

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, July 6, 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 Saders

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 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- The Stormwater Retrofit Operation and Maintenance check for \$1,747.89 received from the CWC. As the funds have already been spent the Supervisor has placed the funds in the highway account. This contract with the CWC will expire May 28, 2030.
- Census figures from Ulster County for the years 2000 to 2009 range from 511 to 516 people.

Highway Report by Supervisor Bruning

- Material from a slide on Greenville Road put down on Spencer Road.
- Patching on Van Aken Road.
- Graded a section of Denning and Dinch Roads.
- 2000 International at Arkel Motors for warranty work.
- F550 transmission being rebuilt by John's Truck Parts.
- Hydro Seeding on Brooks Hill Road.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- Met with Code Enforcement Officer last Friday regarding a local law providing for the removal of unsafe buildings. Supervisor Bruning gives the Town Board members the proposed law with the current law attached for review.

Highway Equipment Planning- Councilman Mike Dean

- Highway Superintendent Van Saders informs the Board that the dump body on the white Ford is deteriorating, however it is still working.
- Councilman Mike Dean informs the Board that trucks, which are 5 to 7 years old, are for sale for \$50 to \$60,000.00. Suggests purchasing a new truck.
- Supervisor Bruning states specs should be written up and put out to bid.
- Highway Superintendent Van Saders is directed to do so as the Town Board agrees.

Planning Board – Supervisor Bruning

- New chairman is Carl Landon, the last meeting ran smoothly.

Supervisor Comments:

- Fiscal resolutions for next week.

- The unofficial sum for CHIPS is \$102,767.00.
- He asks Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders what day should a meeting be set up with the crew and MVP. Supervisor Bruning will call the Town's representative and see when she is available.
- There has not been any further discussion on road consolidation.
- Discussion opened on the proposal to have a tire-recycling trailer this summer. R&R site Manager Ed Mues has suggested \$2.00 per tire so the Town would break even. Town Board agrees; the Clerk is directed to put a notice out to residents.
- Discussions on the Board of Elections request to have the former machine custodians do the table, chair and privacy screen set up. The Board declines; the fee would have been the same as last year.
- The Town Clerk informs the Board of the county association meeting held at the Board of Elections and gives pamphlets to the Board and residents.

Board Comments:

- ❖ Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires if a response has been received from the Public Service Commission. Response No. He also inquires if there has been any progress on the picnic area? Response no.
- ❖ Councilman Dave Brooks comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the Extended New York City Watershed Land Acquisition Program. The City is holding a public hearing at the Tri Valley School on July 14th at 6:00pm. They plan to purchase 5,046 acres by 2022 including developable land.
- ❖ Councilman Kevin Smith informs the Board the next Advisory Committee meeting is July 19th at the Town Hall starting at 7 pm.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning remarks the Jerry Huncosky took on the duty of revamping the cell tower law condensing it from 55 pages to 5. He states he did a nice job.
- ❖ Councilman Kevin Smith comments yes he did it protects and allows.
- ❖ Councilman Dave Brooks agrees; nice job.

Public comments:

- Supervisor Bruning asks resident George Elias about the ongoing history project. He inquires as to how many schoolhouses there were in Town.
- George Elias responds 11.
- Discussion opened on the Peekamoose School House.
- Helen Elias states she cannot find any dates as to when the schools were built or opened.
- George Elias comments he saw a car parked with a piece of paper in the window saying US Forestry Service, they are doing an inventory on NYC land.
- Response yes for lumber.
- Brief discussion opened on mowing after George Elias remarks the hydraulic mower is cutting down the Pinkster.
- Helen Elias inquires if the Board is still willing to purchase signs stating where the different areas were. Three for Claryville and three for Sundown.
- Supervisor Bruning responds yes further commenting that Charlie Peira would like to see a sign that says Sundown.
- It will be included.

- Brief discussion on sign colors, municipalities are exempt from the New York State required colors of brown and white.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 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, July 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 #31 and 32 as well as the Budget vs. Actual thru June, a notification from Ulster County Department of Public Works regarding driveways on County roads, they must have County approval.

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 # 7)

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant #7)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 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.

Resolution No. 31 of 2010 read by Supervisor Bruning

WHEREAS the Town of Denning applied for additional funding from the CWC to complete the revisions of the Sub Division Law and Zoning Law, And

WHEREAS the CWC has granted an additional \$27,000.00 to complete the project, the Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY authorizes the Supervisor to increase Account A2189-Planing Grant CWC and Account A8020.4 Planning Contractual in the amount of \$27,000.00

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 No. 32 of 2010 read by Supervisor Bruning
WHEREAS New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law section 57.07 authorizes the Town Supervisor to appoint a Local Historian, and

WHEREAS Jean Switzler has stepped down effective June 30, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that Carl Landon, 5444 Red Hill Road, Claryville, NY 12725, be appointed as Historian for the Town of Denning.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Dave Brooks, 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

Supervisor Bruning informs the Board of his meeting earlier in the day with Brenda Parks of Time Warner Cable. He gives the Board copies of paper work. Nothing can be done without a franchise agreement. Stating he has sent a letter to the Public Service Commission requesting a waiver from the forming of a citizen committee, public hearing, final report of the committee and the bid process as there is no other company within 25 miles. He will meet with local dealer Chris Austin and they will do a survey of the Claryville and Sundown Valley's.

Councilman Mike Dean remarks the Town could get a little money. Supervisor Bruning responds that the 0 to 5% fee would be tacked on to residents bill, he recommends the Town go with 0%. Ms. Parks informed him it costs \$29,000.00 to run 1 mile of cable.

Councilman Dave Brooks asks if the CWC would be able to help pay if it is a cost issue. Supervisor Bruning states he will look into stimulus money, he did a lot of work for the Ulster County grant. The problem was stimulus money was handed out to county's not towns. They prefer to have 20 homes per mile commenting that deals can be worked out depending on the number of people with the cost put on bills similar to payments,

Supervisor Bruning introduced a letter from Planning Board Chairman Carl Landon in regards to the public hearing tomorrow evening for the acquisition of 5000+ acres in the Town by New York City. The Town clerk made copies for the Councilman. Discussion follows.

A brief discussion on the scheduling of the MVP meeting with the highway crew.

Supervisor Bruning opens a discussion on the proposed buildings removal law. Discussion follows with emphasis on section 4 J, K, I and F. Section 5-sub section 2, 3 and 7 as well as sections 6 and 7. Comments on section 12. Supervisor Bruning will meet with Karl regarding these sections, voicing the Boards concerns.

Discussion again opened on the public hearing; according to the MOA the City cannot buy in the Hamlet Districts. Councilman Dave Brooks suggests writing a letter to get the Towns concerns on record.

Supervisor Bruning states the City is not supposed to solicit sales however they do send out letters. Continuing with there are 2 things that bug me: 1.) Neversink gets all the money and still complains about restrictions. 2) Towns should never have accepted a lump sum because the City will be here forever they should pay yearly.

Councilman Dave Brooks states the City has used sections of the Towns Comprehensive Plan in its Environmental Impact Statement.

The Supervisor and some Councilman will attend the hearing.

Motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk