

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, October 4, 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 Sadlers

The Deputy Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, Local Law No. 2 of 2011 and Resolution # 38 2011.

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law No. 2 of 2011 Tax Cap Override opened by Supervisor Bruning. The Supervisor discussed purpose of said Hearing. He assured the public that he will do everything in his power to keep the budget as low as he can; however, there are expense increases for the Town that are out of his control. He informed the public that they will have a chance to review the budget before it is approved.

The Supervisor read Local Law No. 2 of 2011. He asked if there were any comments:

- ⤴ Russ Betters inquired if the tax cap over ride was necessary to float the bond to repair the road. The Supervisor responded no, that the bond is not part of the budget.
- ⤴ The Supervisor called the public hearing to a close and opened the regular meeting. He stated that the resolution would be read later that evening.

Reading of last month's minutes by Deputy Town Clerk Tammy Beck.
Motion to adopt and approve as read by Councilman David Brooks, 2nd
by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor.
Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning:

- Ulster County Board of Elections on the Town of Denning 2012 HAVA Budget estimate. Estimated total of \$22,876. Discussion followed on increases.
- Time and the Valley Museum thanking the Town of Denning for its contribution. And in appreciation for the donation, from April through October, the first Saturday of the month is now Denning Day, and all Town of Denning residents can visit the Museum free on that day!
- Ulster County Planning Board on upcoming planning seminars.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Began by recapping on work done on last month's report
- The Round Pond wall has been repaired
- Repaired 3 sections of Denning Road
- Repaired 2 Stonewalls
- A stream action by the Sapadin's property to stop the water from hitting the road
- Replaced culverts on Denning Road and Taylor Road

- Hubble has been hired on for doing repairs on Peekamoose Road.
 - Thanked David Brooks for helping to get hazard trees taken down with Central Hudson on Brooks Hill and Peekamoose Road.
 - Loader tires were replaced.
 - The 2002 International had rear springs replaced.
 - Signed the Town up for FEMA's disaster 4020, but haven't received any contact from them yet.
 - Claryville is in decent shape except for some pavement loss.
 - Will be getting some crusher run to dress-up Peekamoose.
 - Received offer from Frank Brooks from Ulster County to put the surface back on Balace Bridge with there paver.
 - Need to get trucks turned over for the winter.
- Supervisor Bruning stated that the highway equipment is holding up well. Discussion followed on Peekamoose Road.

Code Enforcement – No Report

- The Supervisor commented on the diligence of the Code Enforcement Officer that even though many of the roads are making travel difficult, he has been coming once a week to the Town Hall.

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

Planning Board- No Report

Resolution # 38 of 2011

Whereas, the Town of Denning Town Board has intention of fulfilling its financial obligations, and

Following a PUBLIC HEARING regarding Local Law #2 of 2011, Where any and all interested person(s) where heard,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** adopts Local Law No. 2 of 2011 Tax Cap Override.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

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:

- ⤴ Increase of the safety net in next years budget.
- ⤴ Reported on repairs done to the Town Hall do to flood damage. The insurance adjuster came up with a figure after the Town's deductibles of \$13,128 damage. The remodeling cost will be well under budget at \$12,281 if the insurance company will pay out the adjuster's amount.

- ⤴ Do to flooding the Town Hall's fuel tank had 5 inches of water in it that need to be pumped out. It took 2 weeks for someone to come and pump it out. Meanwhile the furnace sucked up the water and needed to be cleaned out.
- ⤴ The Supervisor asked Councilmen Paul Schoonmaker and Mike Dean if they could meet at the Town Hall for the Annual Audit of the Justice Court books on October 15. Response, yes.
- ⤴ Stream Planting is back on again. Since the contract was already reviewed the Supervisor will sign it.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Mike Dean mentioned that the Town should do something to show our appreciation to the Town of Neversink highway department, for their assistance after the hurricane.
- Discussion followed on getting something for their break-room and the dump truck they have for sale.
- Councilman David Brooks noted that public outreach for zoning subdivision is tentatively scheduled for October 29, 10:00 a.m. at the Claryville Fire Department.

Public comments:

- Russ Betters inquired as to what the bond was for. The Supervisor responded, that it is a revenue anticipation note. What it is anticipating is that we will get the money from FEMA to pay it back. This money is specifically for repairing a portion of Peekamoose Road. The money is being borrowed from the Catskill Hudson Bank at 1.75% interest.
- George Elias inquired that since the Town has 1 Justice, and we've had this recent emergency if we have a functioning court. The Supervisor responded that yes, the Justice is still coming in and we are holding court.
- Carol Ryan representing the concerned citizens of Sundown (Merril Piera, Charles Piera, and Carol Ryan) expressed their concerns regarding emergency situations. She distributed and read a letter to the board members. Their concerns centered around a early warning system for those at risk of flooding. A lengthy discussion followed on emergency planning and getting cable service. The Supervisor stated that he would look in to it. (SEE ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTE BOOK)

Motion to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Vote carried 4 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by Tammy Beck, Deputy Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, October 11, 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 September 2011.

Present: Supervisor Bruning
Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith,
and David Brooks
Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Guest: Meredith Maglio of the Rondout Neversink Stream Management Program regarding the contract for the stream buffer.

- Brief discussion with the Board, Ms. Maglio states they will leave an access path in case of the need for work to be done on the opposite bank.
- Supervisor Bruning calls for comments and questions or concerns from the Board.
- Councilman Dave Brooks inquires as to the length of the contract? Response 5 years however the stream program will maintain it for the first year.
- Supervisor Bruning signs the contract. (SEE ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTE BOOK)

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 10, voucher #204-219)
Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 10, voucher #193-222)
Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman David Brooks, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Bruning presents the Board with the Tentative Budget for 2012 for review.

- The highway crew has received an increase of 2%.
- The elections budget has a dramatic increase due the cost of the purchase of a new voting machine. Supervisor Bruning has informed the U.C.B. of Elections the Town will not be purchasing as new machine.
- NYS retirement increased to nearly \$54,000.00
- Health insurance increase to \$90,000.00.
- Highway retirement increased by \$10,000.00.
- Workers Comp has also increased a little bit.
- An 18% increase in the general fund, which includes the retirement increase.
- The highway fund is an increase of 3%.
- The revenue portion of the budget has had a huge impact.
- Budget discussion follows.
- Workshop to be held after the November 1st Board meeting and the public hearing to be held prior to the business meeting.

Discussion opened on the Town of Neversink truck, which is for sale.
Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers and Councilman Mike Dean will inspect the truck.

Discussion opened on the public hearing date for the Zoning Law and Sub Division Regulations as well as Highway Standards. The firehouse is booked thru November. Councilman Dave Brooks will speak with check if the church hall is available.

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk