

# Denning Town Board Meeting Agenda

June 11th, 2013



Pledge of Allegiance.

Call Regular Monthly Business Meeting to Order.

Order of Business:

- Audit and payment approval of June 2013 General and Highway Fund vouchers.
- Resolution No. 40 of 2013 Removal of Sheldon Silver

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meetings: Regular Monthly Meeting at the Denning Town Hall  
7:00 PM Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

Monthly Business Meeting at the Denning Town Hall  
7:00 PM Tuesday, July 9th, 2013

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Resolution No.40 of 2013  
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**WHEREAS**, In 2006 Sheldon Silver agreed to pay out \$500,000 to settle a lawsuit of a woman who was sexually assaulted by Sheldon Silver's Chief Counsel because Sheldon Silver chose not to properly investigate the allegations of sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, In August 2012 a group of former female staffers of Vito Lopez's accused the Democratic Assemblyman of sexually harassing them in various ways; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheldon Silver helped coordinate payments of over \$100,000, partially taxpayer money, in an effort to cover up looming accusations of sexual harassment against Vito Lopez in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, In December 2011 and January 2012 Sheldon Silver failed to refer allegations of sexual harassment to the authorized legislative committee, jeopardizing the safety of and respect for female employees; and

**WHEREAS**, The accusations and the findings of a *Joint Commission on Public Ethics* report prompted Lopez's fellow Democrats in the Assembly to call for him to step down -- but he didn't do so until May 20, 2013 after the rest of the Assembly threatened to expel him from their ranks; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheldon Silver's chose not to take prompt action to protect female staffers from sexual harassment, intimidation, inappropriate touching, and verbal abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheldon Silver's actions placed these women and all women staffers in the New York State Assembly in a dangerous work environment which was degrading to women; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheldon Silver's actions were aimed at covering up illegal activity, rather than bringing a sexual predator to justice and stopping the abuse of women;

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, That the Town of Denning demands Sheldon Silver immediately resign as Speaker of the New York State Assembly or be removed by vote or otherwise from this office as Speaker by the members of the Assembly.

Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to New York State Senator John Bonacic; New York State Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney and Assemblyman Michael P. Kearns, of the 142 District.

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

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, resulting as follows:

|                             | AYE | NAY | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Councilman Mike Dean        | X   |     |        |
| Councilman Paul Schoonmaker | X   |     |        |
| Councilman Kevin Smith      | X   |     |        |
| Councilman David Brooks     |     |     | X      |
| Supervisor Bruning          | X   |     |        |

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote with one absentee.

Dated: June 11th, 2013