

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,  
Held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, and resolutions 33 and 34 of 2011. Supervisor Bruning presents to the Board copies of the Rondout Neversink Basin Stream Riparian Project Agreement. The Denning Garden Club presented their proposal for the garden next to Town Hall as well.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence by Supervisor Bruning:

- A letter from FEMA regarding a field survey to be done began in late June and will continue until December of January of 2012. Survey to be 7 days a week depending on daylight. They will carry identification for the times they must access private property.
- A letter from the Governor regarding the budget and legislative efforts. Next a letter read regarding the charge back rate of 71% for Safety Net. New York State will be paying a decrease to the 29%. TAMF assistance to Ulster County in the amount of \$1.3 million. The Supervisor Association has fought hard to get this money for the Towns as it was intended. The County has been keeping the funds. Supervisor Bruning then reads resolution #145 of 2011 of Ulster County authorizing the expenditure for Safety Nets Costs for 2011, only. Further informing residents of a 15% increase in health insurance, 21% in Safety Net and \$59,000.00 to NYS Retirement. The Town has a 2% cap, the past few years the general fund has not gone up 2%, the highway has increased 3 or 4 % due to increase cost in fuel and materials. Commenting it will be tough budget year.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Wild Cat, Wild Meadow and Basily Road have been graded.
- Schultz Road has been black topped and had shoulder work done.
- Backhoe out rigger repaired.
- Aril 26 to May 8 rain event FEMA will come on August 12<sup>th</sup> to identify sites, see what has been repaired and is to be repaired.
- Tomorrow paving bottom of Red Hill Road. Also paving Wild Cat and Taylor Road. The roads have been shimmed with 2 1/2 to 3" of black top. Ulster County, Town of Neversink and the Town of Wawarsing will help by sending trucks. Plan to complete where we left off on Peekamoose Road. Will chip seal in month.
- The F 350 at Zanetti's for injector problems.
- Started shoulder mowing.
- Whitehouse Road will be patched and will be done next year.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- Two new homes are being built.

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

Planning Board Report – Supervisor Bruning

- Both Mike Dean and Dave Brooks spoke with an absentee member who had told them he would send a resignation letter. Supervisor Bruning reads a thank you letter by sent by Chairman Carl Landon, which included a request for his confirmation if he intended to continue on the Board. No response has been received. The letter from Melissa Pauls requesting a position on the planning board is reread. Discussion follows.
- Councilman Mike Dean the Board approved a site plan to move the house and barn located by and owned by the owner of the Blue Hill Lodge. Discussion follows on current and future plans.
- Councilman Mike Dean reports a lot line adjustment approved for the Monforte’s on Woodfield Road, and 1/8 of an acre currently being used as a driveway.

Resolution # 33 of 2011

**WHEREAS** the Tri-Valley Community has created the Time and the Valley Museum located in the Grahamsville Public Library, and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning desires to support this effort, and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning Town Board has approved making a \$1,000.00 donation to the museum to assist with ongoing operational expenses, the Town of Denning Town Board

**HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to expend \$1,000.00 from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance and create new budget lines A7450 Museum and A7450.4 Museum Contractual Expenses. Budget Account number A7450.4 –Museum Contractual expenses for \$1,000.00 and increase Account A9999 Appropriated Fund Balance by \$1,000.00 to \$101,000.00

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman David Brooks.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution # 34 of 2011

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 267 authorizes the Town Board to appoint members to the Planning Board, And

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law § 64, Subdivision 5 confers specific authority on Town Boards to fill vacancies in Town Offices.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Ms. Melissa Pauls is

**HEREBY** appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board for the term ending 12-31-2013.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ He asks that the Councilmen review the Rondout Neversink Basin Stream Riparian Project Agreement. He was given this document this afternoon for discussion at next weeks meeting. Karen Rauter will attend next months meeting.

The Denning Garden Club submits a cost, planting and location analysis. The Supervisor and Garden Club Chair Steve Ellis review. Copies are given to the residents for review. Supervisor Bruning comments that high school students nor anyone else can be hired because they would have to go on the Towns insurance, workers compensation and payroll. Steve Ellis comments that Dennis Deyo of Red Hill Services believes he can get family and friends to help him. Resident John Kuhner asks if the principal for this job is no hired labor? Supervisor Bruning responds yes they must be volunteers. The highway department has a backhoe and will help. Superintendent Dan Van Saders suggests students who need volunteer hours to graduate and the boy's scouts. Next the budget line for artwork sculptures is discussed these funds are for materials. Resident Bill Buchen it will be a changing exhibition area of Denning artists, they will take the wind and weather into account. Discussion on insurance for contractors, hired contractors, a certificate must be on file. Supervisor Bruning asks if the flower people would mind signing a maintenance agreement, most people say it would be nice to have but what will it look like in three years. The flower people will be happy to sign responds Steve Ellis. Supervisor Bruning wants to clarify where the money for this project will come from: it is not budgeted and will not be budgeted. These funds are from fees charged by the planning board for sub divisions. Ed Mues asks what the next step will be? Supervisor Bruning remarks he will not give a chunk of money, as you do things submit vouchers and we will pay the vouchers. Discussion follows on tax-exempt status and paperwork. The Board will review and discussion further at next weeks meeting. Supervisor Bruning says pay for it, bring the bill and the Town will reimburse you.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Dave Brooks there are some changes to be made the sub division and zoning changes do not coincide in spots.
- Superintendent Van Saders opens a discussion on parking signs at the Blue Hole.
- Discussion follows on the Blue Hole and camping and parking.
- Supervisor Bruning has spoken with the Rangers, people are pulling the no parking signs out of the ground.
- Superintendent Dan Van Saders remarks signs must be break away it is a legal requirement.

Public comments:

- Resident James Brady wants to restate what he says has asked for before, wants his request as a matter of record: the removal of materials along the fence border with the Town materials that comes through the fence for easier mowing and maybe do something along the road.
- Councilman Dave Brooks asks if the Town can put a culvert across the road, Jim?
- Jim Brady responds no that boat has sailed long ago.
- Supervisor Bruning informs Councilman Dave Brooks that a letter went to all ZBA members regarding home rule.
- Resident Helen Elias the new historical signs have been received.

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, 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, August 9, 2011 at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:04 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 July 2011.

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 # 8, voucher #1-1)

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 # 8, voucher #1-1)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk