

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, August 6th, 2013 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

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 and
correspondence to the Supervisor.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Amended by Highway Superintendent Van Saders; he requested the
aid of trucks from Ulster County DPW not money.**

Motion to adopt and approve as read and amended by Councilman
Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. 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.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Completed Whitehouse, Voss and Wild Cat Roads shim work, as
well as repaired Wild Cat damage from a previous storm.
- Paved the bottom of Taylor Road over the concrete culvert.
- Barns Road graded.
- Equipment report: The 02' has a problem with the universal, the
08' has a transfer case problem and the 04' has a thermostat
issue which the highway crew is repairing and Rob Totten has
found a broken wire which is also being repaired.
- One truck was sent to aid Ulster County when they where paving
Frost Valley Road.
- A Geo Textile Specialist is coming on Friday to inspect the New
Road Hill site and see if we can apply under slope protection.
- Culvert will be done in a week or 2, it looks like the work will be
done at the end of August or beginning of September. One lane
will be kept open for travel.
- Supervisor Bruning asks if the Peekamoose Road paving has
been scheduled yet.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders responds he is waiting
for Ulster County and the use of their new paver; it will be done
when they can schedule it and should take a week to complete.
- Councilman Dave Brooks asks if the highway crew is repairing
the issue with the thermostat?
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders responds yes, we are
trying to save some money.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- The Whipple `s dumpster is gone.

Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- Councilman Mike Dean reports that at the last meeting, Michael Bull of the end of Kawlija Road appeared before the Planning Board because he wanted to know if Jerry Huncosky of the Frost Valley YMCA has the right to permit logging trucks access on the private road (thru Mr. Huncosky property) to YMCA property, which he (Michael Bull) states he maintains and has deeded access to. Mr. Bull does not want logging trucks on the private road, having stating that his (Mr. Huncosky access is to his property only and not access to the YMCA property.)
- Supervisor Bruning remarks that it seems like their lawyers need to resolve the issue and not the Town.

Supervisor Comments:

- Informs the Board and residents that the retirement cost for next year will be \$77,568.00, so far, an email was received last week, which said the amount may decrease.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires as to the status of payment for FEMA projects?
- Supervisor Bruning responds we have not gotten payment for the Clair Road, Denning Road or Peekamoose Road projects.
- Resident Russ Betters inquires if the appointment on Friday will help matters?
- Supervisor Bruning responds no, everyone seems to have their own interpretations.
- Brief discussion follows;
- Supervisor Bruning informs the Board and residents that he and Councilman Mike Dean have met with Time Warner representative Brenda Parks and that she has written down all of the public comments and that he has given her a copy of the attorney's comments.
- Supervisor Bruning further comments that when he showed her the 911 maps she was very surprised by the population density. She has not gotten back to me yet but she appeared very positive.
- Supervisor Bruning informs all present that he has been contacting Ulster County in regards to the three million dollars awarded for flood remediation but has not received an answer yet, he will continue to investigate.
- Supervisor Bruning informs all present of the new flood plain maps; he has gotten a chart from Karen Rauter of Soil & Water that shows the percentage of people in Denning affected by the new plan and it is a very small portion.
- Supervisor Bruning will be contacting those people because flood insurance rates will go out of sight for those who do not grandfather in.
- Resident George Elias asks if they are intentionally raising rates to force people to leave?
- Supervisor Bruning responds that the amount spent on Hurricane Sandy was more than the amount available, they never saved, put any funds away. Flood insurance cost could rise to 3 or 4 thousand dollars on top of what you are paying now.
- Resident Paul Nasierowski says flood insurance is run by FEMA so if you have a FEMA claim you can't have a flood insurance claim.
- Open discussion follows on bond payment & FEMA payment.
- Supervisor Bruning states he will not renew the bond and that it will be paid off in October, stating that he thinks waiting for 2

years for payment from FEMA is outrageous. He further remarks that Dan told the FEMA adjuster last week that if you don't have the money, to just say so, and that he and Dan had spoken of going to Albany.

- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires as the status of the Wild Cat Road situation?
- Supervisor Bruning responds that there are now 3 lawyers involved and a trial in September.
- Supervisor Bruning asks if anyone knows why Claryville lost power last night?
- Response by Highway Superintendent Van Saders is wire down on Hunter Road, which started a small grass fire.
- Open discussion on the tree trimming being done by a contractor for Central Hudson.
- Resident George Elias remarks that he saw that the Neversink Fire House is posted as the emergency housing?
- Supervisor Bruning responds no, not housing, emergency shelter. Saying, I spoke with Russell and who told him the firehouse is fully stocked by the Red Cross.
- Resident Paul Nasierowski comments that 50 years ago the people who lived there did maintenance on the river and they did what needed to be done.

Board Comments:

- None

Public Comments:

- See Above

Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:49 pm by Councilman Dave Brooks, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean.
All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

August 7th, 2013

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall.

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

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

The Town Clerk presented to the Board a copy of the agenda and Resolution No. 42 of 2013.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

Pledge of Allegiance

Highway Vouchers presented (see Warrant # 8, voucher (#170-202)

- Supervisor Bruning asks Highway Superintendent Van Saders if CHIPS will cover fuel costs? Response no, brief discussion follows.

Motion to approve and pay highway fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call.

The warrant is in the amount of \$.

General Vouchers presented, (see Warrant # 8, voucher (#199-228)

- Supervisor Bruning makes a brief comment asking the Town Clerk about the book bought by her for the historian?
- Town Clerk Monforte responds it is titled The Catskills.
- Supervisor Bruning questions the Town Clerk about the voucher for the Planning Board in regards to the purchase of the "Short Course" training manual.
- The Town Clerk responds she did not have any up to date manuals to give out; the one she did have is from 2004.
- Supervisor Bruning asks Highway Superintendent Van Saders if the new signs have arrived?
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders responds no and as a result Voucher No. 208 is pulled until next month.
- Supervisor Bruning questions Voucher No. 209; \$30.00 per month for payment for minutes completed by Planning Board Chair Joseph Sibiga, stating they did not pay Carl (Carl Landon, former Member and Chair). Discussion by Board; the decision is made to not pay Planning Board member who does the minutes, as they have to be in attendance, payment will be made to a non-member secretary only.
- Supervisor Bruning questions the Ulster Insurance Voucher for an Administrative fee of \$3.00 per person per month. He will call to find out why the Town is being charged.

Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Dave Brooks, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$.

Motion carried following a unanimous 4 to 0 roll call vote.

Supervisor Bruning informs the Town Board of a letter of intent received from Ms. Heather Bowman, the new Director of Natural Resources and Environmental Science from the Frost Valley YMCA concerning filling the vacancy on the Planning Board. Brief discussion follows; with Councilman Dave Brooks asking Councilman Dean if he knows her? He, Councilman Dean responds, yes he does.

Supervisor Bruning reads Resolution No. 42 of 2013

WHEREAS New York State Town Law section 267 authorizes the Town Board to appoint members to the Planning Board, And

New York State Town Law § 64, Subdivision 5 confers specific authority on Town Boards to fill vacancies in Town Offices.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ms. Heather Bowman is **HEREBY** appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board for the remainder of term expiring 12-31-2018.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

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.

➤ Councilman Brooks asks if she will be doing the data also? Supervisor Bruning answers he doesn't think so as that is very specialized.

- Supervisor Bruning opens ask Councilman Brooks to call Brooks & Brooks Surveyors, saying didn't they say they could and would do the new zoning map for free? Councilman Brooks will call.

Supervisor Bruning reads the notification letter and Resolution No. 185 of 2013 from the Ulster County Legislature in regards to Safety Net payments and the break down. The cost for 2013 is \$1,969,346; 2014 is \$4,077,787, and the 2015 cost is \$6,693,170.

Ulster County will pick up the entire tab by 2015 and pay the full amount as long as the U.C. Sales & Compensation Tax does not fall below 4%.

- Discussion opened by Councilman Brooks and Supervisor Bruning on the amount to be paid by the Town and County, pertaining to an increase in County taxes.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker questions the roll of Assemblyman Kevin Cahill and UC Executive Hein in the whole process.
- Supervisor Bruning reviews the Safety Net split; the NYS share is 29% and the county portion.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31pm by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by

Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk 8- 14-2013.

Next meeting: September 3rd, 2013 at the Town Hall