

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 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 Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda.

The Supervisor presented the Town Board with the 2009 NYMIR insurance proposal from Mike Pries, Inc.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last months' minutes by Town Clerk Joy Ann Monforte.
Motion to adopt and approve as read by Councilman Mike Dean 2nd by
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0
vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter from U.C. Executive Mike Hein requesting nominees for vacant appointed county positions. Supervisor Bruning informs the Board that he had thought of R & R Manager Ed Mues for the environmental position.
- Another letter dated 1-28-09 from U.C. Executive Mike Hein to Governor Patterson regarding the State's proposal to put a cap on taxes owed on State owned land. Discussion follows. The States pays 47% of the Town tax levy and is assessed at a value of \$12,686,008.00; the total Town taxable value is \$26,836,710.
- Supervisor Bruning informs the Town Board of changes in the insurance proposal; the cost has decreased from \$18,733.30 to \$18,314.20. The \$1,331.00 from NYMIR will be deducted from this years' amount owed. Supervisor Bruning asks Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers to review the equipment list for accuracy.
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers inquires if the owners and contractors liability means that someone working for the Town is covered. Response from Supervisor Bruning yes.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Approximately 9 snow and weather related events.
- Truck repair and maintenance report.
- Informs the Board of a close-out meeting with FEMA scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2009, for the Peekamoose project. Electro the electrical company, has done work for the generator and fuel pumps.
- Supervisor Bruning comments the \$10,000 reimbursement grant has been received from NYS.
- Supervisor Bruning comments he has the phone for Ed's shed in case of emergency.

Code Enforcement – No Report

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

Planning Board Report –

- Supervisor Bruning informs the Board of his meeting with Chairman Thayer regarding the Timber Harvesting Law. Chairman Thayer threatened that the entire planning board would quit.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks that originally he had wanted to have the procedure for logging as a separate procedure but now feels that it should be part of the zoning law. He has spoken with Planner Dave Gilmour who will bring it to the Advisory Committee for consideration.

Supervisor Comments:

- CWC came through with the grant payment quickly.
- Check received for the scrap metal.
- Brief discussion with Councilman Paul Schoonmaker regarding recycling costs.
- The sawmill property on Denning Road is for sale for \$50,000.00 he inquires if the Board would consider purchasing it for the Town. Would be used as storage for the highway department instead of paying rent for the stone barn. Time saver for the highway crew and much more convenient for material delivery.
- Open discussion follows.
- The Town Board is in agreement that the idea is worthy of exploration.
- Supervisor Bruning will make some calls tomorrow.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Mike Dean a better sanding job is being done.
- Councilman Kevin Smith an advisory committee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for February 23.
- Supervisor Bruning comments he had a meeting with Dave Gilmour and Dave Brooks stressing that the zoning law and sub division regulations be kept simple.

Public comments: None

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Vote carried 5 to 0.
Respectfully by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

Held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at the Denning Town Hall.

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

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

The Town Clerk gave the Board resolutions 22 thru 24, as well as the Budget vs. Actual for the month of January.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter with attached newspaper articles requesting the Board pass a resolution against the proposed NYS Property Tax Freeze on land owned by the State of New York. (See resolution # 22)

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 2)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 2)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Scott Mickelson, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Resolution # 22

WHEREAS, The State of New York has purchased land in the Town of Denning; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning generally supports the concept of maintaining a quality State Park system; and

WHEREAS, Governor Paterson has proposed to freeze in State tax payments for State forest lands; and

WHEREAS, such a freeze amounts to a shift of real property taxes onto the remaining taxpayers and also serves as a disincentive to support the State's purchase of any other land in the Town of Denning; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Denning opposes Governor Paterson's plan to freeze property tax payments on State forest land and calls upon the Legislature to oppose a property tax payment freeze, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Denning urges the Governor to meet with municipal leaders in communities which include State owned land to develop a better and more coherent partnership on the use and promotion of those State owned lands.

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

Resolution # 23

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Justice Court received a grant from the NYS Unified Court System in the amount of \$3,205.00, and

WHEREAS the grant is to be used to purchase equipment for the Town of Denning Court, the Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY authorizes the Town Supervisor to increase account A3089 State Aid Justice Court Assistance to \$3,205.00 and increase account A1110.2 Municipal Court Equipment to \$3,205.00

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Scott Mickelson, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Resolution # 24

WHEREAS the Town of Denning received payment from NYMIR Insurance for the damage to our vehicle in 2008, and

WHEREAS the repairs were made in 2009, the Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY authorizes the Town Supervisor to increase account DA5130.4, Machinery Contractual by \$908.89 and increase DA9999-Appropriated Fund Balance by \$908.89 in the 2009 Town budget.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Bruning calls for comments:

- Supervisor Bruning inquires as to the status and repair schedule of a town truck. Highway superintendent Van Sadlers replies it is the part that goes into the pump, it has been ordered and he is unsure of when it will be back in service.
- Councilman Kevin Smith the next advisory committee meeting date is March 2, 2009.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk