

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks,  
Held on Tuesday, April 7th, 2015 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith  
and Greg Vurckio

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 and Resolution No. 31 of 2015.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion to adopt and approve as read by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Brooks

- Supervisor Brooks thanks YMCA Director Jerry Huncosky for the monthly donation in the amount of \$8,500.00.
- For the first time mail has and will be delivered to Red Hill Road and roads off of it, Mr. Archie Ackerley, Jr. is the 1<sup>st</sup> recipient.
- A letter from Delaware Liquor License Services requesting approval for a 30-day waiver for the liquor license for the Blue Hill Lodge Event Center. Supervisor Brooks call for comments; there is none and the waiver is unanimously approved.
- A letter informing the Board of the availability for insurance coverage from AFLAC.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader

- Registered with NYS OGS for salt for next season, bid must use between 70 to 120 % of the amount submitted, submitted 850 tons. This is based on past usage from the several past years and if it is not enough we can always purchase from the Ulster County bid.
- Dave's truck is having a hose repaired, needs a front spring replaced.
- Steve's truck is at Stadium International for repair; the ECM is roughly \$2,500, the final bill is unknown.
- The 550 is also being repaired due to bad injectors, both manifolds are leaking, it has broken and missing bolts, an estimated \$3,700 to repair.
- The roller needs a main hydraulic pump and a vibrator pump. The repair costs could exceed \$10,000.
- The grader needs repair, the seal is leaking into the gearbox, repairs may cost between \$8 and \$10,00.00.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader remarks he has investigated the cost to rent a roller and it is \$4,200 a month.
- Supervisor Brooks ask how much the roller is used?
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader replies the roller is used on all dirt roads and when patching is done.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks how old the roller is? Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader responds it was bought in the late 90's.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader states we must do a diagnostic test to confirm all of the issues.

- Councilman Mike Dean requests confirmation that some of the injectors were repaired at Zanetti's last fall.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker says they should last longer.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader informs the Town Board that he spoke with Karen Rauter of the Sullivan County Soil and Water and Mark Vian; they reviewed the Saito bridge and the culvert on Erts Road. The Saito Bridge is under discussion with the Erts Road project a strong possibility for aid.
- New Road Hill has been approved by FEMA for \$46,000. Karen and Marks' group may be able to help.
- Mark would aid in dewatering which would save substantial funds, which could be used for a better scope of work.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks the Erts Road culvert should be larger. Brief discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks that in terms of the roller he is leaning toward Municipal Shared Services with another Town.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader comments the repair estimate from HO Penn was ridiculous, they want to sell us a new loader, instead of refurbishing the loader.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if anyone has anything they want to add or comments.

Code Enforcement – No Report; COE Von Hassel has been in training.

Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- Not enough members for a quorum.
- No new business before the Board.
- The members present reviewed the proposed zoning updates.

Resolution No. 31 of 2015

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board wishes to express its sorrow at the passing of Harold Van Aken; and

WHEREAS he and his family were farmers on Red Hill Knolls in the Town of Denning and will be forever missed. And

WHEREAS Harold served as Town of Denning Town Supervisor for 28 years from January 1, 1959 retiring on December 31, 1987. And as Supervisor, Harold served on the Ulster County Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board wishes to recognize Harold's life and contribution to the Town of Denning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denning Town Board HEREBY orders the Clerk of the Board to spread this resolution upon the official record of the Town and send a copy affixed with the Seal of the Town of Denning to his family.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
 Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Greg Vurckio AYE  
 Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- The Ulster County Legislature has put together a committee to come up with a contract for the UCRRA.

- The Town will have to start charging for mattresses and dressers due to an increase in costs.
- No packing of dumpsters is to be done or the Town will be removed from the program immediately.
- Attended the CWC Annual Meeting and brought copies of the 2014 Annual Report for review if anyone wants a pamphlet. The Town of Denning is on page 2 for the parking lot project.
- TWC should start running cable soon as Central Hudson is done with the poles. Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader remarks they starting laying cable today on Denning Road.
- The Town has partnered with the Town of Neversink in submitting a grant for the Governor's new broadband proposal, commenting he may also approach the NYCDEP. This could bring broadband to Sundown.
- The bids for Bridge 100 by the Town Hall were opened today he will call and ask what the result was and plan is.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker informs those present of a low income energy forum in May he is willing to attend, if the Board feels there would interest.
- Councilman Mike Dean inquires as to the closing of the septic tank at Town Hall. Brief discussion on the freezing problem and the issues with the tank at the highway barn; both tanks will be pumped.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> has been selected as the possible date for a kick off meeting for the Claryville Community Wastewater Plan, if the Claryville Fire House is available.
- Councilman Mike Dean asks if the collar ties at the salt barn have been repaired yet, Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader responds no, he wanted to wait until they were done going in and out getting material, should be done this month.
- COE Von Hassel has submitted a drawing of the repairs he wants done.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Councilman Smith about Zoning Committee. Councilman Smith wants to know about wind turbine changes. Supervisor Brooks remarks he wants to do this right and wrap this up, he requests Councilman Smith move forward.
- Councilman Gregory Vurckio inquires if the City has a program to pump out the tanks. Supervisor Brooks responds the CWC does if you are in the program.
- Brief discussion on the winter weather with 29 straight days below zero, plus wind chill, the wind has been blowing like crazy.

Councilman Comments: See Above.

Public comments:

- Resident Russ Betters ask what the County plows with on the other side? They use a pick up here. Brief discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks asks for any further comments? There is none. Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk, 4-8-2015.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, 2015 at the Denning Town Hall at 7 pm.

# Town of Denning – Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks,  
Held on Tuesday, April 14th, 2015 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

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

With Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, bid fact sheets and a proposed Local Law # 1 of 2015 for review from COE Von Hassel. The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The Supervisor presented the Budget vs. Actual thru March 2015, the update fee schedule and Flood Plain Permit proposed by the COE.

Highway Vouchers presented (see Warrant # 4PP, voucher (#11-14)  
CDPHP DA9060.8 \$4357.43

Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$1037.20, \$1110.30, \$925.26

Motion to approve and pay highway fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$ 7,430.19.

Highway Vouchers presented (see Warrant # 4, voucher (#49-79)

Advance Auto Parts DA5130.4 \$126.63

All American Ford of Kingston LLC. DA5130.4 \$825.69, \$1096.30

Arkel Motors Inc. DA5130.4 \$2054.42

Case Tire Service DA5142.4 \$1300.00

Bruce G. Donohue Trucking DA5142.4 \$5378.52 \$1797.86, \$818.92,  
\$4410.54, \$4542.01

Excel Auto Glass DA5130.4 \$406.58

Fleetpride DA5130.4 \$1031.41

Robert Green DA5130.4 \$36.89

Heritagenergy DA5142.4 \$2452.01

Kimball Midwest DA5130.4 \$212.86

Kingston Oil #64 moved to General Fund Warrant

All Gas Welding DA5130.4 192.00

H.O. Penn Machinery Company Inc. DA5130.4 \$

Liberty Trading Post Inc. DA5130.4 \$13.94

M&M Auto Parts DA5130.4 \$60.10

Mombaccus Excavating Inc. DA5142.4 \$2564.218, \$5540.30

Morton Salt DA5142.4 \$15573.35

HO Penn DA5130.4 \$334.86

Prestige Towing DA5130.4 \$525.00

Shakelton Auto & Truck DA5130.4 \$291.96

Strictly Ford DA5130.4 \$1699.70

Superior Building Supply DA5130.4 \$12.99

Truck Pro DA5130.4 \$125.00

Vantage Equipment DA5130.4 \$33.43

GH Berlin Windward DA5130.4 \$116.08

Zanetti's Service Center LLC. DA5130.4 \$423.03

Councilman Gregory Vurckio inquires as to the delivery status from Shakelton? Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers comments it is working well and the tax-exempt status has been corrected in their system.

Motion to approve and pay highway fund vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \$53,996.13.

General Vouchers presented, (see Warrant # 4PP, voucher (#22-31)  
Central Hudson A5132.4 \$386.84 A1620.4 \$309.69  
CDPHP A9060.8 \$3944.87  
Cornerstone A1110.4 \$46.99, A1620.4 \$82.47, A5132.4 \$84.43  
MVP Health Care, Inc. A9060.8 \$612.40  
TWC A1670.4 \$64.98, \$64.98  
Trust & Agency Account A9030.8 \$151.83, \$698.35, \$283.29, \$151.83  
Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.  
The warrant is in the amount of \$6,882.95.

General Vouchers presented, (see Warrant # 4, voucher (#50-66)  
Tammy Beck A1110.4 \$417.59 \$24.44  
Matthew Bender Co. A1110.4 \$180.17  
Central Hudson A5182.4 \$ 114.14  
Gnome Home Inc. A1410.4 \$10.00  
Heritagenergy A1620.4 \$ 678.29 A5132.4 \$860.71  
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$301.67  
Joy Monforte A1410.4 \$79.73  
Joy Monforte Petty Cash Reimbursement A 3620.4 \$23.75  
UCRRA A8160.4 \$1489.57  
TWC A1670.4 \$64.98  
UCRRA A8160.2 \$1489.57  
Dan Van Saders A5132.4 A23.80  
Williamson Law Book A1110.4 \$54.90 \$193.27  
Kingston Oil Supply Corp. A5132.4 \$431.53  
Grahamsville First Aid Squad A4540.4 \$2405.75  
Supervisor Brooks opens a brief discussion on the resolution before the Ulster County Legislature to remove Town's from the UCRRA.  
Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.  
The warrant is in the amount of \$7,354.29.

Supervisor Brooks requests the opening of the highway material bids.  
Bids received from: Callanan Industries, Deckelman LLC, Sheeley Oil & Excavating, Schaefer Enterprises, Mombaccus Excavating, Woodbourne Lawn & Garden (WLG), Ellenville Sand & Gravel, 209 Sand & Gravel, and Bruce Donohue Trucking.

Supervisor Brooks requests the Town Board review the -updated fee schedule submitted by the COE.  
Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

Supervisor Brooks requests the Town Board review the Food Plain Permit submitted by the COE.  
Motion to approve and adopt by Councilman Mike dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the Budget vs. Actual thru March 2015 vs. last year's expenditures stating that Dan is under budget and under last years spent amount by this same time last year. He comments that the budget adjustment done was sufficient.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the pressure washer, telling the Highway Superintendent to get a decent one, one that can handle the usage; there are funds in the equipment line.

Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers remarks we have repairs that are needed including Don's plow. Refurbishing the loader will cost \$11,000.00.

Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of a call he received from Andrew Emirch of Ulster County DPW informing him the bids received for Bridge 100 are high, a bid packet will be put together and submitted to the NYSDoT with a request for further funding by the end of the week.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the lack of and length of time it takes to get reimbursed for grants funding which the Town must spend first; still no payment for the Clair Road project, nor for the funds expended last year.

Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board that he and Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers have come up with an equipment purchase plan. Will sell the 550 and Dan's pick up - should get a good amount to help offset replacement cost. Will also piggyback on Town of Neversink's pickup purchase and will get the 550 from NYS bid. Will refurbish the loader and grader, the roller will have to wait until next year. Supervisor Brooks remarks that purchasing all of the equipment in a 4 to 5 year time frame, everything comes due, for replacement or major repair at the same time. Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers comments there is \$123,000.00 in the equipment line, he is told by Supervisor Brooks that not all of that is to be spent; he wants to stick with the original plan.

Discussion opened by Councilman Vurckio on the roller; if the same size is needed, a double roller is also discussed. Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers states the system is contaminated and the rear pumps need replacing the estimated cost for rebuilt pumps - without a warranty is \$10,000.00, a double roller is best but could be slightly smaller.

Councilman Vurckio opens a brief discussion on Steve' truck. Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers informs the Board that the computer module needed replacing and the electrical line for the speed sensor which would not allow it to go into 4 wheel drive, the cost is \$4,400. Supervisor Brooks was correct in his diagnosis of the problem. Brief discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks requests authorization to proceed with the plan stated above. The Town Board agrees and authorizes he and the Highway Superintendent to proceed.

Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers informs the Board of \$149,000 in CHIPS funding this year. He also informs the Board that the Erts Road culvert may be doable under a grant from Sullivan Soil and Water.

Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers tells the Board he will submit a 284 Agreement after the roads are swept and he has determined the condition of the roads. Further commenting he needs to order brooms for the sweeper, which opens a discussion on the way of and the speed, which the roads are swept.

Superintendent Van Sadlers is unsure of who will mow this year but states it can be done all summer.

Councilman Vurckio inquires if patching will start soon, as he has noticed several large holes. Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers replies yes just waiting for the thaw and the plants to start.

Motion to adjourn at 8:48 by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried 5 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk 4-15-2015.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 5th, 2015 at the Denning Town Hall.