Board of Supervisors for an increase in payments to Towns for winter road plowing and sanding.

**FINANCIALS:**

- Highway accounts report, Supervisor's report and statement and expense/revenue report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Snowmobile use of Muller Hill Road. Stan Covert and Kyle Hirt were invited to attend the meeting as representatives of the SnowValley Riders snowmobile club. Flooding caused damage on one of the trails they use (Chapman Road). Therefore, they have been using Muller Hill Road. The Town of Georgetown installed some guardrails, extending some onto the Town of DeRuyter portion of the road. The highway department is concerned that a snowmobile will meet the snowplow in this area. The snowmobile club would like to fix the old trail but the Army Corps of Engineers is requiring more of a repair than they think they can afford. It was suggested that they try to work with the Department of Soil and Water. Highway Superintendent Cook and Stan Covert will take a look at the problem.
- Notice of NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan funding for severe flash flooding that occurred in 2013.
- The high bid for the 1985 Ford 4600 tractor the Town advertised on Auctions International was \$5,050.00. Originally, the Town Board had decided on a minimum of \$5,500.00 but since this was the second time the tractor had been advertised, Board members are in favor of accepting the lower bid. Therefore, Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway moved to accept the bid of \$5,050 through Auctions International for the sale of one 1985 Ford 4600 Tractor. All in favor and carried.

- The Comprehensive Planning Committee’s survey is complete and will be mailed to all Town of DeRuyter residents soon.
- Banking update – in the process of setting up bank accounts with Tompkins Trust.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Presentation and review of the 2016 Tentative Budget. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Coon to adopt:

**#55 RESOLVED:** That this Town Board does hereby prepare and approve as the preliminary budget of this Town for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2016, the itemized statement of estimated revenues and expenditures on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Town Board shall meet at 7:45PM on the 12th day of November, 2015 for the purpose of holding a public hearing on such preliminary budget and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Town Clerk shall give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided in Section 113 of the Town law, and that such notice be published in substantially the following form:

Notice is hereby given that the preliminary budget of the Town of DeRuyter for the fiscal year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk at DeRuyter where it is available for inspection by any interested persons during regular hours.

Further notice is given that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter will meet and review said budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Genevieve D. Staley Civic Center, 735 Utica Street on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015 at 7:45PM and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the Town Officers are as follows:

Supervisor		\$10,612
Councilmen	4@	\$1,550
Justice	1@	\$6,520
Justice	1@	\$5,562
Clerk/Collector		\$27,520
Highway Supt.		\$54,728

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.

- Following a discussion, motion by Councilmen Barnes and Hathaway to adopt:

**#56 RESOLVED: WHEREAS,** Dominion Transmission, Inc. (“Dominion”), headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, has proposed the “New Market Project” (CP14-497-000). to increase capacity of its natural gas pipeline in New York State, with the installation of additional compressor stations and other

infrastructure, including a proposed new compressor station on Wilcox Road in the Town of Georgetown on a parcel immediately adjacent to the Town of DeRuyter and near the hamlet of Sheds; and,

**WHEREAS**, emissions from gas pipeline compressor stations may include contaminants, such as methane, formaldehyde, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, radon and radioactive decay products, and greenhouse gases, which are known carcinogens and/or otherwise dangerous to human and animal health or pose significant climate risks; and,

**WHEREAS**, peer-reviewed scientific studies show that the aforementioned contaminants are associated with negative health impacts including respiratory, developmental, neurological and cardiovascular problems, as well as leukemia, breast, kidney and liver cancers, in addition to other harmful environmental and climate impacts; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dominion has made claims that it will use the best available technology for the new compressor stations, including the proposed compressor station near Sheds; and

**WHEREAS**, design alternatives presently exist with readily available technology that could substantially reduce emissions and thereby reducing potential contaminants;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter calls for Dominion to consider the utilization of best available technologies for the Sheds compressor station, such as the installation of electric-drive rather than gas-fired compressors which are increasingly used by industry to reduce emissions, use of “zero-emission” dehydrators, use of fuel-saving vapor recovery technology, the installation of oxidation catalysts on exhaust stacks. The use of blow-down prevention technology and techniques, and/or any other currently available mitigation measures; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) (CP14-497-000) with the request that FERC require Dominion to take emission-reducing measures, such as those mentioned in this resolution, in an effort to protect DeRuyter residents from potential exposure to harmful contaminants.

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.

- New York State made changes to mileage figures on several of our Town roads. Motion by Councilmen Jones and Hathaway to adopt:

**#57 RESOLVED: WHEREAS**, The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has implemented the “Statewide GIS Public Road Network Project” which has created new geospatial data for the Town of DeRuyter’s Town roadways; and,

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOT is using the new geospatial data as means to update the Town’s Local Highway Inventory (LHI) to establish correct beginning and ending points for Town roadways; and,

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOT prepared a report with proposed changes to the Town’s LHI, which includes significant reduction of LHI mileages for Stanton Road, Arnold Road, Richmond Road, and Camp Crone Road, in addition to the full removal of Burdick Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor have reviewed the Town’s LHI changes as proposed by the NYSDOT and determined that a bridge traversing the Middle Branch of the Tioughnioga Creek on Stanton Road no longer exists having been removed by the Town Highway Department in 1986 although no action had been taken to discontinue the roadway; and,

**WHEREAS**, the entire length of the bridge section of Stanton Road is owned on both sides by Edwin B. Coon and Denise A. Coon who are in agreement with the discontinuance of the roadway in this area; and,

**WHEREAS**, no town monies have been spent on this section of road since the year 1986 and this section of road has not been used by the public.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter does hereby approve the abandonment of a portion of Stanton Road beginning near the southern bank of the Middle Branch of the Tioughnioga Creek at a coordinate of approximately 42.7925 -75.8690 and proceeding northerly a distance of 0.02 miles to a point near the northern bank of the Middle Branch of the Tioughnioga Creek at an approximate coordinate of 42.7927, -75.8691; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Highway Superintendent to certify the removal of said 0.02 miles from the Town’s LHI filed with NYSDOT; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Highway Superintendent, Town Supervisor, and Town Clerk to complete steps necessary to properly file said highway abandonment pursuant to New York State Highway Law.

The roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The Clerk declared the foregoing duly carried.

- Motion by Councilmen Jones and Hathaway to adopt:

**#58 RESOLVED, WHEREAS**, The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has implemented the “Statewide GIS Public Road Network Project” which has created new geospatial data for the Town of DeRuyter’s Town roadways; and,

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOT is using the new geospatial data as means to update the Town’s Local Highway Inventory (LHI) to establish correct beginning and ending points for Town roadways; and,

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOT prepared a report with proposed changes to the Town’s LHI, which includes significant reduction of LHI mileages for Stanton Road, Arnold Road, Richmond Road, and Camp Crone Road, in addition to the full removal of Burdick Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor have reviewed the Town’s LHI changes as proposed by the NYSDOT and determined that the above mentioned roadways are inaccurately reported by NYSDOT; and,

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOT requires a resolution of the Town Board in order for the Town to correct the changes to the LHI as proposed by NYSDOT.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter hereby corrects the NYSDOT’s proposed changes to the Town’s LHI resulting from the “Statewide GIS Public Road Network Project” as follows:

- **Arnold Road (DOT ID 121570)**: Beginning at centerline of Carey Road at an approximate coordinate of 42.7583, -75.8687 and proceeding a total length of 1.48 miles to the centerline of Crumb Hill Road at an approximate coordinate of 42.7776, -75.8635. The southerly 1.12 miles of said road to be considered a “Highway by Use” as defined in New York State Highway Law §189.
- **Burdick Road (DOT ID 121573)**: Beginning at centerline of Madison County Route #56 at an approximate coordinate of 42.7971, -75.8741 and proceeding a length of 0.10 miles to a dead end at an approximate coordinate of 42.7984, -75.8740. Said road to be considered a “highway by Use” as defined in New York State Highway Law §189.
- **Camp Crone Road (DOT ID 121580)**: Beginning at centerline of County Route #55 at an approximate coordinate of 42.8118, -75.8976 and proceeding a length of 0.33 miles to a dead end at an approximate coordinate of 42.8120, -75.8938. The easterly 0.14 miles of said road to be considered a “Highway by Use” as defined in New York State Highway Law §189.
- **Richmond Road (DOT ID 121589)**: Beginning at the Madison County boundary with Cortland County at an approximate coordinate of 42.7382, -75.8891 and proceeding a length of 0.89 miles to the centerline of Madison County Route #53 at an approximate coordinate of 42.7448, -75.8792. The westerly 0.31 miles of said road to be considered a “Highway by Use” as defined in New York State Highway Law §189.

- **Stanton Road (DOT ID 121593):** Beginning at the centerline of New York State Route #13 at an approximate coordinate of 42.7901, -75.8697 and proceeding a length of 0.17 miles to a Dead End (south of the stream) at an approximate coordinate of 42.7925, -75.8690. Stanton Road resumes at the at a dead end (north of stream) at an approximate coordinate of 42.7927, -75.8691 and proceeding a length of 1.31 miles to an approximate coordinate of 42.8112, -75.8692 for a total road length of 1.48 miles. The northerly 0.11 miles of said road to be considered a “Highway by Use” as defined in New York State Highway Law §189.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter accepts all legal responsibility for the roads as described above, including responsibility for their maintenance and repair; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter accepts all other changes to the Town’s LHI proposed by NYSDOT as an accurate description of the Town’s roadways not specifically mentioned in this resolution; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter authorizes the Town Highway Superintendent to certify the Town’s LHI with NYSDOT in accordance with the provisions set forward in this resolution.

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.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Emergency Management Tier 3 attended by Supervisor Degear, Councilman Coon and Highway Superintendent Cook.
- Living History Museum would like a couple of the old student desks. Motion by Councilmen Barnes and Jones to donate desks to the Living History Museum. All in favor and carried.
- IT services are being offered by Madison County for \$50.00/hour. The Board members agreed that we should use this service.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Charles Townsend spoke of concerns about Burdick Road. Highway Superintendent Cook said there are no major improvements planned for Burdick Road but the Town will continue normal maintenance. Plowing concerns will also be addressed.
- Michael Salter thanked the Board for the resolution regarding the Compressor Station.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

- Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to pay the following claims as audited:

Abstract #1017	\$23,895.76
Abstract #1018	\$10,853.13

All in favor and carried.

- Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to pay the following additional bills:

NBT Mang in the amount of \$56.10

Staples in the amount of \$72.82

Citizens Mastercard in the amount of \$75.62

Frontier Communications in the amount of \$212.61

All in favor and carried.

- Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to accept the Supervisor's statement. All in favor and carried.
- Motion by Councilmen Jones and Coon to adjourn. All in favor and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Wightman, Town Clerk