

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith

Late: Scott Mickelson,

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, Resolution No. 48, a copy of The Watershed Advocate and an invitation for a meeting from the Association of Towns.

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.

Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers amends the minutes with the statement that crusher run was put down at the end of the Denning Road turn around not pavement.

Motion to adopt and approve as read and amended by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 3 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter from resident Joe Sibiga requesting a position on any of the Towns various boards, he included his résumé.
- A copy of a letter from the Town of Neversink's Supervisor Goldstein regarding the back up battery for cable telephones. A very brief discussion follows.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- o Graded a section of Denning Road.
- o Hazardous trees removed from Wild Meadow Road.
- o Marked trees on NYS land on Wild Meadow Road with Jeff Rider who is the NYS Forester and applied for a permit.
- o Split 4 cords of wood for highway barn.
- o Enclosed soffits on the breezeway addition.
- o Replaced floor in Superintendents Office and is in the process of doing the floor in the lunchroom.
- o Willow trees have been planted at Peekamoose Stream Restoration project, will have the bill for Tuesday and then can close out the FEMA project.
- o Sand and salt shed are full.
- o Hooked the triple charger to the emergency generator, it worked fine, it will run everything in the garage.
- o The bill from Pine Bush Equipment was \$1,000 vs. the \$9,000 that H.O. Penn wanted.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- o The Code Enforcement Officer has done the annual inspection of the Town Hall, the corrections have been made: Fire extinguisher, sign pointing to it and the bulb replaced in the Exit sign.

Highway Equipment Planning – Supervisor Bruning

- The Ford has a significant oil leak: discussion follows. Will look around for a used truck and make a decision on what to do with the truck in the spring.

Planning Board Report – Dave Brooks

- ⊖ Site plan for Jim Sheeley referred to the ZBA.
- ⊖ Lot line adjustment approved on Denning Road regarding the former saw mill.
- ⊖ The former Justice Bailey’s home has made a proposal to separate the house from the acreage on the hill across the road; the matter has been referred to the ZBA. Discussion follows.
- ⊖ Logging permit issued on Spencer Road pending approval of ownership. The logger is supposed to notify Dan prior to the start of the operation.
- ⊖ Board voices concern on the use of both the bridge and Spencer Road, neither is suitable for heavy logging trucks. Discussion follows on attendance, interest and participation.
- ⊖ Supervisor Bruning asks Highway Superintendent Van Saders to keep an eye on the road and bridge.

Resolution # 48

WHEREAS New York State Town Law section 267 require annual appointments to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals with designated terms of office, and

WHEREAS the Town of Denning has a position on the Zoning Board of appeals the term of which is due to expire December 31, 2009 and

WHEREAS the current member is unable to vote, and

WHEREAS Public Officers Law section 10 and 25 require the taking of oath of office by all town officers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REOLVED that the Town of Denning **HEREBY** appoints resident Joseph Sibiga to fill SAID position for a 5 - year term expiring December 31, 2014.

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

Supervisor Comments:

- ⊖ Called Ed Pine of Ulster County Highways and Bridges, bridge 100 is scheduled for 2010, claims there are Right of Way issues. Supervisor Bruning comments he will keep after him all winter.
- ⊖ Cable battery back up is a very good thing if you have a cable phone when the power goes down. Spoke with a man from Time Warner and they have a 6-hour backup battery. Further, an all weather phone could be placed outside for emergency public use. Would consider converting highway and town hall to cable phones.

Board Comments:

- ⊖ Mike Dean remarks he is glad to see young people take an interest in the Town and thanks Joe Sibiga for volunteering.

- ⌘ Scott Mickelson thanks Board for 4 fun years and wishes Councilman Elect Dave Brooks the best.
- ⌘ Supervisor Bruning thanks him for all of his years of work.
- ⌘ Kevin Smith informs all present that the next advisory committee meeting is 12-14-09. The NIMS mock disaster drill must be held soon, would like to get together with Sgt. Polacco of the U.C. Sheriffs and do the highway crew testing and disaster drill the same day and get it filed so we are up to date. Brief discussion follows.
- ⌘ Supervisor Bruning has asked Dave Gilmour for a completion date and he will write a letter for additional funds from the CWC to finish zoning by June of 2010.

Public comments:

- ⊖ Resident Russ Betters commends the Board and is looking forward to the new year.
- ⊖ Resident Dave Brooks inquires about the status of broadband. Supervisor Bruning remarks he hasn't heard and will call Marge Gallagher in Ulster County.
- ⊖ Dave Brooks asks about the stream study.
- ⊖ Supervisor Bruning comments he and Dan have been going to meetings for 2 years and they are finally getting organized. This is a Town study it is to identify areas of concern and how to fix a couple of problems, maybe a couple of pilot projects. The next meeting is scheduled for 12-15-09; it is a public outreach meeting. Tomorrow there is a landowners association meeting, which has been started by Linda Comando.
- ⊖ Discussion follows.

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, December 8, 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.

The Town Clerk presents the Board with Resolutions 49 and 50 of 2009. The Supervisor presents the Board members with the Budget vs. Actual thru November of 2009.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 12)

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

Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 12)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Resolution # 49

WHEREAS New York State Town Law section 285-A authorizes the Town Board to transfer monies and unexpended balances and adjust budget accounts when necessary, and

WHEREAS \$262,451.45 was expended for Emergency Disaster work in 2009, and

WHEREAS payment for the completed work has not been received from FEMA and SEMO

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Denning Town Board,

HEREBY authorizes the Town Supervisor to make the following adjustments to the 2009 town budget.

Increase account DA8760.4- Emergency Disaster work- Contractual
Budgeted amount to \$263,000.00

Increase Account DA4960-Fed Aid FEMA Budgeted amount to
\$197,250.00.

Increase Account DA3960 State Aid SEMO Budgeted amount to
\$65,750.00.

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

Resolution # 50

WHEREAS New York State Town Law section 113 authorizes the Town Board to transfer monies and unexplained balances, and

WHEREAS Account A1220.4- Town Supervisor- Contractual has been over expended and there is a balance remaining in account A1990.4- Contingency Account.

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY authorizes the Town Supervisor to transfer \$500.00 from Account A1990.4- Contingency Account to Account A1220.4- Town Supervisor Contractual.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith 2nd by Councilman Scott Mickelson, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Board discussion opened on other fiscal bookkeeping transfers needed. Resolutions 50 and 51 done at this time.

Resolution # 51

WHEREAS New York State Town Law section 285-A authorizes the Town Board to transfer monies and unexpended balances and adjust budget accounts when necessary, and

WHEREAS \$10,500.00 was over expended for Machinery Construction in 2009, and

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Denning Town Board, **HEREBY** authorizes the Town Supervisor to make the following adjustments to the 2009 town budget.

Decrease DA5120.4 Maintenance of Bridges \$5,500.00 and
Decrease \$5,000 From DA5110.4 Maintenance of Streets, and

Increase account DA5130.4 Machinery Construction \$10,500.00

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

Resolution # 52

WHEREAS New York State Town Law section 113 authorizes the Town Board to transfer monies and unexpended balances and adjust budget accounts when necessary, and

WHEREAS \$5,000.00 was over expended for Refuse and Garbage in 2009

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Denning Town Board, **HEREBY** authorizes the Town Supervisor to make the following adjustments to the 2009 town budget.

Decrease A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance and to

Increase account A8160.4 Refuse and Garbage A8160.4 by \$5,000.00

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

Supervisor Bruning informs the Board that Catskill Hudson Bank, the designated bank of the Town and they will be collecting taxes also. This is a free service. Taxes can be paid by mail or in person at the Town Hall.

Highway update by Superintendent Van Saders, he has spoken with Bill and the crew will be replacing the bathroom toilet and floor when they are done with the floor in the lunchroom.

The Supervisor, Clerk and Town Board thank Councilman Scott Mickelson for his years of service to the Town of Denning.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk