

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,  
Held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Kevin Smith and Paul Schoonmaker.

ABSENT: Scott Mickelson.

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members the agenda and copies of Resolutions #38 through 40, as well as the 2006 NYMIR annual Report and the SEQURA Assessment Form.

The minute book was signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- An e-mail stating Workman's' Compensation cost would go down by 20.5%.
- A letter, from the Assistant Director Michael Clenahan of the Comptrollers Office stating that the contribution for the New York State Retirement will decrease from \$30,000 to \$25,950.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Roadwork report given, Peekamoose Road has had major patchwork done. The guide-rail has also been replaced.
- Type 7 black top has been put on Balace Road above the Bridge.
- Sugarloaf and Red Hill Knolls Roads have also been patched.
- Denning Road will be paved on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Some delays should be expected.
- Mowing is complete.
- Equipment maintenance and repair report given.
- New truck at Viking, for equipment.
- Met with FEMA regarding Peekamoose Road, a stream specialist was there; FEMA seems favorable in doing repairs needed to resolve the problems. Dan remarks they didn't say no.
- Other FEMA projects are pending.

Code Enforcement- No Report

Refuse & Recycling Report by Supervisor Bruning

- Two more people where caught dumping garbage. The Town will start fining.

Highway Equipment Report

- Report given during highway report.

Planning Board – by Mike Dean

- Minutes where taken at the last meeting.
- Resident Linda Comando suggests a secretary for the board to take minutes, remarking they forget to turn over the tape. Board members also review what the other board members had already decided. States it would be an hour to an hour and a half per meeting with 2 hours to transcribe. Further, if no one

wants to take minutes perhaps someone should resign and be replaced by someone who will.

Introduction of Local Law #2 of 2007 by Supervisor Bruning

An increase in terms for the highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk from 2 to 4 years. This is subject to a mandatory referendum. A public hearing is scheduled for the next Board meeting, September 4<sup>th</sup>, prior to the regular meeting.

Resolution # 38 read by Supervisor Bruning (Board Attendance)

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. Councilman Paul Schoonmaker has reservations, Supervisor Bruning explains the chair of the respective board would present their case to the Town Board; it would be a Town Board decision. All in favor.

Resolution # 39 read by Supervisor Bruning (SEQURA)

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

Resolution # 40 read by Supervisor Bruning (Fiscal Fund Transfer)

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

The Supervisor calls for Board comment regarding the proposed comprehensive plan. :

- Councilman Mike Dean feels it is what the residents wanted.
- Councilman Kevin Smith remarks they did a good job.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker comments it is a reasonable plan.

Supervisor Comments:

- The courts have been audited. Due to a FEMA fund project of over \$500,000 there will be a single audit of the whole Town, this will be done soon.
- The Tax Collector has moved, thereby vacating the office. Town Law states the board may appoint someone to fill the vacancy. Bill remarks he would like to leave it vacant and then appoint whoever is elected to the post. The Board agrees.
- Went to a meeting with Senator Schumer.
- Gives Councilman Paul Schoonmaker a copy of the Woodstock Emergency Plan asking him to review. Discussion opened. Following SAID discussion the Town Clerk will make copies of the plan for all the board members to review. Sundown residents, Mr. Nasierowski and Mr. Pecoraro have inquired if they can also review the plan. The Clerk will e-mail the plan to Mr. Nasierowski and mail one to Mr. Pecoraro. Supervisor Bruning states he will not rush thru this process and asks everyone to take their time in reviewing the material.
- The Ulster County Supervisor's Association is putting together a letter of complaint to the DEP in regards to the purchase of development rights in the hamlet districts. This will be sent to Emily Lloyd. Further remarks they are against the spirit of the law, by getting around the letter of the law.
- He toured the City's reservoirs and powerhouse which was an interesting tour.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker compliments the Town Clerk on the landscaping at Town Hall.

- Councilman Mike Dean asks resident Russ Betters if he was able to convince Jeff Graff to post City land acquisitions public hearings in the Townsman. He replies he didn't seem adverse to the idea.

Public comments:

- Resident Paul Hnatiw exhibits a stream management brochure from the DEP. Asks if anyone has spoken with Ulster County Soil and Water. Discussion opened.
- Resident Frank Comando asks if anyone else can be added to Local Law #2, response no.
- Resident Linda Comando states there are almost 100 campers per weekend. Garbage overflows, the area is not kept up. Feels they should put in flushable toilets, have it manned and charge, also put in more containers.
- Resident Paul Hnatiw comments they only need a permit for a camping trailer.
- Supervisor Bruning responds that the DEC runs it; there is a fine of up to \$10,000 for littering in Catskill Park.
- Resident Russ Betters suggests a letter to Region 3 in New Paltz.

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. by Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

# Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

Held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

The minute book was signed before the meeting was called to order.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith,  
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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Scott Mickelson, All in favor.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 8)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Scott Mickelson, All in favor.

Capital Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 8)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Scott Mickelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Motion to approve and pay additional capital vouchers (they where in  
general vouchers) by Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Smith, All in  
favor.

Supervisor Bruning gave the Clerk the January thru July 2007 Budget  
vs. Actual Statement, asking her to make copies for the Board.

Brief discussion followed, including the Supervisor remarking it is  
budget time again.

He also informs the Board that Legislator Don Gregorious called, the  
County attempted to sneak in a social services umbrella, Denning  
would be paying \$10,390 per year even if none of our residents where  
on it. It has been sent back to committee. Supervisor Bruning then  
called the County Supervisors association, hoping to stop the measure.  
Also the County vote on the Large Parcel Bill was a 15 to 15 tie; it has  
also gone back to committee.

Supervisor Bruning has called the Supervisor of the DEC in regards to  
the Sundown Campground, the end result; 2 rangers in mid Sept. Bill  
has informed them that is not soon enough. The DEC supervisor will  
check into the various complaints.

The Town Clerk requests a \$300 budget for the open house; date is  
September 29, 2007 from 2 to 4 p.m. Budget and date approved.

Town Clerk thanks the Board.

Supervisor Bruning ask the Board for recommendation of members for  
an advisory board to review sub division and zoning regulations.

Discussion follows.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Scott Mickelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin  
Smith, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk