

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,  
Held on Tuesday, May 7th, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the commencement  
of the meeting.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda as  
well as correspondence to the Supervisor.

The Supervisor submitted the Budget vs. Actual thru April 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last month's minutes by Town Clerk Joy-Ann Monforte.

Motion to adopt and approve as read by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Councilman Dave Brooks. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence –Supervisor Bruning

- The monthly donation from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount  
of \$8,500.00 has been received and is gratefully acknowledged.
- Supervisor Bruning informs the Board of the increase in CHIPS  
funding further explaining that since the Town did not do any  
CHIPS work last year and amount awarded for last year was  
\$102,062, increased this year to \$131,983 for a total of  
\$234,747 available for reimbursement, as this is a program  
where you must spend the funds - then you are reimbursed;  
they reimburse quarterly.
- A letter proposing that Ulster County take over the election  
process totally as the Town simply repay the county for costs  
and have no say in those cost which has doubled.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- The 2004 and 550 trucks are cleaned, repaired and undercoated  
and turned over for summer work.
- Close out paperwork for the Clair Road project is completed, any  
issues have been resolved.
- Crusher run put down on Brooks Hill Road.
- Recap tires put on the front of some of the trucks.
- The 08' International is back in the shop for warranty work with  
a computer problem.
- On the 02' truck the gears where replaced on the sander and the  
transfer case seal was replaced, then undercoated.
- Will continue sweeping in Sundown tomorrow.
- Has asked the county to cut brush on the banks and ledges on  
Peekamoose Road and we will sweep it in return.
- Have spoken with Dave Sheeley about the problems at the  
bottom of Road Hill Road, waiting to see the amount awarded by  
FEMA.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- The COE has submitted his quarterly report and is kept busy.
- The Whipple's have not applied for a demo permit and have until  
June 15 to have it all cleaned up or they will be back in court.

## Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- Supervisor Bruning reads the letter of recognition for an “outstanding job” and gratitude for his dedication to former Planning Board Chairman Carl Landon.
- New Chairman Sibiga had a 2-lot sub division on Red Hill Knolls, on his first night which he handled very well.
- Discussion opened on a possible fee schedule by Supervisor Bruning.
- The Town Clerk explains that the fees charged would be for a Special Permit, covering public hearing, advertisement and mailing costs. Further explaining that the current fees charged are for application of and approval of sub division lots.
- Discussion follows with Supervisor Bruning and Councilman Dean unsure if it is warranted.
- Councilman Brooks explains then the taxpayers would not pay for the cost of the Special Permit.
- Resident Greg Vurckio comments that the Board should keep in mind that people who request a Special Permit have the money to and are going to make money from the process.

## Supervisor Comments:

- Informs the Board that the Town has received \$7,090.26 for engineering fees for the Clair Road project, which will be turned over the DEP as they paid for the engineering a costing \$47,000.00.
- Has a meeting tomorrow at 1 pm with Mark Vain of the DEP and Karen Rauter of Soil and Water to discuss the proposed culvert replacement project by the firehouse.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers comments that the project could cost between \$40 to \$50,000.00 when you include guardrails, culvert and paving.
- Supervisor Bruning inform all present that there has been no word from Brenda Park in regards to Broadband. Further commenting that he does not know who and why a map was put up on Connect NY.
- He has spoken with Bob Sudlow, the Ulster County Deputy in regards to Bridge 100 and has been informed they are still in the process of purchasing property as the sidewalk is 1 1/2 feet on Peter Martins property and the County will not start any work until it is purchased.
- Have been trying to get in touch with FEMA as well as Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers to see where our reimbursement for Peekamoose Road is.
- Have reviewed the proposed unsafe building law submitted by COE Von Hassel and it is the same law which was submitted last year that the Board didn't like.
- Councilman Mike Dean concurs.
- Still don't know where the \$25,000.00 grant for the remaining money is for the Clair Road project, it is tied up in the Empire State Development Corp., because the Town did not solicit a female or minority bidder.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers remarks he believes the Town went out to bid prior to the award of the grant.
- Supervisor Bruning will bring the issue up at tomorrow's meeting with Mr. Vain and Mrs. Rauter.
- Supervisor Bruning asks Councilman Dave Brooks what is going on with the proposed new zoning law.
- Councilman Brooks explains that he and Carl Landon have met with Ben Snyder of the Frost Valley YMCA and Ben is doing the

updated zoning map. When it is completed the Advisory Committee will hold another meeting before submitting everything to the Town Board. Reminding the Town Board a public hearing must be held.

- Supervisor Bruning remarks that COE Karl Von Hassel is not happy that all of the changes he requested have not been put in the proposed law.
- Councilman Dave Brooks states the Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed all of his points and if they are not in the law the Committee decided against putting them in.
- Supervisor Bruning informs the Board of his meeting with Joyce Polacco who was the Town's agent for Ulster Insurance; she has moved to RSS Agency and would like the Town to follow her.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks that while he did not have a problem with her, on the other hand, he did not have a problem with Ulster Insurance.
- After a brief discussion the Board will remain with Ulster Insurance and ask Ms. Polacco to submit a proposal in November along with everyone else.

#### Board Comments:

- Councilman Mike Dean informs the Board that as liaison to the Town Clerk Office in regards to Records Management; he has reviewed the file storage room where records are off the bottom shelf in case of flooding and that the records are up to MU1 Retention Practices. However he noticed it was dark in the corners of the file room and would like to suggest installation on another light fixture and the moving of the current fixture so that each would be located in an aisle.
- Councilman Dean also informs those present of a pharmacist in Ellenville Hospital who will review our medications with you if you take 4 or more prescriptions; to make sure they are taken properly, his extension is 229.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks if Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers if anymore has been heard about the situation on the Denning Road side of the New Hill Road Bridge?
- Superintendent Van Sadlers responds that he has spoken with Tom Grocholl of the Frost Valley YMCA to get permission to cut approximately 12 trees and would need to obtain a stream permit.
- Councilman Brooks opens a discussion on the Best Value Law calling it another tool the Town could use when awarding bids to get the best deal for the Town and not automatically going to the lowest bidder.
- Councilman Mike Dean comments he has gotten information about a company that will go out to bid for you, the Y used it and saved a lot of money on their floor.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks that his personal belief is that he would rather deal with local companies.
- Councilman Kevin Smith remarks the Town is up to date regarding NIMS.

#### Public Comments:

- Resident Lillian Scoles inquires as to what happened with cell phone service?

- Supervisor Bruning gives her the history of Homeland Towers inability to find a carrier after deciding where to place the towers to give Denning and Neversink coverage. The tower on Thunder Hill is supposed to go on line with ATT in June.
- Resident Greg Vurckio remarks that the generator building has been installed. Further commenting that many residents didn't want cell towers here but after 8 days without phones they have reconsidered.
- Discussion follows.
- Ms. Scoles asks the Town Board to revisit the issue.
- Resident Lillian Scoles informs the Board of a discussion with Superintendent Van Saders regarding water flowing from the road around her foundation. Superintendent Van Saders stated he had told her he would be there in May and will be there in the next few weeks.
- Ms. Scoles believes the problem is due to the rock ledge, stating I know you said May and I wanted to check also asking if sweeping has started as it is dangerous to ride a motorcycle.
- Superintendent Van Saders replies sweeping has been done once on the hill, the sweeper is in Sundown and it will be back will be back on the hill after Sundown is swept.
- Resident Russ Betters informs the Board that NYC and Time Warner Cable have resolved their differences and the cable will be run to the powerhouse on 55A.
- Resident Lillian Scoles asks who is the DCO? Supervisor Bruning responds Archie Ackerley; he does a good job and takes his position very seriously.
- Resident Russ Betters has had problems with Central Hudson, trees on the line. Also asks if one of Karen Rauter helpers could remove the tires from the island in the stream behind Jim Connors, stating he would do it but it is private property.
- Resident Nancy George comments on the cell phone issue stating that it is a serious problem with children safety; school buses and a lost or abducted child there is a long time delay.
- As per Ms. Scoles request Supervisor Bruning explains split of payment split for the Clair Road project.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor.  
 Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy-Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

May 8th, 2013

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 14th, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall