

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Kevin Smith, and Paul Schoonmaker Scott
Mickelson and Scott Mickelson

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members the agenda, and resolutions
35 and 36, before the meeting opened.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last months' minutes by Town Clerk Joy Ann Monforte.

Motion to adopt as read by Mike Dean, 2nd by Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A fax from the DEC explaining the "Interim Order", which is a mission statement. The supervisor on duty will decide if the situation warrants a response by them. An incident report must also be done.
- A letter from Ulster County Department of Social Services regarding the placement and specific criteria for work to be done by members.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Attended highway school.
- Shoulder work to repair the wash out on Peekamoose Road, will be paved with type 7 black top.
- The guide rail parts are in and will be replaced with in 2 weeks, if not sooner.
- The trucks are back from Arkel Motors after having warranty work done.
- SEMO and FEMA representatives are here for the assessment of Peekamoose Road from the April 4th disaster.
- The office copier needs replacement.
- Discussion on the reclaiming (repaving) of Denning road. Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers has called out for bids.
- Supervisor Bruning asks if anyone knows who owns the pull off across from the Claryville Post Office? The Town will need a short-term material storage area for the repaving. He will check with the Town of Neversink.

Code Enforcement Report- Supervisor Bruning

- Remarks that at first Karl thought he was being paid too much, now he is so busy, in Sundown it's not enough.

Refuse & Recycling Report by Site Manager Ed Mues

- There is still the occasional bag of garbage left outside of the gate. He has informed them of the severe penalty for leaving garbage in the Catskill Park.
- Would like a truck body to store quality items in, so they are kept out of the weather.

Highway Equipment Planning Report by Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- July 10th is the "built day" for the new truck.

Planning Board – by Chairman Alden Thayer

- Presents to the Town Board, the Comprehensive Plan. The next step would be for a SEQURA review, it must also go to Ulster County for review.
- All mention of the hamlet nodes have been removed. He notes however the Planning Board felt they were "passing the buck" to the next comprehensive plan review members.
- He also noted the Hamlets have lost 1/2 of the acreage in the district.
- Alden states the City is buying property and easements in the Hamlet district.
- Supervisor Bruning comments they have not made an outright land purchase but they are buying conservation easements, which is a loophole in the MOA.
- Alden further comments that if you want your children to stay in Denning then the Town must consider future Hamlet development.
- Alden asks the Town Board to consider stopping New York City from buying further land and easements.
- Supervisor Bruning responds the Coalition of Watershed Towns is checking into the situation.
- At the last meeting the Town Board refused to hire a secretary for the Planning Board, he resubmits to the Board another letter signed by all Planning Board members requesting a secretary as the Board members will not take minutes. Stating he could take them however it would require him to stop the meeting.
- He also inquires if he has the authority to "can" people from the Planning Board?
- Supervisor Bruning says he and the Town Clerk will check into it.
- Supervisor Bruning states he wants the minutes of last month meeting, as there was much business done and the town needs a record.
- Chairman Thayer will have it done at the next meeting.
- A discussion on attendance is opened.

Resolution # 35 read by Supervisor Bruning (Fiscal Transfer)

Motion to approve and adopt by Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Resolution # 36 read by Supervisor Bruning (Court Grant)

Motion to approve and adopt by Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Mike Dean, All in favor.

Discussion on fire works being done in the Town.

Town requires a copy of State/ Federal license, insurance, notification to the Forest Ranger and fire department. Town Clerk is then authorized to sign a permit.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

Supervisor Comments:

- On July 5, 2007 the Town Court will be audited.
- Mike and I have opened the 2 new accounts for the reserve funds. General \$314,232 and highway \$30,000.

- Landscaping around Town Hall, Joy has called for bids.

Board Comments:

- Mike Dean will contact Paul Kelly to get an estimate on mowing the grass at Town Hall.
- Mike will also try to get New York City to post purchases of property in town in the Townsman.
- Paul Schoonmaker has not heard anything from Ulster County Engineer Ed Pine regarding the abandoned road project.
- Kevin Smith inquires as to a public hearing date for the master plan? Bill Bruning remarks it should be a Saturday, suggests August.
- Bill also reads from the Town Law Book regarding a SEQURA review, he does not feel it is necessary.

Public comments:

- Paul Nasierowski comments he now has problems with his insurance company due to the zip code change.
- Supervisor Bruning tells him to get a residency letter from the Town Clerk.
- Charlie Varady has questions on the filling in of potholes on his road; he would like it stay dirt.
- George Elias, the Time and the Valley Museum is planning an exhibit, they have also released a CD entitled "Voices from the Valley", old time residents recalling memories. Also the Comprehensive Plan section 3.1 calls for an inventory or catalog of what the people like to see.
- Bill Bruning asks what about private property.
- Alden Thayer comments, this section means what the Town considers an asset.
- Bill Bruning would like to see direction from the Planning Board.
- Katherine Parr would like to be a member of the advisory board to review our zoning and sub division laws.

Supervisor Bruning thanks Tax Collector Charlotte Brooks for a job well done.

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. by Mike Dean, 2nd by Scott Mickelson, All in favor.

Respectfully by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

Held on Tuesday, July 11, 2007, at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

The minute book was signed before the meeting began.

The Town Clerk submitted to the board Resolution #37 as well as the Watershed Advocate.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith.

Absent: Scott Mickelson

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 8)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Mike Dean, 2nd by Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 8)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Kevin Smith, 2nd by Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

Capital Voucher presented (see warrant # 8)

Motion to approve and pay capital voucher by Mike Dean, 2nd by Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

Resolution # 37 read by Supervisor Bruning (Reserve fund Accounts)

Motion to approve and adopt by Mike Dean, 2nd by Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Supervisor comments:

- Meet with Dept. of Social Services regarding contract for members, it will not be signed at this time as it would not be viable for the Town.
- Discussion opened on landscaping estimates, the Board will let the Town Clerk make the decision.
- Lighting by the addition and rear entrance discussed, will attempt to utilize current fixtures.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk