

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,  
Held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith and 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 Board members the agenda and resolutions 28 and 29, as well as the annual report from the CWC.

Pledge of Allegiance

Bid opening for the Peekamoose Road shoulder restoration project.  
4 bids delivered to the meeting:

- 1) Sullivan County Paving \$ 273,783.18
- 2) Werlau Enterprises \$ 312,400.00
- 3) Denman Construction \$ 395,500.00
- 4) Gary Meyers \$ 249,999.71

Supervisor Bruning explains to the bidders that the engineer will review the bids and they plan to have a decision next week at the audit meeting.

Reading of last months' minutes by Town Clerk Joy Ann Monforte.  
Motion to adopt as read by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- Letter from Senator Bonacic informing the Town of a \$10,000 grant contingent upon the NYS budget.
- Update from Homeland Towers; Denning does not fall under any of the funding plans for 2008. A carrier has not been found.
- Letter from the New York State DEC in regards to changes in the Catskill State Park. The plan is available for viewing in the Town Clerks' Office and is open for public comment until May 19, 2008.
- The CWC has awarded the Town \$45,000. for the Comprehensive Plan.
- The YMCA has sent a check for \$22,000 for payments thru April of this year and will send \$10,000 a month until the end of the year.
- Confirmation of the Towns withdrawal from the Greenway from Senator Bonacic.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Plow have been removed and painted, as have the trucks.
- Graded the parking area at the garage.
- Road sweeping some have been done twice.
- Robert Totten re-did the oak decking on the equipment trailer.
- 7600 International to Arkel Motors for repairs.
- Steve's truck will be sent to Arkel Motor's due to a recall notice.
- Ditch cleaning and grading on Dymond, Cross and Raymond George Roads.

- The paperwork on the second FEMA project is being finished.
- The Sugarloaf pipe project has been recalculated and increased to \$20,973.00.
- New roller is in as is the key for the lock in gas cap.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks that Dan has gotten an estimate for the electrical work to be done in the moving of the fuel tanks. The overhead estimate is \$3,600 and the underground is \$3,300. Discussion follows. The Board will go with the overhead plan.
- The job should start soon and then the breezeway will be closed in.
- Dan called Central Hudson about the active slide on Sugarloaf Road, they came right out and cut all the trees.

Code Enforcement Report by Supervisor Bruning  
 - Carl has been busy around Town.

Refuse & Recycling Report by Bill Bruning

- New brochure on recycling, there are more plastics that are now recyclable.
- The amount paid to the Town for metal has been doubled to \$120 a ton after a phone call by Site Manager Ed Mues.

Highway Equipment Report by Supervisor Bruning

- Invites everyone to view the new roller.
- The new pickup has been built and is due next month.

Planning Board – No Report

Resolution # 28 read by Supervisor Bruning (Justice Court Grant)  
 Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Resolution # 29 read by Supervisor Bruning (Fiscal Transfer)  
 Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Scott Mickelson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- He asks Councilman Kevin Smith about the Advisory Committee meeting last week. Councilman Smith replies it went well, we are going over the material from the Public Hearing. Further commenting he feels the public hearing went well. Sidewalks and streetlights are obviously out.
- Supervisor Bruning explains the Budget vs. Actual, which will be received now instead of the Supervisors Monthly Report which Cindy had to type. Further he tells Cindy she is doing a good job and everything is up to snuff.
- The year-end report has been done and submitted by Carl Landon.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks how fuel is hurting us?
- Superintendent Dan Van Sadere responds yes it is hurting the budget and the only thing that helps is the fact that we don't pay State taxes.
- Supervisor Bruning we will not be anywhere near last years \$55,000 on interest earned. The rate is down to 2%.
- Generator estimate for the Town Hall by Ross Electric is \$6,000.
- The propane tank will be buried has been marked this evening.

Board Comments:

- ❖ Councilman Paul Schoonmaker attended a meeting at the college on the Reconnaissance Study of the Roundout Creek Watershed in Sullivan and Ulster Counties and informs the Board it is a long-range plan. He was told that the region now gets 52 inches of rain 4 inches more than the previous amount. The Town will need 1 letter form a non-federal sponsor to underwrite the cost. The feasibility study cost is \$1,500,000 to be completed by 2012.
- ❖ They were told not to wait if there was stream work that needed to be done to get a permit and to do it ourselves.
- ❖ Resident George Elias asks how far on the Roundout is the study?
- ❖ Councilman Paul Schoonmaker replies all of it including the tributaries.
- ❖ Councilman Scott Mickelson informs the Board he will not be at next weeks Audit Meeting as he is a school board candidate and it is public forum evening.
- ❖ Councilman Kevin Smith the next Land Use Advisory Committee meeting is June 2 and a public hearing should be held in July.

Public comments:

- ❑ Resident George Elias asks if the Town gets an annual report from the building inspector?
- ❑ Supervisor Bruning responds yes and he has been very busy. Last year the amount was \$11,000 however a large part of it came from the Y's Wellness Center.
- ❑ Resident Russ Betters inquires if the Town has made any future plans for road surface work to be done on Peekamoose Road other than patching?
- ❑ Superintendent Van Saders respond no Red Hill and the Knolls need to be done they are falling apart.
- ❑ Supervisor Bruning will call Sheeley about the guide-rail on Greenville Road by the horseshoe turn.
- ❑ Supervisor Bruning remarks he has taken a ride on Frost Valley Road and there is only 1 speed limit sign.
- ❑ Superintendent Van Saders the signs must be posted every 4000 feet or it is not a legal posting.
- ❑ Supervisor Bruning asks about the part of Greenville Road where the County did culvert work last year? Superintendent Van Saders responds both of the County's sweepers are down and you can't see anything.
- ❑ Supervisor Bruning states he will take a ride and look.
- ❑ Councilman Scott Mickelson comments that Yeagerville Road from the Town line to the 3 corners is terrible worst road in Town.
- ❑ Supervisor Bruning will call the County. Further stating that the job the County did on Frost Valley Road is falling apart too.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Carried by a 5 to 0 vote.  
Respectfully by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

## Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

Held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the Denning Town Hall.

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

The minute book was signed prior to the opening of the meeting. The Town Clerk gave the Councilman their mail and the vouchers to the Supervisor.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker and Kevin Smith

Absent: Scott Mickelson.

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 5)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers reports to the Board on the bid evaluation regarding the Peekamoose Road shoulder project. He hopes to have a final recommendation from the engineer in a few days.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 5)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Bruning informs the Board of an e-mail received yesterday from the CWT in regards to a negotiated "no solicitation" pact with the DEP in the hamlet districts. They require an immediate response. A new map has been done; Bill will call Michele Yost an order a map and discuss the "no solicitation" zone.

Discussion follows.

Supervisor Bruning and Superintendent Van Sadlers will attend a meeting next Thursday regarding the Rondout/Neversink Stream Plan. Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers informs the Board that the county has called and are cleaning out catch drains. They will come and clean the Towns.

Councilman Mike Dean, I called Bottini and they will put in the 250-gallon propone tank.

Supervisor Bruning ask Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers for a form 32 by 56 for the tank and to remove the sod. Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers will call for the cement off of the State bid.

Motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk