

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith

And Councilman David Brooks

Absent: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars (sick)

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Bruning introduces 2 guest speakers: Karen Rauter of the New York City Stream Buffer Initiative and resident Jennifer Grimes.

Karen Rauter explains she works for Sullivan County Soil and Water and that they have the contract for the Catskill Stream Buffer Initiative program. The purpose of the program is for healthy streams, a data baseline of the before and after projects, and stream assessment. The goal is to do both branches of the Neversink this year. They have plans to do a restoration project however they will not assess N.Y. S. Forest Preserve Land. They want to implement new projects to the buffer area. Two rounds of applications; 1 in February and 1 in October. She states that there will always be people who do not qualify and informs the Board that these people should be sent to her office. They will be doing a mailing to all of the property owners along the Neversink. She informs the Board the Town must adopt a stream management program before the money would be released to the property owners. She would like the Town Board to think of her as a go between the property owners and the City. She thanks the Town Board for letting her address the Board.

Supervisor Bruning asks why Ulster County Soil and Water is not involved more? Mrs. Rauter states her boss is in constant contact with the head of Ulster County Soil and Water. She continues that both County Soil and Water departments are working on an agreement and feels it is a geographical problem.

Resident Russ Betters inquires about the Mike Vaia's. Mrs. Rauter explains that he does not qualify at this time. Her crew would get in there and cut up the tree however they cannot hire heavy equipment to pull the stump up right.

Supervisor Bruning states the Town cannot go on private property.

Mrs. Rauter remarks that the Stream Restoration Project would change the route of a stream if the area is big enough. Her program will identify buffer projects and this summer and do them next summer.

Resident Jennifer Grimes address the Board in regards to a community flower garden and park for the area next to the Town Hall. Stating she knows a playground has been shot down and would like to see a flower garden, it would give residents access to the stream and a place to gather. Further stating she is aware there is \$9,000 in the park and rec' budget item that could be used if needed. However she believes this is the perfect project for the buffer program and therefore no cost to the Town. The FFA maintains the garden in Grahamsville and she would like to see that here. Although she would like to see some kind of a donation of bulbs for Sundown or hanging baskets. Brief discussion follows.

Supervisor Bruning ask her who will do the work and run the program?

Miss Grimes responds she will spearhead and apply to the City. Feels it would foster community participation.

Councilman Mike Dean is concerned about maintenance, he states he is very proud of the Town Hall.

Supervisor Bruning firmly states that one (1) complaint and the picnic table and benches are gone, they will be removed right a way. He will go along with it but does not want any trouble.

A sign is suggested closed at dusk and a you bring it in take it out sign as there will be not be a garbage can.

Miss Grimes asks what is next and after a discussion the Board unanimously agrees. She is given the go ahead.

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 Dave Brooks, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A copy of the letter from resident Mario Martinez recapping last months Town Board meeting to Verizon.
- A letter for the Ulster County Department of Social Services requesting the appointment of a Town Welfare Officer. Discussion follows, the Board will do a resolution next meeting appointing the Supervisor.
- Notification from NYSORPS requesting updated filing system. Assessor Mike Sommer has gotten a proposal from Valley Appraisal Service of \$11,000.00 to put all of the current files on an electronic system. Discussion follows. The Town Board agrees to the expenditure.
- Notice from the Ulster County Board of Elections regarding the Sundown District closure.
- A cover letter with a certificate from Senator Bonacic for the historical file of the Town. Pen was used at the signing of legislation for the inclusion of the Catskill Park in the Greenway.

Highway Report by Supervisor Bruning

- Ulster County's new amount for the plowing of their roads is now \$6,700. To be discussed next week.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- Karl Von Hassel will be on vacation until the 27th of May.

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers has figures to be discussed next week.

Planning Board – No Report

Supervisor Comments:

- Medicare- retired clerk Jane Smith called regarding reimbursement. The Town Board had previously decided they would no longer pay for reimbursement. The Board will stand by that decision. Supervisor Bruning will call her.
- New Safety Net figure is \$19,000.00.
- The paperwork for the LTAP grant is done and will be mailed for reimbursement.
- No calls have been received for residential assistance notice or for the cell reception locations.

Board Comments:

- ❖ Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires if a response has been received from the Public Service Commission.
Response No.
- ❖ Councilman Dave Brooks comments he saw the highway crew painting without respirators on, commenting that paint is nasty stuff and is hazardous it contains xylene and toluene.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning informs him of the prior determination from OSHA; the crew does not need respirators if they use a brush.
- ❖ Councilman Dave Brooks comments they should use a respirator even if using a brush.
- ❖ Discussion follows.
- ❖ Councilman Kevin Smith informs the Board of the NIMS training date, May 21. He wants call from the Supervisor to set up the training format for the mock disaster,

Public comments:

- ❑ None

Motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor. Vote carried 4 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, May 11, 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 #27 and 28, as well as the proposal from Carl Landon regarding Wi Band service for Red Hill.

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

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 5 vouchers 86-104)
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 # 5 vouchers 100-123)
Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Dave Brooks Smith, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Mr. Spottl and Mr. Leyl from Barnes Road come to the Board meeting inquiring with several questions: budgetary – copy of the 2010 Budget is given to them by the Town Clerk, zoning changes effecting the Town. Supervisor Bruning responds the zoning changes allow the Town to be prepared for the future. Cell towers- Supervisor Bruning explains a tower company had been prepared to put them up but couldn't sell space on it. Cable – the cable company needs 20 homes per mile to justify the expense. Census bags- the bags where placed on every doorknob.

Mr. Spottl and Mr. Leyl thank the Board for their time and leave.

Resolution # 27 of 2010

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 (Kingston) Dry & Washed; #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion (Kingston) Dry & Washed; #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion (Kingston) Dry & Washed; #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion (Kingston) Dry & Washed; Cold Patch (Ton); Screenings (Ton) from (Bridgeville).

E. Tetz & Sons, Inc.:
Gabians (Ton)

Decklemann:
Flat Bed Rip Rap (Ton).

Mombaccus Excavating Inc.:
Sand Snow & Ice (Ton); No Clay, Item #4 (Ton) from Ledge Rock; Crusher Run (Ton) Tailgate Spread; Dumped Rip Rap (Ton); Tailings (Ton); Bank Run (Ton).

CK & K Trucking:
Sand-Snow & Ice Control (No Clay) by the Yard; Item #4 Screened Gravel (Yard); Tailings (Yard); Bank Run (Yard).

Bottini Fuel Company:
Heating Oil #2

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bruning AYE
Councilman Mike Dean AYE
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE
Councilman David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution # 28 of 2010

WHEREAS the Town of Denning has determined to appoint a Town Welfare Officer to communicate with the Ulster County Department of Social Services in matters regarding the department's administration of public assistance and care within their Town, and

WHEREAS Section 67 of the New York State Social Services Law requires that the Town Board may appoint a public welfare officer or "Social Services Official", or authorize the town supervisor to act as such official,

The Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY appoints Bill Bruning, Town Supervisor, Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725, to Act as Town of Denning Social Services Official

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bruning ABSTAIN
Councilman Mike Dean AYE
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE
Councilman David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Bruning asks the Town Board to review the proposal submitted by Carl Landon regarding Wi Band service on Red Hill but states he does not want the Town to get into the WI Band business. It will be decided on at next months meeting.

Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers submits for review and consideration the proposal from Ulster County Highway and Bridges regarding the agreement to maintain County Roads. He has estimated the costs to do the roads.

Supervisor Bruning asks what the County's equipment replacement schedule is? The County is to lease the equipment to the Town for 1 year after that the Town is to purchase new equipment out of the money paid to the Town for maintenance.

The Town Board does a line-by-line review of the proposal and will

decide at next months meeting after further review.

Supervisor Bruning asks the Town Board to examine the proposed document carefully as there is nothing in there to protect the Town of Denning. The whole contract is in the County's favor.

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk