

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda and resolutions 33 and 34.

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 NYMIR regarding the doubling of fees per vehicle for the State uninsured fund.
- A letter from NYMIR informing the Town that NYS has doubled boiler inspection fees to \$100.00.
- A letter from MVP Insurance informing the Town that the State has added a surcharge on employee sponsored insurance as follows: single policy \$210.24, Double \$420.84, Family \$566.28.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Truck repair and maintenance report given.
- Shoulders cleaned on Peekamoose, Van Aken, Whitehouse Road as well as a washout repaired on the shoulder of Whitehouse Road.
- Replaced several pipes on Spencer Road.
- Re- swept portions of Red Hill, Denning and Wildcat Roads.
- Cross, Brooks Hill, Balace, Sheeley and Raymond George Roads where graded.
- Patched dirt roads: Barnes and Denning Roads where patched with crusher run.
- Repaired water pump on grader.
- Assisted Ulster County with road base improvements in Sundown.
- Brush cut sections of Red Hill Knolls, Basily and Black Bear with the Town of Hardenburgh's brush mower.
- Stream project awaiting permit. Modified design will remove gravel berm behind the Commando's. Installing rock veins along stream bank to Pecoraro.
- Tire recycling July 6 thru 31 \$1 per tire - off rim.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning comments he has been very busy and is bringing in a lot of money in fees.

Highway Equipment Planning- Superintendent Van Sadlers

- Glick has quoted \$80,000.00 for a new truck. Robert Green has a yellow truck, which is automatic however Superintendent Van Sadlers would prefer not to go with that truck for those reasons.

Planning Board Report – Member David Brooks

- Public hearing scheduled for June 11 regarding a sub division of the Jenner property on Wildcat Road.
- The Mues sub division was referred to the ZBA for approval, that hearing is June 8th.
- Approved a resolution regarding exemptions for small permit applications.
- Asks if the DEC sends a notification prior to purchasing property and if so could the Board be notified to review to make sure it is not in the Hamlet District? The planning Board would like to confirm it conforms to the zoning law.
- Supervisor Bruning responds yes.
- The Planning Board would also like to review a copy of the building permit site plan to confirm the set backs have been followed.
- Supervisor Bruning responds yes.

Resolution # 33

WHEREAS New York State Town Law section 113 authorizes the Town Board to transfer monies and adjust budget amounts, and

WHEREAS the budget amount for CHIPS is \$80,000.00 and

WHEREAS the Town of Denning has a CHIPS Capital Balance of \$105,621.34, the Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY authorizes the Supervisor to increase the budgeted amount of accounts DA3501.1 and DA5112.2 from \$80,000.00 to \$105,621.34

Motion to adopt and prove by Councilman Scott Mickelson 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote. All in favor.

Resolution # 34

WHEREAS Municipal Home Rule Law 10(ii)(a)(l) grants every Town the power to create or discontinue departments of government and the prescription or modification of their powers and duties, And

WHEREAS New York State is encouraging all Towns to consolidate services to save taxpayers monies, and

WHEREAS combining the positions of Tax Collector and Town Clerk will result in considerable savings to the Town, the Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY authorizes the consolidation of Tax Collector and Town Clerk with Tax Collection duties to be assumed by the Town Clerk thus eliminating the elected position.

Motion to adopt and prove by Councilman Mike Dean 2nd by Councilman Scott Mickelson, Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote. All in favor.

Supervisor Comments:

- A letter from U.C. the Town sales tax check contains a small decrease in sales tax.
- The estimate for the snow stops to be put on the highway barn roof is \$6,900.30. The Board discusses and decides the amount is too high.
- No news on the broadband proposal Bill will keep everyone informed.

- Has received a request for additional information for the \$10,000 grant from Senator Bonacic's.
- The chargeback method for the Board of Elections was not approved. Supervisor Bruning states he will write a letter for the entire process to return to the "old method".
- Resident Frank Comando remarks that he was informed at the executive committee that the federal government would make consolidation mandatory.
- Resident Chris Jardin will be doing the sign and flags for the Quadricentennial celebration in October over the Hudson River.
- Stream meeting June 8.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Kevin Smith remarks the next zoning/sub division meeting is June 22.

Public comments:

- Resident Russ Betters asks to be educated on CHIPS.
- Response by Supervisor Bruning the budget is done by October/November the following March or April, the Town is notified of the amount it will receive. This is a bookkeeping resolution for the budget.
- Resident Jackie Totten inquires if the Town would consider purchasing a truck in Ulster Count instead of Sullivan.
- Response by Supervisor Bruning yes we are just trying to deal with someone as local as possible for transportation and man-hour reasons.
- Resident Jackie Totten asks if Ed Mues, the R&R site manager, will be giving out receipts and will it be cash or checks. Continuing she asks for clarification of last month's minutes regarding payment by the YMCA for tires recycled.
- Town Clerk reads back minutes pertaining to the question.
- Resident George Elias gives an update on the construction of the Town and the Valley Museum plus library addition.
- He informs all present of the kiosk on the site of the former acid factory on the Willowemoc is open.
- Supervisor Bruning inquires if he and Helen will gather more information this summer. Response yes. Helen Elias comments they will accept anything.
- Resident Gladys Van Wagner thanks Highway Superintendent Van Sadars for cleaning the ditches in front of her house.
- Supervisor Bruning comments he has spoken with Dan and he will look into getting stimulus money for Peekamoose Road.
- Ed Mues states will start giving out the new R&R permits tomorrow.

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 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, June 9, 2009 at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker and Kevin Smith.

Absent: Councilman Scott Mickelson

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 6)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 3 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 6)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 3 to 0 vote.

Update on the land purchase by the Town by Supervisor Bruning.

The Attorney for the Town Rod Futerfas and the YMCA Attorney Barbara Garigliano have been in contact and are working on a contract.

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk