

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, October 7th, 2014 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Kevin Smith, Gregory Vurckio and
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker

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, a copy of the Tentative 2015 Budget and a copy of the proposed property lease contract with the YMCA, to store highway materials on their wood lot. A copy of a letter requesting plowing of the truck house from the CFD Commissioners was also included.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last month's minutes by Town Clerk Joy Monforte.
Motion to adopt and approve as read by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence – Supervisor Brooks

- The monthly donation from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$8,500.00 has been received and is gratefully acknowledged.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board that Ulster County Legislative Resolution No. 346 of 2014 setting Broadband Policy for Ulster County was approved by a 20 to 3 vote. He comments he hopes this will aid rural areas in getting broadband.
- Supervisor Brooks informs all present of a letter written to UCRRA by the Ulster County Association of Supervisors and Mayors requesting a \$2.00 increase in tipping fees instead of an increase across the board. UCRRA have submitted a copy of the proposed budget and he believes it is a 6-month budget. He wonders if they are working for the benefit of the Towns, which is what they were put in place to do.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Paving done on Sugarloaf Road.
- Chip sealed Sugarloaf Road last week and swept this week.
- Worked on Denning Road raising a flood prone area, used millings as topcoat.
- Used millings as topcoat for Coons and Taylor Roads.
- Main pump in the roller has broken; will revisit next year.
- Steve's truck is back in the shop under warranty. Transfer case is being worked on. Will try to get a hold of the rep from the company, as the truck has been out of service 3 months this year alone. The warranty expires at the end of the month.
- Dave's truck is down with either a spring issue or throw out bearing, TRUCK PRO is repairing it. The truck will probably need a clutch.
- Supervisor Brooks comments we are down to 1 truck then.
- Highway Superintendent Van Saders remarks yes, plus the 550.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders thanks Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly for all of his aid.

- Spray foam done on the highway facilities seems to be doing the job.
- Power washed the Town Hall.
- Supervisor Brooks thanks Highway Superintendent Van Saders saying the crew did a good job; it looks great, nice and clean.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Brooks

- Spoke with COE Karl von Hassel, reviewing the proposed zoning law, he had some comments, some of which are good and will probably be included.
- Also spoke with him about the logging enforcement and he does not want to do it. Said he went round with Bill about it and told him the same thing.
- Supervisor Brooks states he will continue to do the job.

Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- Three logging notification where reviewed and fess paid.
- The J. Hirsch matter still not resolved.
- The Planning Board members received the proposed zoning law to review.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Councilman Dean to request written comments from the Planning Board.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ Opens a discussion on the 2015 Budget:
- ❖ Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders, Councilmen Dean and Schoonmaker worked together to come up with some budget saving ideas. One of which was leasing land from the YMCA to be used to store highway material. The Y offered a ten-year lease but Supervisor Brooks responded that he wanted a twenty-year lease it has been agreed upon for one dollar a year.
- ❖ He requests that the Town Board waive the Logging Notification fee as they are clearing some trees for the Town's use and will use it as firewood, less than half of the three acres has been cleared. Supervisor Brooks informs the Board that according to our Zoning Law the facility is a permitted use.
- ❖ Councilman Mike Dean remarks that a logging notification is not required.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks states he would prefer to have it.
- ❖ Councilman Gregory Vurckio makes a motion to waive the fee 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor, motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks informed the Town Board of 2 calls from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Godici complaining about the project. He has agreed to meet Mr. Godici along with Councilman Dean on Sunday.
- ❖ Frost Valley YMCA Director Huncosky also received calls and referred them to Supervisor Brooks. He did reiterate his commitment to aiding and working with the Town.
- ❖ Mrs. Godici does not want anything by her property claiming the Town was making it a commercial site.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks remarks he had thought this was a money saving idea for the taxpayers. He informs those present a buffer has been left on the front and sides of the property. Commenting if she wants more the Town will try and accommodate her.
- ❖ This is a permitted use according to the Town of Denning Zoning Law.
- ❖ Bob Strickland also called – he is unhappy.

- ❖ Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders, Councilmen Dean and Schoonmaker had also thought of naming Wild Meadow has a seasonal non-winter maintained road, as it takes an hour to plow. Supervisor Brooks spoke with the Association of Towns who informed him it was better to leave it alone.
- ❖ The Claryville Fire District Commissioners has sent a letter wanting the Town plow the outer area of the truck house lot. (See Addendum to the minute book.)
- ❖ Discussion follows.
- ❖ Highway Superintendent Van Saders states he does not want to get involved, the Town highway has weekends and holiday's off- he does not want to be responsible for the parking lot. He states they will plow the outer area in an emergency and they sand it when requested especially before a pancake breakfast but after last winter and the Facebook issue he wants to stay away from it.
- ❖ The Town Board will support Highway Superintendent Van Saders. Supervisor Brooks will call and inform the Commissioners of the decision.
- ❖ Informs the Board the A133 Audit has been completed and filed.
- ❖ The Town Board 2015 Budget workshop is scheduled for next weeks meeting. He explains there is a 2% increase due to a 14% increase in health insurance cost.
- ❖ He requests a motion to hold the 2015 Budget Public Hearing on November 12, 2015. Motion made by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board that the plan for Bridge 100 has been revised as per the NYSDoT request and returned to them for review. UCDPW is waiting for get approval and then will go out for bid.
- ❖ The Garden Committee has submitted a proposal for an open call for artist's projects to be showcased in the garden next to Town Hall. Town Board reviews the written request and agrees.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks has spoken with spokesman Steve Ellis and said the plan is what they discussed and that the garden is well maintained, he does not see an issue with the project.
- ❖ Brief discussion on a liability waiver, Supervisor Brooks will follow up.
- ❖ Councilman Mike Dean agrees the garden is well maintained.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks informs those present that the CWC has granted the Town \$3,500 in funds to cover the cost of engineering the paving of the Town Hall lot.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks reports the Town has been awarded a \$50,000.00 grant from Senator Bonacic and he thanks Highway Superintendent Van Saders, Councilmen Dean and Schoonmaker of their efforts. He expresses his gratitude to Senator John Bonacic for his contributions to the betterment of the Town of Denning.

Councilman Comments:

- Councilman Kevin Smith informs the Board that the NIMS IS 200 class will be held on Saturday, November 1st, it is an all day class, starting at 8: 30 am, the Town will provide a working lunch.
- Councilman Gregory Vurckio informs those present he has read that Ulster County Executive Mike Hein has included a 3-year phase in of the HAVA elections cost into his 2015 proposed budget.

Resident Comments:

- Grace Rivera inquires about the Ed Mues lawsuit saying she heard Ed won and wanting to know what it would do to the cost of the Town insurance?
- Supervisor Brooks responds it was settled between both parties, no one won and no one lost. The cost of the Town insurance did not go up this year.

Supervisor Brooks asks for any further business, there is none.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk 10-08-2014

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 14th, 2014
at the Denning Town Hall. 2015 Budget Workshop to follow.

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, October 14th, 2014 at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.

The Minute book is signed prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Kevin Smith, Gregory Vurckio, and Paul Schoonmaker and Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers.

The Town Clerk presents to the Board a copy of the agenda, a proposed R&R fee schedule for C&D.

The Supervisor submits the Budget vs. Actual thru September 2014.

Pledge

Pre-Paid Highway Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers. (see Warrant # 9PP, voucher #28-32)

Sullivan County Paving DA5112.2 \$135,781.30

Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$835.04, \$838.06, 832.07

Healthcare DA9060.8 \$5,000.00

Motion to approve and pay pre-paid highway fund vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$.

Highway Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers. (see Warrant # 9 voucher #158-168)

CDPHP DA9060.8 \$ 3683.97

Callanan Industries Inc. DA5110.4 \$1711.21 \$1715.81

GH Berlin Windward DA5130.4 \$737.76

Heritagenergy DA5110.4 \$2098.68

HO Penn Machinery Inc. DA5130.4 \$237.02

Kimball Midwest DA5130.4 \$138.50

Liberty Home & Garden DA5110.4 \$ 161.99

M & M Auto Group DA5130.4 \$418.34

Superior DA5130.4 \$22.14

Truck Pro DA5130.4 \$210.00

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires about the clutch in Dave's truck? Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers responds it has never been replaced.

Supervisor Brooks inquires if the highway is still using the additive in the trucks, yes responds Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers, it seems to be working ok.

Motion to approve and pay highway fund vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor.

Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$.

Pre-Paid General Vouchers presented by Supervisor David Brooks. (See Warrant #9PP, voucher #73-82)

Central Hudson A1620.4 \$176.29 A5132.4 \$195.45

Cornerstone Tel. A1110.4 \$49.94 A1620.4 \$93.33 A5132.4 \$80.14

Healthcare A9060.8 \$5,000.00

MVP Healthcare A9060.8 \$546.20

Time Warner Cable A1670.4 \$64.98 \$64.98

Trust & Agency Acct. A9030.8 \$148.87 \$279.97 \$692.28 \$148.87

Motion to approve and pay pre-paid general fund vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote. The warrant is in the amount of \$.

General Vouchers presented by Supervisor David Brooks.
(See Warrant #9, voucher #209-227)

Tammy Beck (Reimbursement) A1110.4 \$25.71
Casings A8160.4 \$1500.00
Central Hudson A5180.4 \$103.57
CDPHP A9060.8 \$3286.34
Cornerstone A110.4 \$48.50 A1620.4 \$92.13 A5132.4 \$79.90
Country Flowers A1620.4 \$101.82
Heritagenergy A5132.4 \$226.77
Home Depot Credit Services A5132.4 \$547.28
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$325.00
Teri Lockhart A1320.4 \$1012.50
Donald R. Magill A1110.4 \$38.00
Joy Monforte (Reimbursement) A1410.4 \$98.78
Joy Monforte Town Clerk Petty Cash Reimbursement A1410.4 \$16.28
Office of the State Comptroller A1110.4 \$390.00
Postmaster A1110.4 \$58.00
Quill A1620.4 \$435.51
UCRRA A8160.4 \$3130.73
UCD of Social Services A6140.4 \$ 670.25
Ye Olde Tri Valley Townsman A1410.4 \$ 12.00

Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote. The warrant is in the amount of \$.

Supervisor Brooks opens the 2015 budget Workshop at 7:40 pm. Discussion is opened on the boot allotment. The Town Board decides this will be the last year for boots in a cost saving effort.

Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board the budget is 2%. Health insurance increased 14 % or \$8,470.00 and the benefits by \$3,334.00 on the highway side of the budget alone. The rollover has been decreased to \$30,000.00 and Machinery Equipment.2 increased by \$10,000.00.

Discussion opened on health insurance, Supervisor Brooks sates this in unsustainable. The cost has increased by 9% or more each of the last 5 or so years. Supervisor Brooks requests Councilmen Gregory Vurckio and Kevin Smith review and come up with some solutions, stating current employees would be grandfathered in. Saying next year will bring about changes to the health insurance. Perhaps new hires would have to pay a portion or their spouse pay half. The 100% coverage now paid may have to be lowered. He states that councilman will probably not be offered insurance but he would increase the salary. He also remarks that the salary of the Supervisor should increase, as it is a large amount of work. He would like something in place for the Organizational Meeting to be adopted at that time. Further stating everything must be considered.

Discussion opened on not hiring full timers to replace any retirees.

Highway Superintendent Van Sadars comments it may be time to revisit the Employee Handbook, amendments could always be made.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on C&D and asks the Councilmen to review the proposed fee schedule in their packets. Discussion follows: checks only to be accepted as a control measure. The Town Board adopts the proposed fees; the Town Clerk to make copies for the R&R Site Manager to distribute prior to the 1st of January. Dump trailers L 8'10" x48" H x 62"W would not be accepted.

Supervisor Brooks gives the Town Board copies of the proposed 2015 UCRRA budget, which appears to be a 6-month budget. He states they were put in place to aid the Towns. Discussion follows.

Discussion opened on the 2008 truck warranty, which expires at the end of the month. Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders spoke with the representative and he stated they would not extend the warranty however work now being done will be warrantied for 1 year. Supervisor Brooks remarks our newest truck is our biggest headache. The Town has been extremely patient.

Discussion opened on the Salt Barn construction, emergency repairs are needed. Councilman Mike Dean suggests Red Hill Services examines the issues and submit a repair cost estimate, as they will be doing other work on the highway barn.

Supervisor Brooks asks if everyone is happy with the proposed property lease contract with the YMCA? Unanimous response, yes. Motion to authorize Supervisor Brooks to sign the approved property lease contract with the YMCA by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Mike Dean, All in favor.
Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

Discussion opened on the work to be done on the site this year; the road will be put in and landing site to be cleared.

Councilman Smith reminds everyone of the NIMS class on November 1st. He has spoken with and invited the CFD. The Town Clerks asks for a head count for a working lunch.

Supervisor Brooks calls for any further comments or remarks.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried 5 to 0 votes.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk
October 15th, 2014

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO ELECTION DAY:
Next meeting: Wednesday November 5th, 2014 at the Town Hall.