

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,  
Held on Tuesday, June 1, 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.  
Supervisor Bruning corrects the minutes saying that no stream projects will be done unless the Town adopts a stream management program; the money would not go to property owners.

Motion to adopt and approve as read and amended by Councilman Mike Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A notice from Ulster County Board of Elections the Sundown polling site **will now be open.**
- A letter from the Ulster County Supervisors Association stating the vote was 20 against and 10 for the sharing of Safety Net costs. The Town's share would have been increased to \$20,000.
- Resident Mario Martinez wrote to the Public Service Commission regarding the discrepancies in the Verizon response to their April 2010 storm response.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- All trucks have been turned over for summer use.
- Brooks Hill, White House, Raymond George and Balace Road have been graded.
- Hydro-seeding on Sugarloaf and Denning Roads.
- Ditch cleaning on Red Hill, Sugarloaf and Peekamoose Roads.
- The entire crew has been and is up to date on the required NIMS training.
- There is a 4-wheeler problem on White House Road leaving a double ditch on the side of the road after it had been graded. He has spoken with Councilman Brooks who will speak with residents on the road.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- Karl is back from vacation.

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

Planning Board – Supervisor Bruning

- An incident involving a member of the planning board occurred at the last meeting. This member said he quit, Supervisor Bruning told him to put it in writing and he has not. The Board will meet 15 minutes early next week to hear the CD from the meeting.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ \$27,000 from the CWC for the zoning grant.

- ❖ Supervisor Bruning explains the notice on bulletin boards, newspaper, website and handouts regarding the property inventory update which will commence soon.
- ❖ Discussion on County road consolidation opened:
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning has informed the County that the Town is leaning toward not joining, he feels it will cost the Town taxpayers money.
- ❖ Councilman Paul Schoonmaker agrees.
- ❖ Councilman Mike Dean I know it will, we can't do it for that amount.
- ❖ Councilman David Brooks agrees, the Town can't do it.
- ❖ Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders remarks that he and Supervisor Bruning have put considerable time and effort into this proposal and it is not in the best interest of the Town. This would cost taxpayers more money. Suggests a wait and see
- ❖ Councilman Kevin Smith do not forget that in 1-year all bets are off.
- ❖ Attended a meeting at Ulster County Community Collage regarding flood maps to be done in about a year and a half.
- ❖ The DEC is trying to contract with the DEP to do maps. After 2 years of contract negotiations the DEP is financing, the DEC is going to do the maps and FEMA is involved too. A preliminary should be done in 6 months.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning has viewed Sundown resident Mike Vaia's tree, which has fallen over.
- ❖ Discussion follows. Supervisor Bruning will call the DEP, saying they used to clear trees.
- ❖ Frost Valley has planted some non-native trees on Denning Road under the power lines.
- ❖ No activity on the proposed garden form resident Jennifer Grimes.
- ❖ The Town Board has met the NIMS requirement.
- ❖ Councilman Kevin Smith the Town is up-to-date.

#### Board Comments:

- ❑ Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires as to a Public Service Commission update?
- ❑ Supervisor Bruning will call.
- ❑ Councilman Mike Dean remarks Highway Superintendent Van Saders has a price on a medium duty truck; a Kenworth roughly \$60,000 to 72,000 new, 2 wheel drive and used is \$20,000. at Glick.
- ❑ Highway Superintendent Van Saders the white Ford has passed inspections but there are issues with the truck.
- ❑ Councilman Kevin Smith the next zoning advisory committee meeting date is June 14<sup>th</sup>, they are now working on the zoning map.
- ❑ Councilman David Brooks comments a public hearing in August is possible.
- ❑ Councilman Kevin Smith will send the Clerk a cover letter to go with the NIMS training sign in sheet.

#### Public comments:

- Resident Paul Nasierowski complains regarding multiply power outages in Sundown saying there is a pattern.
- Open discussion follows.

- Resident Russ Betters explains the electric power comes from Grahamsville; there is a breaker at Charlie Piera's, which must be reset by hand.
- Supervisor Bruning comments that the power goes out in Claryville all the time too. Further commenting he doesn't know what the answer is.
- Paul Nasierowski states he included his fuel bill with the last electric payment.
- Resident George Elias is looking for the location of the old schoolhouse on Peekamoose Road. He has also been in contact with the new museum director for the Time and the Valley Museum. They will be doing more oral histories this summer; the discs will be available in the museum.
- Gladys Van Wagner states the old schoolhouse was on the Morrel property by schoolhouse rock. They were 32 students in the class with Ester George as the teacher.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, 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, June 8, 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 Resolutions 29 And 30.

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

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 6)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks.

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.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 6)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 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.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A notice of availability from NYSDEC Division of Water regarding Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The Town Board discusses the notice and agrees with the description and scope of the proposed study. Supervisor to sign the notice.
- Resignation letter from Planning Board Chair Alden Thayer.
- Motion to accept resignation by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bruning AYE

Councilman Mike Dean AYE

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Councilman David Brooks AYE

- Councilman Dave Brooks inquires if Board should send a note to the YMCA regarding events, which lead to the resignation.

Supervisor Bruning responds no both Mike and I had planned on going to the Y in person however Mike has spoken with them and there is no need.

- Councilman Mike Dean inquires on Grievance Day, asking if anyone came. Supervisor Bruning responds no one in person however there were 2 applications; one was lowered and one was not.
- Councilman Dave Brooks asks for clarification on the property inventory up-date. Supervisor Bruning explains it is not a re-evaluation; the Town is updating property files and creating an electronic file.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks if Dave Gilmour is almost done? Supervisor Bruning responds yes.

Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk