

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, David Brooks, Kevin Smith

Absent: Councilman Paul Schoonmaker

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda.

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 Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 3 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter from resident Mario Martinez regarding service by Verizon during the storm of 2010 and the lack of cell towers as well as Wi Band.
- Supervisor Bruning agrees with him with the exception of the Town Cell Tower Law. The tower company could not sell space.
- Mr. Martinez comments the letter went to 15 different people and Verizon has said they will not go into an area where the zoning is not conducive. He stated the cell tower law should be ripped up and that Verizon lied about the reason for the lack of service.
- Supervisor Bruning responds you are absolutely correct there wasn't a cable break. Stating he has filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission and has called several times.
- Councilman David Brooks remarks the Town is redoing the zoning law and the advisory committee will take a look at updating the cell tower law.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks he told Manny from Homeland Towers that variances could be granted.
- Open Discussion follows.
- Resident Frank Comando suggests satellite phones for those who need them for Town business at a cost of \$1,200 each, feels it is a good investment for the Town.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks that he wants the residents to know he is pursuing every avenue.
- Resident Linda Comando asks if Art Synder from U.C. Emergency Management could help? Response no he suggested March Gallagher, from County Executive Hein's office.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Recent rains and snow melt caused slides on Denning and Peekamoose Roads.
- A pipe wash out on Dinch Road.
- Started sweeping; Sundown complete as well as portions of Denning, Red Hill and Round Pond Roads.
- Replaced both rear tires on backhoe.
- Filled pot holes on sections of Denning, Red Hill Knolls and Red Hill Roads.
- Chipped brush limbs from the snowstorm on Denning, Peekamoose and Red Hill Roads.
- Have started to clean and paint equipment.

- Resident Russ Better comments that there are 2 trees by the bridge in Sundown.
- Superintendent Dan Van Saders states the County is aware. He personally showed the section supervisor from the Boiceville County garage. He is unaware what their plan is.
- Supervisor Bruning and Superintendent Dan Van Saders met with County representatives to discuss cost of road maintenance; the County offer is \$4,700 for plowing and sanding and \$2,000 for summer.
- Supervisor Bruning states Superintendent Dan Van Saders has put together cost figures and the Town cannot do it for that amount. The Town currently spends more, the Town would need to hire people, more vehicles, the Town would essentially be setting up a new shop. This should not and will not cost the Town of Denning taxpayer's one thin dime.
- The Towns of Olive, Wawarsing, Gardiner, Shandaken and Plattekill have all said no to the County's offer.
- Superintendent Dan Van Saders the County wants the Town to plow roads, which are out of Town.
- Brief Discussion on insurance coverage and cost.
- Supervisor Bruning says the county has stated this will save them seven million, however it is a shifting of costs.

Code Enforcement – No Report

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

- Councilman Mike Dean states he has not done anything due to the uncertainty of consolidation.

Planning Board – Councilman Mike Dean

- The new member has missed the last meeting. The Town Clerk informs the Board that she has spoken with him and informed him of the 3-meeting rule; he has stated he will be attending the meeting this month.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ Received a call from Legislature Don Gregorius informing him of efforts by the City of Kingston to pool the costs for the Safety Net and divides the costs between the Towns. The Town share would increase from \$2,500 to 12 or 14 thousand. The City of Kingston however does not want to share the 11 million in sales taxes they receive.
- ❖ Met with Cornerstone Telephone and they have come down in charges.
- ❖ Bridge 100 is now scheduled for 2012; Right of Way issues are involved. The Clerk has spoken with the owner and she is unaware of any such issues.
- ❖ Stream study update at the last meeting they gave Supervisor Bruning a list of 62 things for him to do. The next meeting is scheduled for the 15th, which he and Superintendent Dan Van Saders will attend. They will be doing 1 project in Sundown.
- ❖ Received a call regarding the consolidation of courts, the courts would use teleconferencing.
- ❖ Resident Frank Comando asks if this is from the State.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning responds no the County; which has local judges upset, as the State is their boss.
- ❖ Open discussion on consolidation.

Board Comments:

- ✓ Councilman Kevin Smith informs all present the next zoning advisory committee meeting is April 19th at 7 pm. a public hearing to be scheduled for June.

Public comments:

- Resident and Recycling Manager Ed Mues informs all that the transfer station will be open until 6 pm on Sundays starting May 2nd. Further he received a call form the census bureau for the correct spelling of Denning Road.
- Supervisor Bruning informs resident Nancy George that he has put a notice in the paper, regarding storm emergency assistance and posted it; the Town has received a few responses.
- Supervisor Bruning states he will pursue every avenue to get cell and Wi Band service for the Town.
- Informs everyone that the pay phone at the Paul Hnatiw's store worked during the duration of the storm.
- Open discussion follows.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Vote carried 3 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 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 Resolution #24.

The Supervisor presented the Budget vs. Actual for the month of 2010.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith,
and David Brooks

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Material Bid Opening: See Addendum to the minutes

Woodbourne Lawn & Garden, E. Tetz & sons, Inc., Werlau Construction
DBA Liberty Sand & Gravel

All bids have been referred to the Highway Superintendent for review.

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 4 vouchers)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike
Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by
a 4 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 4 vouchers)

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by
Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor.

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