

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members the agenda, resolution 49,
Adopted Budget for 2007 and mail for Councilmen.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Corrections:

Supervisor Bruning- on State aid, we will probably get the same
amount.

Councilman Mike Dean- Basily Road not to be added to road inventory,
the request is to plow last mile of road. Also, buildings decrease is
\$3,000 not \$30,000.

Resident Russ Betters- the pamphlet from George Elias came from the
DEP.

Motion to adopt as read and amended by Mike Dean, 2nd by Paul
Schoonmaker, All in favor.

Correspondence: by Bill Bruning

- ❖ A letter from NYSDOT approving Frost Valley Road 40 mph speed
limit, to be posted by Ulster County Highways and Bridges.
- ❖ A letter from an inmate at Sullivan County Correctional Facility
requesting information on the Town of Denning area.
Councilman Kevin Smith will respond on behalf of the Town.

Highway Report by Superintendent Van Sadlers

- Half of the crew is out for hunting season.
- New truck is in use everyday.
- 3 ice related storms.
- Ordered street sign for Hunter Lane.
- Work has been completed behind the Refuse & Recycling
Center; the Town will now have a nice storage lot.
- Need to revisit closing the breezeway by fuel pumps.
Supervisor Bruning instructs Dan to pull the grant out of
the files so an extension may be applied for.

Code Enforcement Report by Supervisor Bruning

- Code enforcement Officer Von Hassel has submitted
a new unsafe law that Mike Dean and I are reviewing
law, it is very detailed.

Refuse & Recycling Report by Bill Bruning

- ❖ The bridge outfit bought 3 loads of stone for in front of the
recycling area.

Highway Equipment Report by Supervisor Bruning

- ❖ Supervisor Bruning inquires if the Highway Superintendent is looking at pick-ups? He responds yes the cost is approximately \$22,000 with a plow.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning remarks the highway crew does not want a crew cab.

Planning Board – No Report

Resolution #49 read by Supervisor Bruning (2006 Town Audit)
 Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Scott Michelson, All in favor.

Supervisor Comments:

Reads a letter from U.C. Emergency Management regarding a Hazardous Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. To be in compliance with DMA 2000 a Town must have their own plan or be part of a multi-jurisdictional plan. Brief discussion follows. Supervisor Bruning and Superintendent Van Sadlers will be the Town representatives. The 1st meeting however is Tuesday, December 11.

Resolution # 50 read by Supervisor Bruning (“Multi-Jurisdictional” Hazard Mitigation Plan)

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

-Supervisor Bruning further comments that FEMA should be charged to FEMA and not maintenance of streets. Stating figures for the personal services \$38,216.60 and \$51,284.40 equipment budget lines, this years FEMA works totals \$249,147 of which \$201,309.84 has been spent. As well as commenting he has the figures to be moved to Safety inspection.

-He has received a letter from Mike Pries insurance informing of a new Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance policy, they will submit a quote.

-Dave Gilmour has the paperwork completed for submission for reimbursement of the \$15,000 grant.

-He informs Bookkeeper Cindy Mickelson he will get her a copy of the audit report.

Board Comments:

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker reports on the meeting he attended for the reconnaissance study of the Roundout and its tributaries. They will do a 50-year scoping report on the results of what would happen if work was or wasn't done on the waterways. They want to submit the report by March of 2008 in order to receive funding for next year. The second step is a feasibility study; the monies spent previously by the town would go towards the towns 50% share of the costs. New York City DEC is currently doing a stream study.

-Town Board discussion on the dollar figure costs and loss of property from 2004 to now.

-Councilman Schoonmaker comments minutes from the CWT are on their web site.

Public Comments:

- Resident Tony Carminati asks about 3.6.3 2 and 3.6.4, stating he had specifically asked Dave Gilmour if future hamlets are still in the comprehensive plan at the public hearing. He shows Supervisor Bruning page 34 paragraph 4 of the plan. Supervisor Bruning

then reads the 1st sentence of paragraph 3 on page 35. Mr. Carminati states when he approached Town Board members about the future hamlets still being in the plan, they said they weren't aware it was still in it.

- Supervisor Bruning comments that all board members had a chance to read it.
- Resident Tony Carminati states leaving the "future hamlets" in is like leaving a back door. It could always be put back in the plan.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks of course it could. It says that sometime in the future someone may want to take a look at it. They weren't left in for any devious reason. It says who ever does the next comprehensive plan may take a look at it. The folks on the advisory committee are doing the meat and potatoes of the zoning and sub-division laws.
- Resident Tony Carminati when we left the meeting everyone assumed they would be omitted.
- Councilman Mike Dean comments he feels the error is due to the fact they were still on the map.
- Resident Tony Carminati your saying there will not be any future hamlets?
- Supervisor Bruning confirms "that's exactly what I am saying, there will not be any future hamlets in the zoning and sub-division laws."

Motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. by Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.
Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

Held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at the Denning Town Hall.
Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

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

Absent: Scott Mickelson

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

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

The Town Clerk gave the invitation to attend the Association of Towns training session. The Clerk also presented Supervisor Bruning with a fax's from Dorothy Martin of the Ulster County Office of Real Property.

Code Enforcement Officer Karl Von Hassel submitted the 2007 enforcement report and program review as required.

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 12)

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

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 12)

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

The Town of Denning's fire tax levy will decrease substantially due to the omitted State owned land being added to the tax rolls. The State land had been left off the original map for the fire district established in 1957. The payment for the 2006 assessment rolls will be added to the 2008 tax levy. The Protection District monies are \$3,694.00; the Claryville Fire District is \$102,285.00. The total of \$3,699,700.00 taxable value of parcels has been added to the assessment rolls.

Supervisor Bruning also remarks he has called Dave Bodenstein of the Mike Pries Agency about the 1 ton.

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. by Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk