

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Daniel Van Saders

The Town Clerk gave the Board members the agenda. 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.

Motion to adopt as read by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by
Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Correspondence: by Supervisor Bruning

- Letter sent to Mr. Dennis Lucas, Chairman of the Coalition of Watershed Towns from Supervisor Bruning in regards to the 1/2-mile hamlet designation extension and the "No Solicitation Zone."
- Flood plan mapping meeting asks Councilman Paul Schoonmaker if he would attend as this pertains to previous meetings. The Towns' in the Watershed DO NOT have new flood plan maps and will not for a year.
- Ulster County Emergency Management Service; 3 meetings coming up regarding the county wide hazardous mitigation plan. Supervisor Bruning states Denning is way behind. Councilman Kevin Smith asks if this is a part of NIMS? Supervisor Bruning responds no, this is the county hazardous mitigation plan.
- Letter from Ulster County informing the Town of an extension by Homeland Security designation 2008 as the year to catch up with NIMS. He asks Councilman Smith to check into it.

Highway Report by Superintendent Van Saders

- Grading, raking and shoulder work done on roads.
- Truck repair and maintenance report.
- On-going situation at the end of Brooks Hill Road. The big trucks could not be turned around, problem created for school buses and emergency vehicles. Deputy Superintendent Robert Totten went and spoke with resident Paul Hnatiw about the Town making a turn around past Paul's driveway. He agreed.
- The Peekamoose Road shoulder restoration project has not officially been awarded.

Code Enforcement Report by Bill Bruning

-2 garages on Denning Road are down.

-Supervisor Bruning will call Karl Von Hassel about the vehicles on Whitehouse Road in the roadway.

Refuse & Recycling Report by Bill Bruning

- Town Has received a check from the metal container for \$770.00.
- More plastics are now recyclable.

Highway Equipment Report by Supervisor Bruning

- Asks Superintendent Van Sadlers when the new truck is due.

Superintendent Van Sadlers responds within the month.

Superintendent Van Sadlers reports the roller is blowing oil. Discussion opened on repair.

Planning Board – No Report

Sub-Division and Zoning Advisory Committee meeting has been postponed until June 16th.

Supervisor's Comments:

- The YMCA monthly check came.
- The highway crew has put in the new pad for the generator at Town Hall. Councilman Mike Dean has informed Ross Electric.
- Spoke with U.C. Road and Bridges commissioner Dave Sheeley about Yeagerville Road, the dug way and speed limit signs on Frost Valley Road.
- He and Superintendent Van Sadlers had a meeting with the Town of Neversink and the DEP regarding the study of the Roundout and its tributaries. Good meeting. The Towns may have to hire some people, a DEP job description and volunteers also.
- Will sign contract with the Town of Neversink and the DEP this fall.
- The preliminary walk through survey will be this summer.
- Comments this study will be a useful tool in obtaining the funds to repair identified problems.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires as to when this will be done? Bill Bruning responds it will be completed in 2010.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker remarks the Army Corp pf Engineers study will overlap this one and the Army Corp study will be completed in 2012.
- Supervisor Bruning feels the DEP study is "more localized" and more beneficial to the Town.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers reminds everyone that the DEP wants to do 2 model projects, 1 in each Town.
- Dealing with George Kerchowsky from New York State regarding the \$15,000 reimbursement from the State, they lost the original paperwork. It has been resent. The \$24,000 grant extension is until March of 2009.

Board Comments:

- ❖ Councilman Mike Dean remarks that Superintendent Van Sadlers should ask Bill Leudemann to look at the roller. Dan comments that he thought of that too.

Public comments:

- ❑ Resident Linda Comando comments about the Stop sign out front, since it is on the left people are not aware they have to stop.
- ❑ Superintendent Van Sadlers suggest Bill call the County.
- ❑ Resident Russ betters remarks a yield sign would be helpful.
- ❑ Supervisor Bruning remarks the roadway out front is really the Church parking lot and has developed over the years.

- Resident Joe Comando repeats his request for a satellite phone, as there has been another death at the State campground.
- Linda Comando asks about a key left at Sundown Camp and Bait for access thru the locked gate. Apparently that caused a delay in reaching the deceased person. Discussion follows.
- Resident George Elias asks about the Town largest taxpayer and if the New York State does delay its payment how would that affect the Town?
- Supervisor Bruning responds it would hurt the County more than the Town as they get the State tax money and send the remainder of the tax warrant to the Town.
- Resident Jackie Totten remarks as to the condition of the horseshoe turn, one lane is sinking. Going down there is a 1-lane road sign, however going up there is nothing, people think it is a 2-lane road. Discussion follows. Supervisor Bruning agrees with her and will call Commissioner Sheeley.
- Discussion on county work crew and if they report problems to Kingston.
- Jackie Totten inquires if the \$10,000 grant is for highway only? Supervisor Bruning no it is earmarked for Capital projects or highway.
- Mrs. Totten suggests a generator at the highway department stating if there is ever a disaster or an emergency the Town would need the trucks.
- Supervisor Bruning comments the highway does have a portable generator.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers states it has to be jumped and has never been used. Also reminds the Board that the garage doors are electric as are the fuel pumps.
- Supervisor Bruning will check into it and have the electrician give him a price when he comes. Councilman Mike Dean asks about a transfer switch.
- George Elias gives an up-date to the Board about the Time and the Valley Museum.
- Jackie Totten asks about first aid training for the highway crew. She feels it would be beneficial especially in light of the lack of communication.
- Board agrees with her and Supervisor Bruning asks Superintendent Van Sadlers to look into it. Dan will ask at the county highway meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.
Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

Held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Daniel Van Saders

The Town Clerk gives the Board members resolution # 30.

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

Supervisor Bruning gives the councilmen the monthly actual vs. budget which now includes a print out of issued checks.

Councilman Scott Mickelson informs the Board of the new stop signs posted in Sundown by the church hall. They have been posted at all corners except where requested - at the end of Greenville Road. Brief discussion followed.

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 6, voucher #130-154)
Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 6, voucher #134-155)
Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Resolution # 30 read by Supervisor Bruning (FEMA bid award- Peekamoose Road Shoulder project)
Discussion opened by Highway Superintendent Daniel Van Saders in regards to payment schedule.
Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Bruning reviews the monthly budget vs. actual with the board and informs them they will be having a discussion in the future during budget time regarding funds on hand. Supervisor Bruning states he would like to reduce taxes next year.

The Supervisor gives an update on the electrical power work done, the highway garage and Ed's shed. The fuel tanks are to be moved in a couple of weeks.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Van Saders informs the Board that the new truck has been sent out by the dealer for the attachment of the snowplow equipment.

Supervisor Bruning tells Superintendent Van Saders to order sand and to keep the salt out. He has called Jerry Huncosky at the YMCA; he will send their first aid trainer for training of the highway crew. Meeting next week with the DEP, Town of Neversink Supervisor and Dan to discuss the Rondout and its tributaries.

Councilman Kevin Smith has called Art Snyder of the Ulster County Emergency Management in regards to the NIMS updating. As soon as he is called back he will report to the Board.

Supervisor Bruning asks Councilman Paul Schoonmaker about the wish list mentioned by the Army corp. of Engineers. Councilman Paul Schoonmaker responds he has turned that in to them months ago at the 1st meeting held at the college.

Motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk