

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,  
Held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers and  
Code Enforcement Officer Karl Von Hassel

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda,  
resolutions, proposed building fee schedule for 2012 and a copy of the  
shared highway service agreement proposed by the Town of  
Neversink.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest: Michael Raphael from Project Hope, a FEMA program based in  
Ulster County, part of the Ulster County Mental Health Dept. Project  
Hope will be available for aid until November. Also looking at physical  
needs. The group is also affiliated with Social Services. This is a free  
service. Stream mitigation work with volunteers not with funds.  
Supervisor Bruning informs all present of a meeting last week with  
FEMA, SEMO, NRCS and the Army Corp. He thanks Project Hope for  
coming and giving their presentation.

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: None

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Equipment repair report given.
- Pothole work done on Peekamoose Road, Ulster County out  
of Sundown helped with the cold patch.
- Whitehouse, Denning and Red Hill Roads cold patched.
- DEC, Army Corp., FEMA, SEMO, NRCS have inspected 5  
site on Denning Road and 2 in Sundown.
- 2 sites on Denning Road, initially rejected have been  
approved.
- Inspected the areas located behind the Connors,  
Pecoraro's and Hnatiw and none of them want to get  
involved.
- Erosion meeting to be scheduled for Clair Road, bid work  
necessary.
- Councilman Dave Brooks inquires if the DEP was there?
- Superintendent Van Sadlers responds no.
- Supervisor Bruning comments they called and he told  
them that the NRCS setup the meeting. Further informing  
those present of the possibility of the DEP covering the  
12.5 % FEMA required Town share of the cost for  
Peekamoose Road that went over budget for a total cost of  
\$843,000.00. THE DEP may also help on projects on  
Denning Road that the other group may not do.
- Supervisor Bruning informs all present that the NRCS is  
the only group that can spend money on private property.

Code Enforcement Report by COE Karl Von Hassel

- He requests changes to the fee schedule and gives an explanation during the annual review.

Motion to adopt and approve as submitted by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith.

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.

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

Planning Board Report – Councilman Mike Dean

- Jerry Huncosky of Frost Valley came for a review of the rebuilding of Pigeon Brook Lodge.
- Woman from Red Hill coming in for a proposed sub division.

Resolution No. 24 of 2012

**WHEREAS** New York State Highway Law section 285-a and section 141 authorizes the Town Board to transfer surplus monies, appropriations and unexpended balances, and

**WHEREAS** adjustments must be made to the 2011 Highway Fund Budget, the Town of Denning Town Board,

**HEREBY** authorizes the Town Supervisor to make the following changes to the 2011 Town of Denning Highway Budget.

Decrease the budgeted amount for Account DA9060.8 – Health Insurance from \$45,000.00 to \$38,000.00

Increase Account DA9999 Appropriated Fund Balance by \$14,000.00 from \$317,000.00 to \$331,000.00.

Increase the budgeted amount for Account DA5110.4 – Maintenance of Streets-Contractual by \$15,000.00 from \$385,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

Increase the budgeted amount for Account DA5142.4 Snow Removal-Contractual by \$6,000.00 from \$114,000.00 to \$120,000.00.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dave 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 No. 25 of 2012

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

**WHEREAS** adjustments must be made to the 2011 General Fund Budget, the Town of Denning Town Board

**HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to make the following changes to the 2011 Town of Denning General Fund Budget.

Decrease the budgeted amount for the following accounts:

A1910.4-Unallocated Insurance from \$24,000.00 to \$19,000.00

A9060.8-Health Insurance from \$75,000.00 to \$72,000.00

A1990.4-Contingency Account from \$5800.00 to \$800.00

Increase the budgeted amounts for the following accounts:

A1220.4-Town Supervisor-Contractual from \$1,000.00 to \$1,125.00

A1460.4 Records Management –Contractual from \$1900.00 to \$2150.00

A1620.4 Buildings Contractual from \$28,464.33 to \$28,564.33

A1650.4 Central Communications System Contractual from \$1500.00 to \$1720.00

A6140.4 Social Services Home Relief from \$5,000.00 to \$5,500.00

A6140.4 Planning Contractual from \$5,000.00 to \$10,310.00

A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage Contractual from \$28,000.00 to \$30,500.00

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

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.

NYMIR annual review opened by Supervisor Bruning. The Town Board reviews the policy as submitted by Mike Pries Insurance. Supervisor Bruning informs the Board of the final ¼ payment returning the initial buying. The Town has added equipment and the premium has decreased from \$18,374.00 in 2003 to \$15,896.00 for 2012.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ Supervisor Bruning inform the Board of the proposed shared service agreement by the Town of Neversink in their packets and asks them to review for the next weeks business meeting.
- ❖ The meeting originally scheduled with Supervisor McCarthy of the Town of Neversink, the Grahamsville Fire Chief, Superintendent Palmer Tri-Valley School and himself to discuss the designation of the school as a designated Red Cross shelter site has been postponed.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning has delivered to Sundown Camp & Bait the CWC funds check intended to aid small businesses in recovering from the flood.
- ❖ Informs Councilman Dave Brooks and Councilman Kevin Smith of a package which has been received from Planner Dave Gilmour.
- ❖ He remarks that Peekamoose Road is a tough spot with all of the weather freeze and thawing currently happening, will be paved in the spring.
- ❖ Received the last payment from FEMA for the spring storms.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Dave Brooks informs the Board that he has asked Dave Tobias of the NYCDEP for a current map and SBL listing. This list would be helpful to the planning board too.
- Councilman Kevin Smith informs the Board that he is playing phone tag with Sgt. Polonco for the final 2011 NIMS wrap up. The Town is in full compliance.

Public comments:

- Resident Peter Donnolo reads a short statement regarding the non re-appointment of Mr. Ed Mues the former Refuse and Recycling Manager and the mailed submission of a petition in support of.  
Mr. Troy Hill, Mr. Edwin Sanchez, Mr. Cliff Faintyck, Mr. Alden Thayer, Mr. Rick Pereira, Mr. Steve Ellis, Mrs. Grace Rivera, Mrs. Gladys Van Wagner and Mr. Scott Paul all speak in support of Mr. Mues and questions the Town Boards action.
- A long, lengthy, broad discussion follows.
- Mr. Donnolo requests a response from Supervisor Bruning and the Board with in a few days or a week.
- Supervisor Bruning informs him that if the Board meets it becomes a public meeting; he will speak with each member individually and have a response at the meeting next week.
- No vote or other action is taken by the Board.

Motion to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. by Councilman Dave Brooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, February 14, 2012 at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

The Town Clerk presented the Board with Resolution No. 26 of 2012.

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 # 2a, voucher# 17 + 18)  
Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Kevin  
Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a  
4 to 0 vote.

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 2, voucher# 7-31)  
Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Kevin  
Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a  
4 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 2, voucher # 12-42)  
Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Kevin  
Smith, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion  
carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Resolution No. 26 of 2012

**WHEREAS** New York State Highway Law section 285-a authorizes the Town  
Board to transfer surplus monies, appropriations and unexpended balances, and

**WHEREAS** additional charges have been received for highway work conducted  
in 2011, and

**WHEREAS** Account DA5110.4-Maintenance of Streets does not have funds  
available in the 2011 budgeted amount to cover the additional charges, the Town  
of Denning Town Board

**HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to increase the budget for Account DA9999  
Appropriated Fund Balance by \$15,000.00 to \$332,000.00 and increase the  
budget amount for Account DA5110.4 Maintenance of Streets Contractual  
Expense by \$15,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

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

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 Bruning informs the Town Board of a visit by the NRCS and  
EWP to the property of Nancy Watson. Karen Rauter has called Mrs.  
Watson and informed her that it looks like they will pick it up as a

project.

Further stating that he has called everyone he can think of for Linda Mathe's bridge and has not been able to find anyone who can assist her.

He also informs the Board of the award notification received Court Clerk Linda Bruning for a grant which she applied for to pay for the blinds which had to be replaced after the flood in the old school house conference room.

Councilman Mike Dean opens a discussion on the proposed shared service agreement with Town of Neversink.

Discussion follows; Supervisor Bruning is authorized to sign however the Board and Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers would like to see an open end or longer time frame.

Discussion opened on the Peekamoose Road project write up by FEMA.

Discussion opened on pending litigation.

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. by Councilman Dave Brooks, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk