

# Town of Denning –Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,

Held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at the Denning Town Hall.

**Present: Supervisor Bruning**

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Kevin Smith, and Paul Schoonmaker

Absent: Scott Mickelson

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

The Town Clerk gave the Board members the agenda, and resolutions 31 thru 33. 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.

Superintendent Dan Van Saders remarks the turn around was made on White House Road past Paul Hnatiw's.

Motion to adopt as read and amended by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

## Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- Letter from the Round Pond Club requesting a 35 M.P.H. speed limit on the entire length of Round Pond Road.
- Packet from the U.C. Health Dept. regarding the Heart Safety Community program including an application. Supervisor Bruning will assign the matter to Councilman Mickelson.

## Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Shoulders have been cleaned on Denning, Porcupine and Kawlija Roads.
- Repaired shoulder on Peekamoose Road with heavy stone.
- Patched Barnes, Denning and Wild Meadow Roads.
- Swept Denning and Red Hill Roads after hailstorm caused heavy leaf damage.
- Beaver has plugged pipe at top of New Hill Road.
- Received and registered new pick up. Tires are not all terrain as ordered, and have contacted dealer.
- Truck and equipment repair report on the roller, backhoe and F-550.
- FEMA Report: Peekamoose Road Shoulder Restoration Project, waiting for sign -off from the property owner for the he has everything he wanted.
- The stream project is being redesigned. Will be including information from the DEP. Has meet with 2 property owners, will meet with the 3<sup>rd</sup> next week. Should have the final figures next week.

Code Enforcement- No Report

Refuse & Recycling Report by Supervisor Bruning

- Carl and Ed have been working on the new permits and should be finished soon.

Highway Equipment Planning Report by Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Old Ford truck with plow to go to bid in the next couple of weeks.

Planning Board – No Report

Supervisor Bruning asks Councilman Smith for an advisory committee up-date.

Councilman Smith responds they are working hard; a Public Hearing is scheduled for September 20 or 27.

## **Resolution # 31 read by Supervisor Bruning (Speed Limits)**

WHEREAS it is the duty and obligation of the Denning Town Board to safeguard and ensure the safety and well being of its citizens, and

WHEREAS it has become necessary to reduce the speed limit in the area identified on the attached map, and

**WHEREAS** New York State Vehicle and Traffic regulations section 212. 2 permit the Town to request such action.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED the Town of Denning**

**HEREBY RESOLVES** to petition the New York State Department of Transportation requesting the reduction of the speed limit to 35 mph for Round Pond Road, from Ulster County Route 47 to the Town of Denning / Sullivan County line, as identified on the attached map.

Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Mike Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote. 1 Absence.

**Resolution # 32 read by Supervisor Bruning (Speed Limits)**

**WHEREAS** it is the duty and obligation of the Denning Town Board to safeguard and ensure the safety and well being of its citizens, and

**WHEREAS** it has become necessary to reduce the speed limit in the area identified on the attached map, and

**WHEREAS** New York State Vehicle and Traffic regulations section 212. 2 permit the Town to request such action.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED the Town of Denning**

**HEREBY RESOLVES** to petition the New York State Department of Transportation requesting the reduction of the speed limit to 35 mph for Red Hill Road, from Denning Road to Sugarloaf Road in the Town of Denning as identified on the attached map.

Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Mike Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote. 1 Absence.

**Resolution #33 read by Supervisor Bruning (Decline of Greenway Invitation)**

**WHEREAS** Senator Bonacic is proposing legislation to eliminate the“ sunset provision” from the law that authorizes towns within Ulster County that are in Catskill State Park to join the Hudson River Greenway, And

**WHEREAS** towns would be given the authority to become permanent members, And

**WHEREAS** the Town Board of the Town of Denning considered this proposal, the Town of Denning Town Board

**HEREBY** declines at this time the option of becoming a permanent member of the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Kevin Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a 3 to 0 vote. 1 Abstention. 1 Absent.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❑ Dan has been working diligently to the property owner to sign off.
- ❑ Discussion with residents follows.
- ❑ George and Helen Elias attended a meeting in Belleayre regarding new DEP recreation regulations. City parcels abutting State Park land would follow the same rules. Contacted John Green the N.Y. C. DEP Land Steward for rules and he said that after they where adopted the towns would have a chance to approve.
- ❑ Went to a budget class in New Paltz.
- ❑ Senator Bonacic has given the Town a \$10,000 legislative imitative for Capital and Highway Improvements. It will be split evenly between the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk.

Speed limit signs are up on Frost Valley Road.

- ❑ \$15,000 grant money has been received.
- ❑ Has called the DEC bout a key at the campground.
- ❑ Problem George brought up about tax money on State land, I have called Mike Sommer he is on top of it and will keep me informed.

- The generator we have at the highway will handle the fuel tanks. When the electrician comes back I will speak to him about a switch.

**Board Comments:**

Councilman Mike Dean says Jim Brady has run off from the hill behind the transfer station. Asks if it is possible to regrade the hill so some water will run off the other side?

Supervisor Bruning I have spoken with Dan and we will repair it.

Resident Jim Brady I sent a letter in 02' about the property along the road by the lilac bushes. States his family has been here since 1915. Requests Dan to take a look at it. Discussion follows. Dan and Mr. Brady will meet in the morning. Supervisor Bruning tells Mr. Brady the Town will do what it can.

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker comments he didn't attend the meeting at the college as it was on a meeting night.

**Public Comments: Stop Signs at the bottom of Greenville Road**

Resident Russ Betters brings up the issue and remarks it doesn't solve the original problem brought up by Linda Comando and creates new ones. Has created a potential for accidents.

Resident Paul Nasierowski remarks put a stop sign on the right or make it a 2-lane road. They can stop and make the right. Further Peekamoose Road is designated County Road 42. Also during the storm a tree came down and blocked the road, whomever cut it and put cones up - led drivers right to the tree.

Discussion follows.

Resident Gladys Van Wagner comments the County wouldn't put a stop sign up on 209. Resident Paul Nasierowski says sanding stops at the top of the hill at the Denning / Olive Town line. They don't have any left they used it all to get to the top of the hill.

Resident Paul Nasierowski asks if the Code Enforcement officer is part time or full time? The place at the bottom of Balace Road Bridge has 4 dwellings on the same lot.

Supervisor Bruning remarks he will call Karl and tell him to take a look.

Paul continues the phone lines where out after the storm, Central Hudson said to call every 3 hours for an up date. We where out for 72 hours if they had said something in the beginning people could have gotten ice for their food.

Resident George Elias comments the addition at the library is now fully enclosed. The Time and the Valley Museum will be there and it covers the entire Tri Valley School District. We are having a meeting on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> to try and save Denning's history. In August material will be scanned at the Neversink Town Hall and then returned, the same day.

Resident Paul Nasierowski – the State DEP with a crew of students from Sullivan Community College are taking all kinds of information regarding Peekamoose Lake and the Rondout.

Supervisor Bruning they will be doing the West Branch, East Branch and Rondout. They will sketch problem areas.

Discussion follows.

Resident Paul Nasierowski comments we are our own land stewards.

Resident Russ Betters brings up maintenance on the berm behind Davies; trees are hung up on the berm. Large riprap that was put in is now down in the stream.

Supervisor Bruning states the Town will take a look, we are responsible for maintenance.

Resident Russ Betters comments the County and City trucks continually run over Peekamoose Road. Perhaps a joint effort with the Catskill Watershed Corporation?

Resident Willy Puricz opens a discussion on zoning.

Open discussion follows between residents and the supervisor.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40p.m. by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith All in favor. Motion carried. Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

# Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

The minute book was signed before the meeting began.

The Town Clerk submitted to the board the Budget vs. Loss Monthly Statement, the Watershed Advocate and an emergency plan for review.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith.

Absent: Scott Mickelson

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 7)

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

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 7)

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

Resolution # 34 read by Supervisor Bruning (Fiscal/Zoning & sub Division Grant)

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Town Audit Meeting

July 8, 2008

Resolution # 34

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning received a grant from the New York Department of State for \$24,000.00 for the purpose of updating our Zoning laws and Sub Division regulations, And

**WHEREAS** the Town has contracted with David Gilmour as a consultant to lead the citizen advisory board working on the project, the Town of Denning Town Board

**HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to increase the budget account A3089 State Aid- Other and Account A8020.4, Planning Contractual in the amount of \$24,000.00.

Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Mike Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Resolution #35 read by Supervisor Bruning (Highway Initiative Grant)

Town of Denning

Town Audit Meeting

July 8, 2008

Resolution # 35

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning has received a Legislative Initiative in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of relocating the gas and fuel tanks of the highway garage, And

**WHEREAS** the project is currently in process the Town of Denning Town Board

**HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to increase Account A3089, State Aid – Other and Account A5132.4, Highway Garage- Contractual in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Comments:

Attended budget school, learned two things:

Not to let accounts (budget line items) get over drawn, make adjustments through the year instead of a t years end.

At the end of the budget year, it is the end of everything. You cannot carry funds over for the next year unless encumbered for a specific purpose. However you can transfer funds to unexpended balance.

The State prefers but you are not required to set up a separate budget for a large job.

Called the DEC about the key to the campground- they did not see a problem with getting the fire district or ambulance a key. Checking with Verizon for a 911 phone only.

Councilman Mike Dean remarks he will call Ross Electric again regarding the generator. He asks if there has been an update in regards to all the stop signs at the bottom of Greenville Road.

Discussion follows.

Supervisor Bruning comments that resident Jim Brady is happy. He met with Superintendent Van Sadlers is satisfied with the Town `s solution to the water run off problem.

Discussion opened on Central Hudson and Verizon outages.

Supervisor Bruning questions the Board if they want to put the 1996 Ford out to bid? Response – yes, to be opened at the August meeting in Sundown.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk