

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, resolutions # 25 - 27, The Update regarding the New York State Retirement from State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, as well as the "It's Our Policy" from NYMIR and correspondence to the Supervisor.

The supervisor handed the Board a packet of the Budget vs. Actual Balance summaries for January thru March 2008.

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.
Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- Letter to the Board from Tax Collector Patricia Matero thanking the Board for the compromise on the mileage issue.
- Letter from Town Clerk to Legislature Brian Shapiro in regards to Town monies going to the AEF (Animal Emergency Fund) instead of the ASPCA.
- Faxes from Senator Bonacic in regards to the on going N.Y.S. budget negotiations; the split between counties and State for the cost of social services.
- The Supervisor asks the Clerk if she has the letter requesting a 30 day waiver for the Blue hill Lodge outdoor seating.
- She responds no.
- Supervisor Bruning informs the board and residents of his request for Tom Matthews to answer questions regarding the waiver.
- Tom Matthews explains the Planning board had approved the patio in December of 2006. Mr. Nickoletti does not wish to be a bar and grill owner. When his representative went to strike the pavilion from the liquor license she inadvertently struck the patio and over hang also. He wishes to put 2 or 3 tables out front and 2 or 3 under the over hang.
- Supervisor Bruning calls for questions and or opposition from the Board and residents. There is none. He will send a letter on Wednesday.
- After thanking the Board Tom Matthews then brings up the subject of driveway guidelines as read in the previous months minutes.
- Brief discussion follows. Tom will attempt to get a tape of the guidelines for a visual aid for the Zoning and sub Division Regulations Advisory Committee to view.
- Supervisor Bruning thanks him
- The supervisor informs the Board that the Ulster county Supervisor's Association will write a resolution in support of the letter from James Tesidico pertaining to the New York State Property Payer Protection Act.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- 10 snow, ice and rain events.
- 2 FEMA projects in sundown: 1 is at the foot of Brooks Hill Road, the 2nd by Paul Hnatiw's property.
- Mark Vine of the DEP is interested in design work and plantings he will be here tomorrow molding sections of the Rondout.
- Supervisor Bruning: the DEP will be doing a stream study of the Rondout in the Towns of Denning and Neversink which will not be completed until 2010. Dan and I explained that we would not wait until then. We are ready to go and get it done this year.
- Minor patchwork has been done.
- The crew has had a tough time with frost heaves.
- Cleared ice and debris from the R & R Center.
- Repeater is done – the power supply appears bad. The license is due for renewal in 2011. When it is renewed it will be a narrower band. Most of the radios in the fleet and hand held will not be usable. The replacement cost is \$2150.00 per truck and \$350.00 for the hand held; the repeater will cost \$2,000. States he will do an inventory and suggests replacement purchase schedules.
- Started sweeping the roads today.
- New roller has been delivered however the trailer came with the wrong hitch. They have taken it back for replacement.

Code Enforcement Report by Supervisor Bruning

- 2 or 3 unsafe building letters have gone out.

Refuse & Recycling Report by Supervisor Bruning

- ❖ The highway crew did a good job on cleanup.

Highway Equipment Planning- by Supervisor Bruning

- The roller is in.
- Asks Dan for the latest on the new pickup.
- Superintendent Van Saders responds it will be built on April 14th and then sent out for the plow to be attached.

Planning Board Report – No Report

Resolution # 25 of 2008 (Material Bids Acceptance) read by Supervisor Bruning

Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Scott Mickelson 2nd by councilman Mike Dean. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Resolution # 26 of 2008 (Justice Court Grant)

Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Scott Mickelson 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Resolution # 27 of 2008 (Machinery Fiscal Transfer)

Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Mike Dean 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- Brief explanations of the budget vs. actual summaries for January thru March 2008.
- A check has been received from the YMCA for \$102,000 and \$106,000 from Ulster County for the Fire Districts.
- Would like to take the YMCA check and apply to the town general tax levy for a reduction.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Kevin Smith informs the Board and residents of the Land Use Advisory Committee work and cautions the Board to analyze the proposal carefully. It is Kingston standards major street lights and side walks a lot of it does not belong here and continues to advise caution and consideration further stating hamlet nodes are in there. They were left in the Master Plan for future consideration and the future is now. It does not seem to want to go away. Councilman Smith further states that he has received calls from residents and people are unhappy with the committee's approach continue to bring it up.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires as to the Army Corps of Engineers for the project in Sundown. Supervisor Bruning responds they haven't done anything on previous projects but give us a lot of paperwork. I am more excited about the DEP project.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker the Army Corps was at the meeting I attended at the college.

Public comments:

- Resident Frank Comando offers to put a flyer in the paper in regards to Senator Bonacic faxes. He also inquires as to the FEMA project in regards to his son's property. Further stating his son's property has been devalued; he can no longer see the stream. Feels the berm was improperly planned and installed.
- Superintendent Van Saders responds this is an \$180,000 project - the object is to stop the flooding on Peekamoose Road.
- Resident Frank Comando also would like information on the work of the advisory committee. Councilman Kevin Smith informs him the information is on the website.
- Resident Bill Van Aken has three questions for the Board;
- 1) Neversink Park & Rec. why does Denning kids pay more?
- 2) We pay more for the pool and they are not very pleasant at the Town Hall (in Neversink)?
- 3) The YMCA uses our Town services why can't our kids get a discount when they go there?
- Supervisor Bruning explains the Park & Rec is open to everyone in the Tri Valley School District. The Town of Neversink taxpayers pay for the pool, not the Town of Denning. He states that the next time he sees Jerry Huncosky the Y Director he will ask him about the discount for Denning children.
- Charlotte Brooks the remark about radios reminded me of cell towers how is that going?
- Supervisor Bruning responds that the last he heard that they had not found a carrier for the tower. He did have call from a consultant about properties on the West Branch and on Wildcat.
- Superintendent Van Saders comments that may be an option in regards to the radios.

- Resident Joe Comando asks about plectrons and offers his services to Bill and the Board for rescue and or locating lost hikers.

Motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. by Councilman Scott Michelson, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Vote carried 5 to 0.
Respectfully submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

Held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

Tax Collector Patricia Matero had submitted 2 checks to the Supervisor for monies collected in March - 1 check for \$46,500 and a second for penalties in the sum of \$819.92.

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 4)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Vote 5 to 0.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 4)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Vote 5 to 0.

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks if Bridge 100 is scheduled for this year?

Supervisor Bruning responds in 2009 as far as he knows.

Faxes read by Supervisor Bruning from Senator Bonacic regarding the New York State budget;

- 1) Flood mitigation bill (home purchases for low and middle income in flood stricken areas.)
- 2) Transportation, economic development and environmental conservation portions of the budget
- 3) Funding for law enforcement, prisons and veterans services.

Letter from NYS Office of Real Property Special Franchise Value; Central Hudson \$412,468, Verizon \$389,250.

Councilman Kevin Smith remarks that a member of the Committee wanted to have the committee as whole ask residents to leave if they felt they where "out of hand, out of control or belligerent." He asks if that has ever happened at a public hearing?

Supervisor Bruning remarks no, you have gotten a lot done.

Councilman Kevin Smith there is an incredible amount of information. Supervisor Bruning the main thing is not to let things get off on a tangent.

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks if there is any way to keep the rally from using Denning as a transition?

Supervisor Bruning responds no not as long as the vehicles are legal. The Town of Neversink has signed a 1-year contract with Rally New York. Discussion follows.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk