

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, October 1st, 2013 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The minute book was signed prior to the opening of the Town Board meeting.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last month's minutes by Supervisor Bruning.

Motion to adopt and approve as read 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.
- The Supervisor reads an email from U.C. Legislator Richard Gerentine sent to Ulster County Supervisors regarding Safety Net and stating "there has been no formal Legislative guarantee for a full takeover of Safety Net."
- Supervisor Bruning comments that a few years ago he budgeted \$500 to \$600 for Safety Net and this year \$10,000 and this year the amount will be over that and that is only the Town's share; does not include the 29% NYS pays or the portion the County now pays.
- Councilman Brooks when the County takes it over the County tax could be higher.
- Supervisor Bruning responds years ago it didn't make any sense but now it would be a wash.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Thank you letter from the UCDPW for aid during the 2013 construction season.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers remarks he has sent a thank you letter on his and the Town Boards behalf for aid given by sending 6 trucks and the paver for the Peekamoose Road paving project.
- Also gives thanks to the Town of Wawarsing for 2 trucks sent and the 5 trucks from the Town of Neversink.
- The Town is trying a new tailed tack coat and chip seal.
- The concrete box culvert has been installed and paid for by the Rondout & Neversink Stream Management Program.
- The 2002 truck is down with a broken transfer case, which the highway crew is repairing.
- The 2008 truck is still at Arkel Motors and he has spoken with the representative who is investigating options.
- FEMA has sent a check for the New Road Hill problem but at \$17,000 it is underfunded; he is appealing the closeout.
- Brief discussion opened on the option to drive sheet steel in to protect the bridge, he is speaking with Ulster County.

- FEMA check for Peekamoose may come this month but he is unsure how and if the government shutdown will affect it.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks he wants to thank Dan and the highway crew for all of their work and efforts; they have gotten a lot done.
- Resident Russ Betters thanks Dan for the job done on Peekamoose Road.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- Trial about the Wild Cat Road situation, they will apply for a Special Permit the Planning Board.

Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- Kimball Parker sub division was partly approved; the acreage, which does not border YMCA property and is being sold to the NYCDEP.
- Sherrit Chase the windmill installer attended the ZBA workshop where he made a presentation and answered questions. The windmill is being installed on Mr. Hirsch's property and the public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at the Town Hall at 7 pm at which time any and all interested parties will be heard.
- Tom Matthews came and gave a Blue Hill Lodge progress report. Planning Board member Greg Vurckio stopped to check but is waiting for the list from Chair Joe Sibiga to confirm said progress.
- The Frost Valley YMCA submitted a logging application for \$50,000 board feet and 70 cords of firewood to be cut in the East Valley.
- The people from Wild Cat Road submitted a Special Permit for small engine repair and antique machinery restoration however they were referred to the ZBA as there is no provision in our current Zoning Law which permits it.
- The application for a windmill was also referred to the ZBA for the same reason.

Order of Business:

- Supervisor Bruning informs the Town Board of 2 vouchers which need approval prior to the Business Meeting next week:
 - 1) A voucher from Court Clerk Tammy Beck in the amount of \$225.00 for prior approval regarding her attendance at the NYS Court Clerks Conference and Training next week. The Town Board Unanimously approves to pay the General Fund voucher.
 - 2) A voucher submitted in the amount of \$763,088.54 to pay the BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) for Peekamoose Road, which is held by Catskill Hudson Bank. Supervisor Bruning remarks the Town has paid \$26,088 in interest to date and he didn't want to pay more.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Bruning informs the Town Board and residents of the Risk Assessment Audit which was done and is used to determine if a full audit is required. He thanks Town Clerk Joy Monforte for her efforts during the audit.
- The culvert job is done; the check should come in the middle of the month for \$58,000 from the Rondout & Neversink Stream Management Program.

- Ulster County has widened the road at the Round Pond Outlet and plans to put in sheet steel and pour concrete at a later date.
- Supervisor Bruning ask Russ Betters if he has a contact number yet for Brenda Parks replacement. Mr. Betters responds not yet however his name is Charlie White and the office is in Albany.
- Supervisor Bruning submits the 2014 Tentative Budget to the Town Board and informs all present that the workshop will be next week following the business meeting.
- R&R Manager Scott Mickelson stopped him about a report to be submitted to the NYSDEC and a possible \$7,500 fine. The report is complete and will go out tomorrow.

Board Comments:

- ❖ Councilman Mike Dean asks the Highway Superintendent if he is aware of and knows anything about a program to get surplus equipment and the Town would only have to pay for shipping. Brief discussion follows. Superintendent Van Sadlers will check into the program.
- ❖ Councilman Dave Brooks has spoken with Art Snyder and Councilman Paul Schoonmaker does not need to attend the Hazardous Mitigation meeting on Thursday, he will attend only if Councilman Brooks cannot attend.
- ❖ Councilman Brooks also informs the Board that he has spoken with Jerry Huncosky of the YMCA and they have replaced the person who did the mapping, the zoning map will therefore be done shortly.
- ❖ Councilman Brooks also informs the Board and residents present that according to the original FAD (Filtration Avoidance Determination) the DEP is finishing project #17 and the Claryville Community Wastewater Treatment Plant is #21.

Public Comments:

- Resident George Elias comments on the new chip spreader.
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers responds that it is a rented chipper machine from Peckham and then it was rubber tire rolled.
- Supervisor Bruning comments the Town already had the stone.
- Resident George Elias informs those present of Denning Day held at the Time and the Valley Museum and the community room at the library. It was attend by more than 40 people. He thanks Superintendent Van Sadlers for the loan of the new Town of Denning sign.
- Resident Russ Betters comments that the signs look nice.
- Resident Greg Vurckio inquires about payment for the Clair Road project?
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers responds no, not yet and we owe that payment to NYC.
- Supervisor Bruning comments that there is enough in the highway fund to get thru the year and that \$240,000 is owed from FEMA.
- Councilman Dave Brooks inquires if we ever got an explanation for the 1 check.
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers responds it was a partial payment.
- Supervisor Bruning confirms that the Town never received a letter; nothing for Clair Road, payment was received for New Road Hill but not for Clair, Denning or Peekamoose Roads.

- Supervisor Bruning also informs those present he has made his every Monday call to the Whipple's about their property stating while it may be legal they should finish the job.
- Highway Superintendent Vans Sadlers informs Gladys Van Wagner that the highway crew will be coming along Peekamoose and dressing driveways. They also put material down in the church hall lot. Continuing that Ulster County may stripe the road this year.
- Resident George Elias asks about the ZBA workshop and the public hearing to be held, also that while it appears that Mr. Hirsch is making every effort so that it won't be seen locally what about other property owners? Will they be able to see it due to elevation? Further how do people know about the hearing?
- Supervisor Bruning confirms with the Town Clerk that it is on the website and posted. Town Clerk responds yes and in the Townsman. She further explains that due to our zoning law the hearing must be held 30 days after the workshop and the workshop was held at that time to allow for the legal time frame posting of the workshop legal notice.
- Brief discussion follows.

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.
Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall
Budget Workshop following the meeting.

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:44 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 general vouchers to the Supervisor.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Due to the lateness of the meeting the Budget Workshop is held first.

The General Fund Budget increase is \$3,600.00.

The Highway Fund Budget increase is \$ 21,000.

The increase is largely attributed to the increase in NYS Retirement for the highway dept.

- The 2014 budget is reviewed line by line.
- 2% increase in the personal services .1 budget line.
- No raise increase for Supervisor or Councilman.
- Elections estimate for next year is \$9,900 therefore the line was decreased.
- Records Management will be over budget; the line was increased by \$ 500.00.
- Safety Inspection; Contractual Expense .4 was increased by
- \$ 500.00 due to mileage driven for inspections.
- Highway Superintendents salary includes the Deputy Highway Supervisors stipend.
- Town Clerk salary includes the Deputy as well.
- Safety Net; will go over budget this year but after a call from U.C. Executive Hein's Office, Supervisor Bruning believes the County will pay for 2/3 of the cost, he is still budgeting \$10,000.
- Refuse and Garbage; we have had .22 more tonnage last year than the prior year. He has gotten these figures from the DEC report, which was submitted.
- NYS Retirement increase.
- Supervisor Bruning asks the Town Board to approve a raise for Town Clerk Monforte as to the extra hours being put in and thanks he for her efforts during the Risk Assessment Audit conducted by the NYS Comptrollers Office. The Town Board approves.
- The Auditor from the Controllers Office had informed the Supervisor that he was under budgeting the Revenue Sharing so he has increased that to \$55,000.
- Supervisor Bruning states that, as always the Sales and Mortgage tax estimate are his best estimate.
- Councilman Kevin Smith remarks good job as always.
- NYS Retirement for the highway is an increase of \$9,000.
- Workers Compensation has decreased from \$7,825 to \$7,240.
- Health insurance increase is \$5,500.
- Councilman Dave Brooks remarks great job.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires as to the replacement of highway equipment?
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers responds that we have an Equipment Reserve.

- Brief discussion on the cost of a new truck and problems associated with them vs. purchase of a used truck and the refurbishing of the loader.
- Supervisor Bruning states that there is not a lot of hours on the loader but is in need of some work due to salt on the roads.
- Supervisor Bruning states that after this year that amount will be \$130,000.
- Supervisor Bruning also informs the Board that the Town is still owed \$240,000.00 from FEMA.

Town Clerk Monforte requests Town Board approval to enter into contract with the NYS DEC to continue to sell DEC licenses next year. The DEC is requesting a new contract as the program will be new, next year and the program will need to be on Town owned computers. Motion to approve made by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks. Motion carried by a unanimous Roll Call 4 to 0 vote.

The Town Clerk also requests approval to upgrade the Time Warner Cable Internet package. She submits 2 proposals: 1 for \$79.99 for 10 by 1 or a \$119.99 package for a 15 by 2 package. Brief discussion follows. The Town Board authorizes an increase to the 10 by 1 for the Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn the 2014 Budget Workshop at 8:14 PM by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Highway Vouchers presented (see Warrant # 10, vouchers (#231-261) Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders informs the Town Board that the guiderails for the culvert project by the Claryville Fire Dept. qualifies for CHIPS reimbursement.

Supervisor Bruning states he and Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders have done the math and the CHIPS work has totaled \$1,029.65 under the allotted amount; which will roll over to next year. The Supervisor and Councilmen thank Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders and his crew for a lot of projects completed and the work, which was well done.

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 vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$.

General Vouchers presented, (see Warrant #10, vouchers (#255-280) 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 \$.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Bruning reads the letter informing the Town of the Risk Assessment Audit; it states that no further services are needed at this time.
- Supervisor Bruning also informs the Town Board of a Municipal Improvement grant application that he and Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders are working on from Senator John Bonacic. They will request funds for a new roof for the

- Town Barn and insulation for the lunchroom, Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders Office and Town Barn.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks for confirmation that the building is structurally sound?
 - Response from Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders, yes.
 - Supervisor Bruning comments that we will save a lot of fuel in heating costs.
 - Councilman Mike Dean requests that the cost of painting of the R & R Center is also added in, as the structure needs it.

Resolution No. 47 of 2013

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Justice Court has solicited the Town Board for support in the application of a grant from the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program,

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby supports the application of the Denning Justice Court to the New York State Justice Court Program for funding in the fiscal year of 2013.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith.

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.

Motion to adjourn at 8:58 PM by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk
October 9th, 2013.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 6th, 2013 at the Town Hall.