

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, May 14th, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

The Minute Book was signed prior to the opening of the meeting. The Town Clerk presented to the Board a copy of the agenda and correspondence to the Supervisor.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker and David Brooks

Absent: Councilman Kevin Smith

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Bruning reads Planning Board member Jennie Snyder's resignation due to an upcoming move.

Highway Vouchers presented (see Warrant # 5, vouchers (#95-122))

- Councilman Mike Dean questions Highway Superintendent Van Saders on a voucher submitted asking if it should be a General Fund voucher?
- Highway Superintendent Van Saders responds no the general amount due has been submitted on a separate voucher this amount is the highway fund; they are just both listed on the bill.
- Supervisor Bruning explains to the Board that the check for voucher for \$7,590.26 is money to be returned to Sullivan Soil & Water.
- Supervisor Bruning questions the salt bill submitted.
- Highway Superintendent Van Saders responds that he had thought it was paid but after research found out the amount was owed.

Motion to approve and pay highway fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 3 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$

General Vouchers presented, (see Warrant # 5, vouchers (#116-148))

- Councilman Dave Brooks catches a numerical error on the bottom of a voucher for street lighting.

Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 3 to 0 Roll Call vote.

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Supervisor Bruning reads a letter to the Board, which he has written, granting COE Von Hassel permission to participate in the CEDAR Program (Emergency Responders).

- ✓ Brief discussion follows with Town Board approval, as long as it does not cost the Town money.

Discussion opened by Supervisor Bruning on the Planning Board vacancy. He informs the Board of a telephone call from Planning Board Chairman Joseph Sibiga requesting the reappointment of former member Carl Landon and he requested that he, Carl Landon, be appointed a secretary with a stipend of \$50.00 per month.

- Town Board discussion follows.
- Councilman Dave Brooks asks if Carl wants to come back.
- Supervisor Bruning responds he doesn't know. Further if the members are there anyway someone should take the minutes.
- Councilman Mike Dean- \$50.00 is too much.

- Councilman Brooks comments that whoever is Chair should take minutes and be paid, as he has remarked several times before.
- Supervisor Bruning; \$50.00 is too much money and that is what I told Joe on the phone.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker remarks it is a voluntary position; the Town pays for training and mileage. Further commenting that when he was Clerk Accession for his church, it was unpaid. We all have to do stuff and we don't charge too much, it is just community service.
- Supervisor Bruning comments that he was recording secretary for a volunteer fire department for years and was unpaid.
- Councilman Mike Dean remarks that at the last meeting there wasn't any business.
- Supervisor Bruning we paid Tammy \$30.00 and she had to come down here.
- Councilman Brooks asks so who ever takes the minutes will be paid \$30.00?
- Councilman Mike Dean remarks that the minutes are recorded.
- Supervisor Bruning \$30.00 and that's it, you don't want to know what he thinks of the whole situation and just what is going on.
- Councilman Mike Dean; we should look for someone who is willing to be on the planning board and take minutes. Let them go to Carl first but it should be advertised. If Carl wants it let him send a letter. It should be put in the Townsman.
- Supervisor Bruning agrees it should be posted. The Town Clerk is ordered by the Town Board to post the vacant position in the Tri Valley Townsman.

Councilman Dave Brooks opens a discussion on the "Best Value Law" stating it was in Town & Topics again and we should revisit the issue. Supervisor Bruning remarks I am going to give you stuff to read then I want a full report and recommendation because I think this is only for service contracts.

Councilman Brooks agrees to do the research.

Supervisor Bruning gives the Town Board copies of the proposed updated unsafe buildings law, stating that COE Von Hassel has removed the sections the Board was unhappy with and he (Supervisor Bruning) had given them (them Town Board) the wrong one. He asks for their comments at the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Bruning informs the Board that he has spoken with Brenda Parks of Time Warner Cable and she doesn't know from whom or where that map on Connect NY came from. We did get the grant and this grant will pay for 10 miles of cable and that nothing is definite yet. This grant was for personal cable only. The Y is considered a business.

Supervisor Bruning asked about Sundown if they get the cable to the powerhouse on Route 55A then Sundown would be next on the list.

Councilman Brooks asks about if a franchise agreement is needed? Supervisor Bruning responds yes and he has done all of the background work necessary, it is all taken care of. He will call Brenda Parks and see if somebody can come to Town and take a look at the routes as to get the best bang for the buck.

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 by Councilman Dave Brooks, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

Motion carried 3 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy-Ann Monforte, Town Clerk on
May 15th, 2013.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 4th, 2013 at the Sundown Church Hall.