

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker and Kevin Smith.

Absent: Councilman Scott Mickelson

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda,
resolution # 25 and the Town Board Material Bid Fact sheet.

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

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter from UCRRA informing the residents of a household and
electronic hazardous waste collection day on April 18, 2009 at
the agency site. (Flyer to be posted by Town Clerk).

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Winter is holding on.
- The 550 truck is in Auburn for repair after sitting at Robert
Green for a month and their final repair cost estimate was
\$7,000. The dealer in Auburn built the truck and said it
would cost that amount to build it end to end. May be
finished by end of the week.
- Started work on the sweeper.
- Heat has been put into the new bay.
- Have pushed the snow back on the road shoulders and

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- The planning Board spoke with Councilman Mike Dean regarding the logging notification; requesting the Town use the new, logging notification permit.
- The Planning Board members present did a 1/2-hour of on line training.
- Planning Board members were informed of the need for instruction by the Town Board for future laws.

Resolution # 25

**Resolution naming the Month of March
“Music In Our Schools Month”**

Whereas, the study of music is basic to a complete education, provides the competitive edge for successful educational reform, engages students in individual and group activity, develops creativity, problem solving, critical thinking and evaluative skills; and

Whereas, music education helps students acquire skills in the production and performance of music, as well as an understanding of history and culture; and

Whereas, the Tri-Valley Central School District is concerned with maintaining and improving school music programs for all students, regardless of their socio-economic status or their abilities; and

Whereas, the Town of Denning strives to instill a higher level of awareness and knowledge of music; and

Whereas, the Town of Denning strives to support fine musical experiences through the participation of over 1000 students in the school’s music program, therefore,

Be It Resolved that the Town of Denning, with the Honorable Supervisor Bill Bruning, strongly support quality music education in the Tri-Valley Central School District and that all students, Kindergarten through 12th grade, should have access to a well balanced, comprehensive, high quality, sequential program of music taught by teachers certified in music education; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Denning Town Board recognizes and commends the Tri-Valley Central School District for its concern and efforts to enhance the quality of music education in the Town of Denning;

Therefore, the Town of Denning and the Honorable Supervisor Bill Bruning hereby proclaim the month of March 2009 as “**Music In Our Schools Month**” and endorse this observance as an opportunity to support the purpose and practices of music education and encourages teachers, parents, students and all citizens to participate.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote, 1 absentee.

Material Bid Opening: 6 Received (SEE ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES)
Referred to Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers for review.

Supervisor and Board Comments:

- Supervisor Bruning spoke with Ed Mues he said he didn’t want a permanent position on an environmental county committee.
- Supervisor Bruning spoke with Planner Dave Gilmour regarding reimbursement for the current grant.
- Supervisor Bruning comments the Town has received a letter from Senator Bonacic regarding a possible grant funding withdrawal. Called Albany - they had not heard of it yet.
- Supervisor Bruning has received a phone call from Legislator Don Gregorious. He said the County Executive Mike Hein has

had a meeting in Albany making his case against the State property tax payment freeze.

- Discussion opened on consolidation of services by Supervisor Bruning stating that highway costs are the larger portion of the tax levy. Some jobs such as paving could be run by the county, it would be a cheaper material cost because of the larger amount of material out for bid and the cost of a paving machine would be cheaper.
- The sawmill property on Denning Road has an accepted offer for \$45,000 by the YMCA however the bidder wants an environmental studies done.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks about the letter from Tom Turco (Board of Elections), the Board will discuss it in Sundown.
- Councilman Mike Deana brings up logging notification; the planning board would like the Town to use the new form. Discussion opened. Supervisor Bruning remarks the Town cannot use the new form until it is adopted and he would like to see it in our new zoning laws: notification form and proof of insurance. Supervisor Bruning comments the old law is in conflict with our current zoning law.
- Councilman Kevin Smith remarks the next Land Use Committee meeting is Monday, March 9 at 7 pm. The meeting to be held on Monday, March 2, was cancelled due to weather.
- Supervisor Bruning has spoken with a member of County Executive Mike Hein's office, she wanted to know if the Town would be interested in Broadband. Response yes.

Public comments:

- Resident Jackie Totten asks if consolidating highway work would mean job elimination? Supervisor Bruning responds no.
- Resident Jackie Totten inquires as to the federal stimulus package and if the County had any plans for Greenville Road? They have continued to do repairs putting more and more material on the problem area at the horseshoe turn and now the guardrail is below the road. Further commenting that if they close the road it means a two-hour bus ride for the children because they have to go back around thru Sundown.
- Supervisor Bruning says he has spoken with Dave in Kingston and it is a FEMA job. They are also looking at making the bottom of Greenville Road a T instead of a Y.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Vote carried 4 to 0. Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

Held on Tuesday, March 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 submits to the Board the Supervisors Budget vs. Actual.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 3)

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

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 3)

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

Comments and Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- Rio Alto has sent in a voucher for the stone barn rental in the amount of \$3,500.00, the last letter received stated the amount of \$2,500, which was the amount, paid last year. Supervisor Bruning will call.
- A letter and property map requesting comments from the Town in regards to NYC purchasing 34.86 acres on Yeagerville Road. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Bruning reads the letter he sent to U.C. Board of Elections requesting they rethink closing the Sundown polling site and giving reasons not to do so.
- He informs the Board the year-end report has been done and filed. Some interesting facts: salt \$49,477.09 – 823 tons,
- Sand \$58,805- 4,318.62 tons, electric used 35,144 hours costing \$6,55.77, diesel fuel 12,337.2 gallons costing \$42,416.42,
- Fuel oil 2,500 gallons in the amount of \$ 7,733.00. He notes the effort of Deputy Town Clerk Jean Switzler in compiling these figures and fining 2 over payments. Have received a check for 1 and will have credit on the other. States he will have her do an audit next year also.
- Asks if the other Board members have read the newspaper article regarding the appointment of town clerks and highway superintendents instead of elected and states he is firmly against it.
- Supervisor Bruning informs the Town Board that the reimbursement package for the \$24,000 NYS grant has been completed.
- Councilman Kevin Smith informs the Board the next advisory committee meeting is March 23rd.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote. Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk