

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

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

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith

And Councilman David Brooks

Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, Resolution #34, a proposed resolution from the Town of Barker pertaining to Marcellus Shale drilling, and minutes from the Coalition of Watershed Towns.

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

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter from Jerry Huncosky regarding the planting of native New York State trees under the wires on Denning Road.
- Councilman Mike Dean remarks that the comment made was meant to reflect the fact that they are not native to the Town.
- Further the Town Board has no problem with the trees as long as they do not grow up into the electrical wires.
- Inter-governmental Collaboration Report of Ulster County is shown by the Supervisor to the Board and is in Bill's office for those who want to read it.
- Supervisor Bruning asks if any of the Councilmen want to read the Rondout Creek Stream Management Plan? Councilman Mike Dean to review. Discussion follows.
- Resident Russ Betters comments that a contractor hired by the City removed the tree on Mike Vaia's Peekamoose Rd. property.

Highway Report by Superintendent Van Sadlers

- Graded Wild Meadow and Basily Roads.
- The mowing has been completed for the year.
- Patched and shimmed Red Hill, Rudolph and a section of Kawlija Roads.
- Replaced a 3', 4', and 15' pipe on Wild Meadow Road.
- Replaced a 15' pipe and shim work on Schultz Road.
- Informs the Board that there are a few projects he would like to finish; a guide-rail section of Round Pond Road where the roadway has been replaced for a cost of \$5,000.00. Would like to finish Red Hill and a section of Round Pond Road paving. Discussion opened on motor paving and black top.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers needs #1 stone so either he stops and does the roads next year or uses the stone available on Round Pond and the black top on Red Hill.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks there is \$110,00.00 in the general fund to pay for it.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers states that Peekamoose is another project that will likely not be done this year. The FEMA reimbursement has not been received and next year it will be eligible for CHIPS funding this is the 9th year.

- Councilman Dave Brooks asks about using a paver?
- Supervisor Bruning suggests moving funds from general fund account to the highway fund account.
- Councilman Dave Brooks has questions regarding shim and chip seal.
- Supervisor Bruning asks for Town Board approval.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers thanks the Board for their approval and support.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- He spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Karl von Hassel regarding the unsafe buildings law and a collapsed building on Denning Road. Discussion follows.

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

Planning Board – Supervisor Bruning

- ❖ Supervisor Bruning attended the meeting and spent an hour.
- ❖ Chairman Carl Landon asked Bill to write a letter requesting the City not buy any more property on Red Hill. Supervisor Bruning states he will not do that as they are abiding by the MOA. Further commenting that they have proposed not purchasing development rights in the Hamlet Districts and not to protest the tax amount for 30 years.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning asks Councilman Dave Brooks if he has any comments? Councilman Dave Brooks replies he doesn't like the fact that the City is planning on purchasing developable land.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning replies they are abiding by the MOA.

Resolution No. 34 of 2010

WHEREAS Account DA3501-1-CHIPS – Capital budget amount is \$80,000.00 in the Town Highway budget, and

WHEREAS the New York State DOT budget for the Town of Denning is \$102,767.00 for their CHIPS Funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board.

HEREBY authorizes the Supervisor to increase Account DA3501-1-CHIPS-Capital from \$80,000.00 to \$102,767.00 and increase Account

DA5112-2 Permanent Improvement HW-Equipment Capital Outlay from \$80,000.00 to \$102,767.00

Motion to adopt and approve 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.

Supervisor Bruning tables the requested resolution from the Town of Barker, as he has not had time to review it.

Supervisor Comments:

- Insurance Update: MVP plan has a high deductible plan. The deductible for a single plan is \$2,500 and a family plan is \$5,000.00. The total cost is \$48,000 less than the amount being paid now. Supervisor Bruning does not feel the plan participants should be required to pay such a high deductible. The Town will cover all deductible the savings will be \$12,624. The unused deductible will be return to the Town with a possible cost savings of \$26,624.00. Harold Van Aken and Jane Smith will be put on the MVP Gold Plan Policy.
- Ulster Insurance charges \$375.00 per year to keep track of the deductible expenses.
- Discussion on prescription co-pays.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks about sick time leave. Answer 12 days per year.
- Supervisor Bruning informs the Board the Attorney for the Town Rod Futerfas has been reviewing the proposed zoning, sub division and highway standards. He has requested more time review. Board discussion follows, including a discussion on outdoor boilers. The Code Enforcement officer has a concern for the people who use these boilers to heat their water in summer.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker brings up the proposed cell tower and repeater setbacks. Discussion follows.
- Tire collection was a successful, the Y brought tires also. The cost of the program to the Town is \$230.00.
- Budget time coming up.
- Supervisor Bruning opens discussion on his final meeting with Judge and Court Clerk regarding the platform behind the bench, desk in the side of the bench and a witness stand. The Court has grant money to pay for these renovations. Supervisor Bruning has informed the Court he has no objection as long as it can be folded up to the bench or wall and out of the way. The Town Board reviews the drawings, they are approved.
- Meeting with Jennifer Grimes and Bobby from Soil and Water they will be planting native plants on the bank behind Town Hall.
- A call from the Y they are very interested in cable also.
- Resident Russ Betters comments about an article in the Phoenicia Times quoting the amount of \$800.00 a home for Time Warner Cable. Discussion opened.

Board Comments:

- ❖ Paul Schoonmaker asks if a response has been received from the Public Service Commission regarding the telephone outage during the storm. Response no.
- ❖ Councilman Dave Brooks has been informed that Alden Thayer is operating a B&B on the hill. Discussion follows.
- ❖ Councilman Brooks also thanks the Clerk for her efforts in the now permitted multiple school tax payments.
- ❖ Councilman Kevin Smith informs Bill the Town needs the NIMS up dating of 701, 702, 703 and 704.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning hands out the dumpster ordinance and opens a discussion on updating the ordinance as well as questions who can issue a ticket.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning will call the Attorney for the Town Rod Futerfas or the Association of Towns.
- ❖ The Board will review and discuss at a later date.

Public comments:

- Resident Helen Elias shows the Board the final draft of the historical signs. The Town Board reviews and approves the design.
- Resident George Elias shows the Board a listing of the top ten swimming holes in the world and the Blue Hole is listed. He questions the wisdom of the listing, as there is no parking.

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 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, September 14, 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 #35 as well as a affordable housing pamphlet with cover letter from Ulster County.

The Budget vs. Actual thru August presented by Supervisor Bruning.

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 # 9 vouchers #169-195)

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 #9, voucher # 202-221)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Paul

Schoonmaker, 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.

Supervisor Bruning reads a letter from Attorney for the Town Rod Futerfas requesting more time to do a thorough review of the zoning, sub-division regulations and highway specifications. He feels it would be a incomplete report at this time. Supervisor Bruning instructed him to take all the time that he feels is necessary.

Resolution No. 35 of 2010

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

WHEREAS there is excess monies in the General Fund, and

WHEREAS additional funding is needed in the Highway Budget to complete required road work, the Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY authorizes the Town Supervisor to make the following adjustments to the Town Budget:

General Fund

Increase Account A9999- Appropriated Fund Balance by \$100,000.00 to \$202,950.52

Increase Account A9901.9- Transfer to Other Funds to \$100,000.00

Highway Fund:

Increase Account DA5031 Transfer from Other Funds to \$100,000.00
Increase Account DA5110-4 Maintenance of Streets Contractual by
\$100,00.00 to \$210,000.00

Motion to adopt and approve 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.

Health Insurance Up-date:

- The high deductible policy option will save \$16,079.
- Have been informed that 60% of the deductible is usually used.
- Therefore the total possible savings to the Town is \$31,079.16.
- Prescription drugs are included in the deductible, after that they are \$10, \$30 and \$50. If \$1,000 in co-pay's are paid they are free again.

Discussion opened on the Town owned bridge at the end of Denning
Road. The YMCA has offered the use of their excavator. The Town
is grateful for the offer and plans on doing the work next year.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by
Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk