

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, June 4th, 2019 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Paul Schoonmaker and Mike Dean.

And Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars

Absent: Councilman Kevin Smith.

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the meetings commencement.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, resolution No. 42 amending resolution No. 2 of 2019 and resolutions No. 43 and 44, as well as a copy of the donation schedule from the Frost Valley YMCA.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of last month's minutes by Town Clerk Joy Monforte.

Motion to adopt and approve as read by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor. Motion carried by a 3 to 0 vote, with one absentee.

Correspondence – read by Supervisor Brooks

- A letter from residents Tom and Darlene McGee regarding the CFD purchase of a new fire truck, even though the Commissioners received numerous letters against the purchase and requesting the Town do something about the high cost of the District in light of the cost of the Sundown Protection District at .85 per thousand vs. over \$8.00 per thousand.
- Supervisor Brooks states the Town has no control over the CFD. He suggests the residents get together and vote, voting in commissioners who will listen to their needs.
- Sales Tax notification from Ulster County in the amount of \$8,404.24.

Highway Report: by Superintendent Dan Van Sadars

- Material project with the Frost Valley YMCA is complete.
- Ditch cleaning.
- Line of site improved on Brooks Hill Road.
- Met with Jim Brust of Delaware Bulldozing who is doing the septic installs, they will be storing some pipes and things at the highway barn.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks they plan to be in and out in six weeks.
- 284 Agreement next week, splitting the paving between Red Hill and Denning Roads, will get final figures for chip sealing as well. The one and a half miles from Scofields to New Road Hill will be \$100,00.00.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if there has been any correspondence from Waznys? Response, no.
- Problem with the GMC rear end.
- Councilman Vurckio inquires what the problem is? Hwy. Super. Van Sadars replies it was sent out for repair to Trans Axel.
- Supervisor Brooks ask Hwy. Super. Van Sadars if he has used the material, he responds today.

Planning Board Report - by Supervisor Brooks

- Councilman Kevin Smith called and gave him an update of the meeting.
- Issue between the Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer, and the ADA for the Kobayashi project, he will be at the next meeting with CEO Von Hassel.
- Lot line approved.

Resolution No. 43 of 2019

WHEREAS New York State Real Property Tax Law authorizes the Town Board to appoint an assessor for the Town, and

WHEREAS the Town of Denning's Assessor appointment will expire this year.

NOW THEREFORE be it **RESOLVED** that Michael B. Sommers, residing at 28 Cooper Street, Accord, NY 12404, be re-appointed as Sole Assessor for the Town of Denning, with a 6-year term of office from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2025, with an annual salary to be determined by the Denning Town Board and to be drawn from Assessors Personal Services.

(General Fund Appropriations code A1355.1)

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker,
2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE	Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith	ABSENT	Councilman Gregory Vurckio	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE		

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote, with one absentee.

Supervisor Brooks calls for comments or questions from the Town Board regarding the Fund Balance Policy. There are none. He comments that Town Auditor Teri Lockhart did an outstanding job with this.

Resolution No. 44 of 2019

WHEREAS New York State requires Municipalities to adopt a Fund Balance Policy and

WHEREAS Chapter 528 of the Laws of 2000 gives local governments the authority to carry over a "reasonable amount" of unappropriated unreserved fund balance from one year to the next. And

WHEREAS the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued GASB Statement Number 54 (Statement 54) Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions in February 2009. In April 2011 the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) issued updated guidance on Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions.

THEREFORE, the purpose of this policy is to establish a key element of the financial stability setting guidelines for the General Fund and all Special Reserve Funds that are legally mandated to be kept separately (i.e. Highway, Water, Sewer, Lighting, etc.). Unreserved fund balance is an important measure of economic stability. It is essential that the Town maintain adequate levels of unreserved fund balance to mitigate financial risk that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures, natural disasters, and similar circumstances. The fund balance also provides cash flow liquidity for the Town's general operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** adopts and approves of the Fund Balance Policy in accordance with New York State Law.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio,
2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE	Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith	ABSENT	Councilman Gregory Vurckio	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE		

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote, with one absentee.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of his meeting with YMCA Director Jerry Huncosky, they have agreed upon a plan for payment for the cost of crushing the material from two stream projects in Claryville. The Frost Valley YMCA and the Town of Denning jointly split the material and the cost; \$9,583.33, this month's donation and \$5,246.67 of the following months donation.
- Further stating the fiscal year for the YMCA runs from June to June so the donation for next year will increase to \$9,937.50.
- Supervisor Brooks comments it was more than 2600 yards of material, more than anticipated.
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders remarks closer to 3000.
- Both Councilmen Mike Dean and Gregory Vurckio agree the cost is very reasonable, especially looking at the amount we would pay off of the material bid.
- Supervisor Brooks agrees, remarking it is excellent material.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board he made several trips to the Blue Hole over Memorial weekend and he did not see any issues, he comments the real test is 4th of July. Further, commenting, the campgrounds seem busier.

- Resident Russ Betters remarks he called the Ulster County Sheriffs, for the drag strip some kids were using Peekamoose Road as. They responded right away and there have been no further issues.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks he and Councilman Vurckio have spent a lot of time on the Sundown Stream Restoration Project, however it will not be happening this year. Putting the stream back in the old channel creates a flume, one resident is very unhappy with the current plan, so by the time a new plan is approved and permits obtained, it will be too late. The stream project is at absolutely no cost and fully paid for by the CWC.
- Councilman Vurckio comments that Ulster County will be doing the bridge next year. He suggests pushing the County to do the bridge first.
- Supervisor Brooks they did not want the stream project and the bridge to be occurring at the same time, so perhaps we can push for the bridge to be first.
- Councilman Dean asks how many landowners are involved?
- Supervisor Brooks replies four, three are on board.
- Supervisor Brooks states he would like to get this done before another high water event. The biggest issue with the bridge, is putting the temporary bridge in. The new bridge will be wider and the abutments extended.
- Brief discussion on this effecting the paving schedule.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Schoonmaker informs the Board the next court date is June 12th. Judge Follender has told him he would like to train the next judge, he found it very helpful when Judge Vurckio trained him.
- Councilman Schoonmaker informs the Board of the cases appearing before the court: probation issue, drinking on the highway, felony larceny, a case was postponed for a vehicular traffic ticket, a resident had to have his property 90% cleanup by the next court date, and a conservation ticket, for which he will have his written decision at court time.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Resident Donato Lamonaca brings forth a complaint against multiple unlicensed vehicles on the neighboring property. 5 unregistered, 4 registered, some in a state of disassembly. He further states it doesn't really bother him.
- Mr. Hnatiw states that as of 4:30 this afternoon nothing has been cleaned up on White House Road.
- Mr. Hnatiw also thanks Hwy. Super. Van Saders and his crew for their efforts cleaning up the shelve on Brooks Hill Road and increasing the site line.

Councilman Vurckio asks the public in attendance if there are any issues with meeting at 6 instead of 7? There are none.

Supervisor Brooks explains the meeting and time changes; April, May, September and October in Sundown. All meetings at 6pm in the hopes of increasing attendance.

Supervisor Brooks call for any further comments or discussion. There is none.

Motion to adjourn 6:51 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, June 5th, 2019

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hal

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 at the Denning Town Hall.
Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks
Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith and Gregory Vurckio.
Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders.

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the start of the meeting.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda and the Budget vs. Actual thru May 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance

Highway Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy Super. Van Saders.
(see Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, voucher #17-18)
MVP Healthcare Inc. DA9060.8 \$8,324.86
Trust & Agency Account DA9030.8 \$850.57.
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Pre Paid Vouchers was made by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. All in favor.

Highway Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders.
(see Warrant #6, voucher #78-88)
Advance Professional DA5130.4 \$71.65
Arkel Motors, Inc. A5130.4 \$1,242.25
Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5110.4 \$916.62, \$1,951.26.
Fleetpride DA5130.4 \$166.02.
Robert Green Auto & Truck, Inc. DA5130.4 \$512.22.
Kimball Midwest DA5130.4 \$36096
M&M Auto Group DA5130.4 \$1,335.18
Sarjo Industries Inc. DA5130.4 \$66.48
Shakelton Auto & Truck Center DA5130.4 \$232.04
Tran Axle DA5130.4 \$3,505.12.
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Fund vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Brooks asks Hwy. Super. Van Saders if he has used the gravel?
○ Hwy. Super. Van Saders replies on Barnes Road, however the hose on the grader broke causing a delay.

Hwy. Super. Van Saders the 284 Agreement for consideration, which is then reviewed and discussed.

- Discussion on cost of black top, chip sealing, length and sections of roadways.
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders informs the Board he based his figures on last years cost for black top.
- Red Hill Road intersection and a portion of Denning Road are to be paved.
- It is the Town Board preference to complete a roadway but will agree to the 284 Agreement, as Hwy. Superintendent Van Saders replies we can always amend it.
- Supervisor Brooks requests the roadways which are to be paved, are brushed cut prior to the paving, as it is better for the road and safer paving conditions for the workers and the equipment.
- The 284 Agreement is then signed by the Board.
- The Town Clerk will mail to the UCDPW commissioner for his signature.
- Supervisor Brooks ask Hwy. Super. Van Saders to request the Rondout Stream Program hydro seeds at the end of Peekamoose and spots on White House Road. Commenting they are supposed to hydro seed behind town hall next week.
- Supervisor Brooks requests an up date on the newly purchased backhoe.
- Hwy Super. Van Saders replies they are waiting on an attachment, it should be delivered, in a week or so.
- Supervisor Brooks ask Hwy. Super. Van Saders if knows who was awarded the Ulster County bids? Response no, not yet.

Hwy. Super. Van Saders leaves as his portion of the meeting has concluded.

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #6PP, voucher (#38-43)
Catskill Hudson Bank A1410.4 \$107.99
Central Hudson A1620.4 \$241.87, A5132.4 \$324.09,
MVP Health Care Inc. DA9060.8 \$6,111.92.
TWC A5132.4 \$158.45, A1620.4 \$202.74.
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$713.28
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund Pre Pay vouchers by
Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #6, vouchers #80-100)

Tammy Beck A110.4 \$53.13.
Russell Betters A1355.4 \$75.00
Bottini A5132.4 \$2,166.90, \$103.68, A1620.4 \$31.51.
Central Hudson A5182.4 \$112.89.
Country Flowers A1620.4 \$77.58.
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$260.42.
Daniel Pierce Library A1010.4 \$60.00
MVP A9060.8 \$60.50
Nancy Parrow A1355.4 \$75.00
Planit Main Street, Inc. A8020.4 \$135.00
Quill.com A1110.4 \$69.99.
Michael Sommer A1355.4 \$270.00
Stedner printing A3620.4 \$44.00
TWC A5132.4 \$158.45

- Discussion on issues with the TWC bill. Supervisor Brooks will reach out to other supervisor to see if they have issues as well.

Dept. of the Treasury A9060.8 \$26.14

UCRRA A8160.4 \$1,987.86

Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas A1420.4 \$60.00

Casey Witthohn A1355.4 \$75.00.

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments and Councilman Comments:

- Joint discussion opened by Councilman Vurckio on budget issues along with the cost of paving and chip sealing.

Supervisor Brooks call for any further comments or discussion. There is none.

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, June 12th, 2019.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 2nd, 2019 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.