

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.  
Held on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Paul Schoonmaker, Mike Dean and Kevin Smith.

Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

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. 45, as well correspondence to the Supervisor.

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 Gregory Vurckio. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence – read by Supervisor Brooks

- The monthly donation from the YMCA in the amount of \$4,690.83 has been received and is gratefully acknowledged, this is the deducted amount as the remainder has been used as payment for the joint material project.
- A letter from NYS offering free Narcan training to anyone interested.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers about the Winter Recovery funds if he has confirmation it has been restored and the amount awarded.
- Letter from NYS Office Real Property stating the Equalization Rate will remain at 16%. Supervisor Brooks remarks the lower the Rate the more taxes we pay.
- Notification from MVP, the first time in years the health insurance increase is a little over 5% and not a double digit increase.

Highway Report: by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Graded Barnes and Wild Cat Mtn. Road and used “project” material then rolled.
- Hot patch Denning Road in preparation for paving.
- Scott is mowing Denning and did Red Hill Road.
- A town highway employee has left; we now have a vacancy.
- Hwy Super. Van Sadlers asks Supervisor Brooks if the Town of Neversink will be able to help the Town with paving.
- Supervisor Brooks replies yes, he has spoken with the Hwy. Superintendent and will contact him again.
- Septic guys in Town, he believes they will do the highway barn last as they are storing equipment and material, also commenting they are half way thru.
- Supervisor Brooks informs those present he has just approved payment for five systems, one is 100% completed the other four are at 90%.
- Councilman Vurckio remarks the weather has not been helping.
- Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers remarks he believes those four septic are completed.
- Supervisor Brooks inquires if Scott is mowing everyday?
- Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers replies two to three days per week.
- Supervisor Brooks responds, he wants the mower taken to Zanetti's to be recharged. Further asking if any word from Mr. Waznys?
- Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers replies no and he is waiting to do the road.

Planning Board Report - by Councilman Kevin Smith

- CEO Von Hassel attended the meeting there was a discussion on the ADA process and approval, as well as permitting.
- The CEO stated the engineer signed off on the ADA.
- Discussion on Honzo Haven; CEO Von Hassel has been informed they are doing work which is not approved and does not have a permit for, he will investigate.
- The Planning Board is supposed to contact the Supervisor.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks he will call the Attorney for the Town.

Supervisor Brooks explains that the .2 in the next resolution is used for grant tracking.  
Resolution No. 45 of 2019

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law §113 authorizes the Town Supervisor to transfer funds between General Fund accounts upon the approval of an authorizing resolution by the Town Board, and

**WHEREAS** the Justice Court 2019 General Fund for the Town of Denning is in need of budgetary transfers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to increase the following Appropriations Code: A1110.2 Justice Court Equipment in the amount of \$1,050.00 and to decrease A1110.4 Justice Court Contractual in the amount of \$1,050.00.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on Town laws which have been incorporated into the Zoning Law and should be rescinded. The Town Planner Mr. Alan Sorenson also recommended it. Supervisor Brooks will clean the list up and get it to the Board for their consideration.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board, he received a new updated Solar Permit from CEO Von Hassel with all of the updates from NYS. Town Clerk Monforte will get copies to the Councilman for review and consideration.
- Supervisor Brooks informs all present that U.C. Executive Pat Ryan will be attending next weeks meeting. Supervisor Brooks would like to discuss the new electrical licensing, he feels as it already must be inspected, this is simply a money maker for the County.
- Spectrum update: Supervisor Brooks urges everyone to call and push for service and to keep calling.
- The DEC has mowed the trailer field and the stream stewards will be on duty this weekend.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio gives a brief CWT update.
- Supervisor Brooks informs those in attendance that Councilman Vurckio was inadvertently left off of the nominating ballot and they will be sending new ballots out, an alternate is needed.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker gives the court report: drug charge covered under another charge fro the Town of Shandaken, felony charge reduced to a misdemeanor and restitution, still waiting for his written decision on the Red Hill case, tickets for no permit at Buttermilk Falls, parking violation which was dismissed after photos were submitted. Judge Follender asked a councilman or two to do an inventory of zoning code violations in the Town and then give a thirty-day amnesty after notification.
- Councilman Dean inquires as to the delivery status of the new backhoe?
- Hwy. Super. Van Sadars responds they are waiting for an attachment.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Mr. Hnatiw remarks it has been thirteen months since his initial complaint about the White House Road property.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if the vehicles are still there?
- Mr. Hnatiw responds he has at least twenty vehicles still on site, he shuffles stuff around, he requests the CEO Von Hassle takes pictures of all of the vehicles on the property before court.
- Resident George Elias asks about the septic district, if there is a problem connecting the systems on the other side of the river due to higher elevation, and the cost involved, as well as how many are in the District?
- Supervisor Brooks responds no cost involved, as everyone has their own system, therefore there are no connection issues. Further explaining that once the funding runs out the District will dissolve. The District runs from the second bridge to the Town line.
- Brief discussion follows.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.

## Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Denning Town Hall.  
Called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith and Gregory Vurckio.  
Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars.

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

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, resolutions 46 and 47 of 2019 as well as, the Budget vs. Actual thru June 2019.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Highway Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy Super. Van Sadars.

(see Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, voucher #19-22)

Healthcare Reimbursement Acct. DA9060.8 \$5,000.00.

MVP Healthcare Inc. DA9060.8 \$8,324.86

Trust & Agency Account DA9030.8 \$690.81, \$688.07.

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Pre Paid Vouchers was made by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Highway Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars.

(see Warrant #7, voucher #89-105)

All Gas & Welding A5130.4 \$77.28

Buddenhagen's Ford, Inc. A5130.4 \$100.00

Supervisor Brooks inquires as to various truck repairs and the mower.

Hwy. Super. Van Sadars responds trying to get a cylinder repair kit for the arm.

Campbell Freight DA5130.4 \$1,934.66

Case Tire Service Inc. DA5130.4 \$433.51

Derrer & Sons Repair Service DA5130.4 \$2,977.25

Fleetpride DA5130.4 \$431.34

Hoffman Equipment DA5130.4 \$521.25

Home Depot DA5130.4 \$108.99

HO Penn DA5130.4 \$549.24

Lacal Equipment DA5130.4 \$1,795.88

Liberty Trading Post DA5130.4 \$190.25

M&M Auto Group Inc. DA5130.4 \$104.36

Montage Enterprises Inc. DA5130.4 \$413.45

Hwy. Super. Van Sadars explains this is a new supplier, a little more money but worth it. Supervisor Brooks agrees, saying they should last longer.

Shakelton Auto & Truck Center DA5130.4 \$329.50

Tractor Supply Co. DA5130.4 \$55.97

Transaxle DA5130.4 \$97.61

Apalachee Marine DA5142.4 \$2,869.85.

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Fund vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Councilman Mike Dean informs Hwy. Super. Van Sadars there is a tree down by the old school house, it damaged the guard rail and was cut off, by a resident so you could get by, but is still there. Hwy. Super. Van Sadars will check it tomorrow.

Supervisor Brooks inquires if he will call Chemung for both the guardrail on Balace Road and this new guardrail issue. Hwy. Super. Van Sadars replies he will see if it can be straightened first.

Supervisor Brooks begins to inform those present of the Town Highway Garage addition which will be 36 by 55 feet.

Guest: U.C. Exec. Pat Ryan arrives and is warmly welcomed by Supervisor Brooks and the Town Board, as well as his aid Brittany.

- ❖ Mr. Ryan introduces himself and his aid, as well as give his background information.
- ❖ He remarks he wants to hear the Town of Denning perspective, he states "leadership is about accountability", you have to do more than just show

up. He wants to understand and be a partner with the Town, relieving pressure on the town. Feels this meeting is the beginning of a conversation, not political but responsible, people need help.

- ❖ Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on a Shared Service involving health insurance; they both believe the larger the pool, the lower the cost.
- ❖ Discussion follows. Mr. Ryan will run the numbers, saying there is a precedence.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks inquires about the possibility of UCAT coming to the Town. Mr. Ryan firmly states UCAT can leave the County.
- ❖ Discussion follows and includes a discussion on Veterans Services Dept., including veteran's transportation. Mr. Ryan feels getting UCAT and veterans transportation in some form is do able.
- ❖ The next subject broached by Supervisor Brooks is the UCRRA, as well as "GUS", the three county system, as he has heard there will be an extremely large increase in cost. Mr. Ryan replies, yes, transportation alone is 7 or 8 million a year. Further, stating UCRRA is fully controlled by the legislature. He comments there are less than five year of use at the currently used landfill. Discussion on recyclables.
- ❖ Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks about Mr. Jim Taylor and his solution, commenting it appears viable. Mr. Ryan responds he met with him two days ago and so far it appears his method produces energy and has low emissions. Further commenting, you do not need a large area of land for this process, about ten acres is needed and could be spread around the county.
- ❖ A discussion on Tech City, its tenants and lack thereof as well as the loss in taxes for the County, including other large business parcels.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the electrician licensing law.
- ❖ Mr. Ryan states he signed it because it unanimously passed in the legislature and his safety concerns. But, he states it will be amended so an additional burden is not placed on municipalities, both sides have agreed to the amendment or he wouldn't have signed it.
- ❖ The plastic bag ban is discussed, with Mr. Ryan stating he has spoken with farmers, who told him the paper bag costs eleven cents and they can only charge five, it is a loss for them, this legislation may need amending as well.
- ❖ Mr. Ryan opens a discussion on what most people do for work, the CWT, CWC, DEP and tourism as well as B&B's and short term rentals.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the high cost of school taxes.
- ❖ Mr. Ryan gives a brief summary of what aid could be given:  
UCAT, veteran transportation and health insurance consortium.

Supervisor Brooks and the Town Board thank the Honorable Pat Ryan for coming, and his aid as well.

Supervisor Brooks asks Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers if he has heard from Mr. Waznys, response no. Supervisor Brooks requests he reach out to Mr. Waznys so they may do the culvert and pave the road.

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

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #7PP, voucher (#44-52)

Central Hudson A1620.4 \$208.07, A5132.4 \$255.08, A8160.4 \$34.07.

Healthcare Reimbursement Acct. A9060.8 \$5,000.00.

MVP Health Care Inc. DA9060.8 \$6,111.92.

TWC A1620.4 \$202.74

Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$296.89, \$702.12, \$248.81.

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund Pre Pay vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #7, vouchers #101-116)

Melissa Carpino A1110.4 \$171.69

Central Hudson A5182.4 \$110.41

IOC membership A3620.4 \$135.00

Carl Landon A1460.4 \$293.75

Joy Monforte A1410.4 \$106.80

NYSTCA A1410.4 \$75.00

Office of the Comptroller A690 \$1,115.00  
Quill.com A5010.4 \$55.44, A1620.4 \$77.42, \$76.00, \$7.70 A1110.4 \$88.03,  
\$138.54, A5132.4 \$39.88, A1410.4 \$40.93, \$28.59  
Safeguard Business Systems A1410.4 \$67.23  
Michael Sommer A1355.4 \$290.59  
TWC A5132.4 \$158.45  
UCRRA A8160.4 \$2,678.38  
Karl Von Hassel A3620.4 \$575.50  
Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas A1420.4 \$150.00  
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund vouchers by Councilman  
Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 46 of 2019

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning has received the approved funding for the 2019  
(EWR) Extreme Winter Recovery amount awarded is \$24,284.35, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board  
**HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to perform the following Appropriations  
Codes transfers:

Increase Estimated Revenue & Appropriation DA3501 State-Aid Consolidated  
Highway in the amount of \$24,284.35, and

Increase Appropriations DA5112.2 CHIPS in the amount of \$24,284.35.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. Roll Call Vote:  
Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE  
Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 47 of 2019

**WHEREAS** the Denning Town Board believes it should be involved in the  
Coalition of Watershed Towns, and

**WHEREAS** the Denning Town Board feels this organization and a representative  
to this organization is a benefit to the residents of the Town and the Coalition of  
Watershed Towns, of which it is a member in good standing.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board  
**HEREBY** votes and supports the following candidates elected Councilmen  
Gregory Vurckio of the Town of Denning Town Board and Town of Olive Town  
Board members: Peter Friedel as a regular member and Drew Boggess as an  
Alternate to serve a two-year term as a volunteers to the Executive Committee  
of the Coalition of Watershed Towns.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Roll Call Vote:  
Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker ABSTAIN  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE  
Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion opened by Supervisor Brooks on the proposed updated Solar Permit.

**Whereupon**, by Motion the Solar Permit approval and adoption was put to a  
vote, and recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Roll Call Vote:  
Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE  
Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on paving Denning from Straus Lane to New Road Hill and further below on Denning including from the Town line to the bridge, also paving of Red Hill Road. Includes a discussion on chip sealing.
- The Town will go the bid separately for both the slab and the addition at the highway barn. Building will be green with a tan roof, three bay doors, dormers, entry door. Size of doors discussion opened by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.
- Joint discussion on painting the R&R Site Building as well all of the prep work involved.
- Joint discussion on the up coming zoning amendments. A public hearing will be held.

Supervisor Brooks call for Councilman Comments: See above.

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.