

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, resolution #36, the Update from the New York State Comptrollers Office, the Coalition of Watershed Towns minutes and the Supervisors Tentative Budget for 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last months' minutes by Town Clerk Joy Ann Monforte.

CORRECTIONS: Supervisor Bruning remarks the funds needed for the highway projects is \$100,000 not \$110,000 and New York City will not challenge their property assessments for 30 years.

Motion to adopt and approve as read and amended 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

- Spoke with Mr. Martinez concerning the letter sent to Verizon regarding the lack of response during the winter storm last spring. Supervisor Bruning has emailed again requesting a response and wanting to know the reason for the lack of response to the outage.
- New York City is buying 120 acres on the back end of Dinch Road from the YMCA. The Clerk has copied the information for the Planning Board. Brief discussion follows.
- A notice received from UCRRA agency, fees will remain the same; \$89.00 a ton and \$40.00 per pull charge.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Motor paved a section of Red Hill Road from the fire tower entrance to a short distance before the junction with Denning Road.
- Shimmed Round Pond Road.
- Chip sealing is scheduled for Tuesday.
- The rainstorm caused damage along the stream.
- Claryville had 3 main spots.
- Shoulder has been repaired along Denning Road.
- Work being done on the roadway by Peekamoose Lake. The road along the lakeside needs shoring up; Superintendent Van Sadlers has contacted Ulster County. Requested rocks from Dave Sheeley U.C. Public Works Commissioner for Peekamoose Road along the lake.
- The storm moved 5-ton rocks from the stream restoration project.
- The engineer is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Sent figures to U.C. Emergency Management and spoke with Art Snyder he said the County met the threshold. Preliminary figures of \$70,000 may be to low, now spotting more damage.

- Ulster County has issues on Frost Valley, Peekamoose and Greenville Roads.
- The YMCA has offered use of their excavator.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers states there is no guarantee of FEMA assistance.
- Councilman Mike Dean requests Superintendent Van Sadlers to check the 1st culvert past New Hill Road. Commenting the water jumped at the old schoolhouse.
- Supervisor Bruning the problem with FEMA is that you lay out the money and then have to wait for payment, still waiting to be reimbursed for the Peekamoose job.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- He spoke with the folks of the barn that went down and they will remove it.
- Councilman Mike Dean asks if the CO was issued, response by Supervisor Bruning no.

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

Planning Board – Councilman Mike Dean

- At the last meeting there was a lot line adjustment.

Zoning Up-date - Supervisor Bruning

- The lawyer still has the document for review, I told him to take all the time he needs.

Resolution No. 36 of 2010

WHEREAS the Catskill Watershed Corporation has approved funding for the maintenance of the Town of Denning Stormwater Retrofit Project, and

WHEREAS the CWC has funded the Operation and Maintenance of SAID project in the amount of \$1,747.89, and

WHEREAS the Operation and Maintenance of SAID project since its completion in 2000 has already consumed the allocated funds over the previous ten years.

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

HEREBY authorizes the Supervisor to increase Account DA2701- Refunds of Prior Years Expenditures to \$1,747.89 and increase Account DA5130-4-Machineray Contractual by \$1,747.89 to \$56,747.89.

Motion to adopt and approve 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.

Supervisor Comments:

- Mike Dean and I worked very diligently on the 2011 budget; the budget meeting is next week after the regular meeting.
- Insurance; retired Clerk Jane Smith cannot be put on the MVP Gold Plan as she is out of the area- she will be put on the high deductible plan.
- Spoke with Karen Rauter of the Stream Project and she has been busy with Town of Denning residents.
- He comments that it seems to me that removing the material from the river would help. He has spoken with Karen Rauter and she has proposed a study regarding the removal of the rock veins. He feels this is a step in the right direction; this is one of the top 10 items in the proposed stream management plan.
- Remarks the DEP used to pay guys to cut tress on the banks and chop them up.
- Resident Paul Nasierowski is concerned about Peekamoose Road.
- Resident Frank Comando agrees with Bill the only way to fix the problem is to get rid of the rock.
- The water has set a USGS record of 74 mph.
- Open discussion follows.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Kevin Smith remarks he will be updating the Towns NIMS portfolio.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker comments that he didn't see any funding in the Stream Management Plan.

Public comments:

- Resident George Elias informs the Board the historical marker signs are being made in Napanoch.
- The museum at the library has done historical panels; a decision has been made to delay the opening until April, as it will be more complete.
- There will be an admission charge, with Town of days possible.
- A general discussion on funding and maintenance opened.
- Resident Russ Betters ask if the highway could fill a couple of potholes on Peekamoose Road.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd 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, October 12, 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 Supervisor presented the Budget vs. Actual for the month of September 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 # 10)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers 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.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 10)

Motion to approve and pay general 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.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting and open the budget workshop by Councilman Dave Brooks, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Supervisor Bruning reviews the proposed 2011 budget:

- Starting with the estimated budget revenues.
- Reduced interest earnings by \$10,000.
- Mortgage tax reduced by \$5,000.
- 3% raise for all Town employees except for Supervisor and Councilman.
- Record Management increased to \$1,900 Supervisor Bruning remarks "he is well worth the amount."
- Brief discussion on new radio equipment; Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers will get the specs to Supervisor Bruning.
- Safety Net increased a \$1,000.
- Brief discussion on the planning board budget line due to zoning updating; it will remain the same.
- Decreased Refuse and Recycling by \$2,000, under budget this year.
- NYS Retirement is \$39,000 next year, \$58,200 in 2012.
- Workers Compensation increased a \$1,000.

- Health insurance decreased to \$75,000.
- Highway budget contains a 3% increase to personnel budget lines the other budget lines remain the same as the 2010 budget.
- Discussion opened on planned roadwork for next year, including repairs made necessary by the recent storm. The Board is grateful to the YMCA for the donation of machine work, people and material. Work still to be done on Peekamoose Road and Taylor Road as well as other odd and ends.

Supervisor Bruning asks for questions?

Councilman Kevin Smith no you did a fine job.

Councilman Dave Brooks comments the budget looks good.

Discussion opened on the flow of water during the recent storms, included is a discussion on the FEMA inspection of Peekamoose Road where FEMA found no damage.

Discussion of logjam on Denning Road, Superintendent Van Sadlers has concern concerning ice jams at that spot.

Discussion on the clearing of the streams.

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk