

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting (special)

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, **February 21, 2012**, at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bill Bruning

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Bruning explained to the public that the special meeting was called to order to discuss pending litigation. Supervisor Bruning asked the public if they had anything they would like to discuss. There was no response from the public. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation by Councilman Mike Dean, seconded by Councilman Kevin Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman David Brooks AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Supervisor Bill Bruning AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote. The Supervisor and Councilmen entered executive session pending litigation at 7:05 pm.

Motion to adjourn executive session at 8:04 pm. by Councilman Mike Dean, seconded by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor. Vote carried 4 to 0. With no action taken by the Town Board.

Motion to re-open special meeting at 8:04 pm. by Councilman David Brooks seconded by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

The Supervisor asked the public if they had any comments.

Public comments:

- ✦ Mr. James Hlinican expressed his concerns of pending litigation against the Town and whether the Town's insurance would pay for pending litigation. Supervisor Bruning responded that yes, the Town's insurance would cover the cost.
- ✦ Mrs. Grace Rivera inquired on the status of the removal of the temporary bridge on Denning Road. Supervisor Bruning responded that the removal of the temporary bridge had been scheduled and rescheduled five times since 2006. It is presently scheduled for 2013. He went on to state that he has written numerous letters and talked personally with the Ulster County Executive Mike Hein at four consecutive Supervisor meetings. He also contacted Senator John Bonacic's office and received a response stating that it was always scheduled for 2013. He sent their office documentation

to prove otherwise. He has also spoke to the Ulster County Planning Manager, Ulster County Senior Engineer Edward Pine, and Ulster County Commissioner David Sheeley. Councilman Kevin Smith added that there have been set backs due to bridges being washed out by the recent hurricane. The Supervisor continued to state that when contacting the different government agencies, they inquire as to the safety of the temporary bridge. His response to them is, that although unsightly it is structurally sound. When the old bridge was deemed unsafe the next course of action was to close the road, but the Supervisor urged them not to as this would have been a hardship for the residents; so they built the temporary bridge. The Supervisor stated at that point he was grateful to have the temporary bridge rather than closing the road. The Supervisor stated that they are giving him an estimate of 2.1 million dollars to replace the bridge, but with the economy there may be more setbacks. The reason for the high cost is because, there is Federal funding involved, and that requires a contract. He also explained that it was held up a year because the old bridge is consider historical, and is one of thirteen of its kind unaltered in New York State.

- ✦ Mr. Paul Beck thanked the Board members for their dedication and service to the Town. He went on to state that there are many people in the Town that appreciate their service, and that he knows that none of them are doing it for the money, but are doing it for the civil service.

The Supervisor thanked the public for coming. Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman David Brooks. All in favor. Vote carried 4 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Tammy Beck
Deputy Town Clerk