

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,  
Held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Scott Mickelson, Paul Schoonmaker and Kevin Smith.

Absent: Councilman Mike Dean (Illness)

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda,  
resolutions 26 and 28.

The Supervisor presented the Board with the Budget vs. Actual to  
date.

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 Scott Mickelson

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a  
4 to 0 vote with 1 absentee.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter from resident Mary E. Ackerley requesting to fill the  
vacancy on the planning board.
- A letter from U.C. Legislature Chairman Donaldson informing the  
Town of an umbrella foundation called the Ulster County  
Community Foundation.
- Resident Joan Small sent a letter of complaints including pictures  
regarding the tyvek sheeting left on the highway barn enclosure,  
snow from the roof on the boundary fence and the snow pushed  
across the road. Supervisor Bruning reads his response.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Truck repair and maintenance report given.
- Waiting for a quote for the replacement of the loader bucket  
bearings.
- 550 back from upstate cost of \$3,000 plus, truck then went to  
Johnson Ford for work to be done on the fuel injectors.
- Sweeper needs a brake hose, plans to start sweeping next week.
- Permit has been sent to the DEC. They have approved the  
removal of the current berm, dead trees removed from the  
island, and install rock veins past the Comando/Pecoraro  
properties.
- Slides will be cleaned up after the ground hardens.
- Military generator donated by Frank Nicoletti is being cleaned  
and painted.

Code Enforcement – No Report

Highway Equipment Planning- Supervisor Bruning

- The white truck has rusted badly and will need to be replaced.  
Councilman Mike Dean and Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers are  
directed to research the replacement truck.

Planning Board Report – No Report

Resolution #26

**WHEREAS** New York State General Municipal Law section 103 requires municipalities to go to bid and accept the lowest bid price, And

**WHEREAS** following careful consideration by the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent and the Town Board.

**NOW THEREFORE** be it **RESOLVED** The Town of Denning **HEREBY** accepts the following bids:

Bruce Donohue Trucking:

#1 and #2 Stone Mix (Ton) Low Abrasion, Quarry Rubble (Ton), Abrasive Sand (Ton), Low Abrasive Sand (Ton), Gabians (Ton), Screenings (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1ST Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #45 Stone (Ton), Sand – Snow & Ice Control (Ton) / No Clay, Cold Patch (Ton),

E. Tetz & Sons, Inc.:

Gabians (Ton), Crusher Run (Ton)- Tailgate Spread, Dumped Rip Rap (Ton), Flat Bed Rip Rap

Mombaccus Excavating Inc.:

Abrasive Sand (Ton), Item #4 (Ton)- Ledge Rock, Gray Shale (Yard).

Crystal Falls Farm:

Sand – Snow & Ice Control (Yard)/ No Clay, Tailings by the Yard, Bank Run by the Yard and Item #4 Screened Gravel (Yard),

Callanan Industries price for picked up material:

#1 and #2 Stone Mix (Ton) Low Abrasion, Abrasive Sand (Ton), Screenings (Ton), Low Abrasive Sand (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A Stone Low Abrasion (Ton), Item #4 from Ledge Rock (Ton), #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion.

Motion to adopt and prove by Councilman Scott Mickelson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote with 1 absentee.

**Resolution #27** is rescinded due to removal of the subject from the NYS Budget.

**Resolution # 28**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 267 authorizes the Town Board to appoint members to the Planning Board, And

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law § 64, Subdivision 5 confers specific authority on Town Boards to fill vacancies in Town Offices.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mrs. Mary Ackerley is **HEREBY** appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board for the term ending 12-31-2010. And

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the newly appointed member be required to take and subscribe a constitutional oath of office to be filed with the Town Clerk, and that the member shall be notified of appointment and duration of term in writing by first class mail no later than 10 business days from SAID appointment, in accordance with resolution # 19 of 2009.

Discussion opened by Supervisor Bruning regarding the resignation, vacancy, advertisement of the position and letter received from Mrs. Ackerley.

Motion to adopt and prove by Councilman Scott Mickelson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote with 1 absentee.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Bruning informs the Board and residents of a discussion with Marge Gallager in the county executives office, she inquired if the Town would be interested in broadband. Supervisor Bruning has sent a written positive response along with a map showing where it is currently and where it should be.
- Two letters from Ulster County Board of Elections read as well as the Towns response opposing closing of the Sundown polling site regardless of the 370 total Town voters.
- Open discussion follows.
- Resident Willie Puricz remarks people should look up "Black Box Voting".
- Supervisor Bruning informs the residents of a meeting in Kingston with Senator Bonacic and has been told that State aid will remain the same, the State will pay taxes on its land and the \$10,000.00 grant should be funded.
- Supervisor Bruning spoke with the future owner of the sawmill property about renting the shed and he has been told that it is being taken down.
- Salt and sand budget is in good shape this year.
- Supervisor Bruning has spoken with County Commissioner Dave Sheeley of the public works department for information about repairs to be done on the horseshoe turn, Greenville Road. He is very unhappy with the response that the county will probably put more blacktop there and that is it. He states this is unacceptable.
- Open discussion follows.
- Supervisor Bruning will schedule a meeting with the "sign guy" for the county and they will look at Greenville/Sundown/ Peekamoose Road stop sign situation.
- Judge Follender has asked the Supervisor to consider codifying the Town's ordinances and laws. Supervisor looks for volunteers among the Board members. The Town Clerk suggests waiting until the new zoning law and sub division regulations are done and then pursuing a grant with the New York State Archives. The Supervisor agrees.

Board Comments: None

Public comments:

- o Resident Jackie Totten inquires if the Town would consider getting a tire-recycling trailer again? Supervisor Bruning responds he has recently spoken with the Clerk and the Town will do it again. She also asks if the generator at the highway barn is automatic like the town hall? The response no but it will run everything.
- o Resident Linda Comando asks if a Town truck could come once a week for garbage? Supervisor Bruning informs her it is illegal to transport garbage in an unsealed truck. She then asks about a private contractor?
- o Discussion follows.
- o Discussion turns to the State campground and the ongoing problem of campers and their garbage.
- o Supervisor Bruning inquires as to the installation of the emergency phone and access to the key for the gate.
- o Discussion follows. Supervisor Bruning will call the DEP.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Vote carried 4 to 0 with 1 absentee.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

# Town of Denning – Town Audit Meeting

Held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the Denning Town Hall.

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

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 4)

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 # 4)

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

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter from Senator Bonacic stating funding for the grants previously awarded has been restored.
- A proposal from New York City to open the reservoirs to boating such as sailboats, johnboats, canoes and kayaks. Boats are to be steamed cleaned and will be allowed on the Cannonsville Reservoir this summer.
- Supervisor Bruning informs the Board that Superintendent Van Sadlers has called around and found a tire recycling company. Discussion opened on dates. Cost \$1,350.00 for a 40-foot trailer. Bill Bruning has spoken with the Y, they have tires, said they could fill it, would like to discuss some type of community service in lieu of payment.
- \$1 per tire will be available during refuse and recycling center hours only. Available for 25 days from July 6 to July 31.
- Discussion opened on computerized checks with Bookkeeper Cindy Michelson. She remarks the bank checks are cheaper than QuickBooks. The Town Clerk will check with vender (Quill) for checks and a printer.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks he believes there is enough money in the general fund to transfer funds to highway for the replacement truck purchase.
- Informs the Board that Machinery Contractual Expense has been spent by 1/2 not including tonight's bills. Concern of a shortfall. Discussion on backhoe repair. Councilman Mike Dean states the loader will run this year and next.
- Brief discussion on Ike Dymond Rd, Pigeon Brook Rd, the 1956 road map listing, and access for Central Hudson. Councilman Paul Schoonmaker remarks that this road does not meet the prerequisite for abandonment since there is electric and the road is traveled. He remarks that the Totten's want access to their property for their children and are sub dividing. The survey, which needs to be done for the property sub division, should help clarify the situation. Other residents on the road want it kept private.

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk