

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks,  
Held on Tuesday, October 6th, 2015 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks

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

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, Resolutions No. 51 thru 54 of 2015, correspondence to the Supervisor and the 2016 Preliminary Budget.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Brooks

- The flyer announcing the upcoming flu shot clinic on Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall from 10 am to 2 pm. A Medicare Savings Plan Specialist will be there to review plans and answer any questions.
- Supervisor Brooks thanks YMCA Director Jerry Huncosky for the monthly donation from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$8,500.00 it is greatly appreciated.
- A resignation letter from Carl Landon resigning from the Planning Board.
- Retirement letter from highway employee Steven Conklin.
- A letter sent to Governor Cuomo, FCC Commissioners, Charter Communications, the NYS Public Service Commission and TWC regarding the lack of installment of cable where it has been run.
- A letter from the Ulster County commissioner of Public Works for aid provided to the County during the 2015 construction season.
- The Town will send a letter to UCDPW for its aid.
- A letter of support from the Town of Olive regarding issues at the Blue Hole. Supervisor Brooks' remarks the Town is urging updated regulations to deny picnicking and B-B-Qing.
- A letter from Mr. Travis Coddington requesting an open position on a Board of the Town.
- A letter from Senator Bonacic in support of rules and regulations changes for the Blue Hole.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader

- Guiderail over Erts Creek installed.
- Hot patch Peekamoose and Dymond Roads.
- Sealcoat applied to Red Hill Knolls, Porcupine Hill and Van Aken Roads.
- Submitted bills to the Rondout Neversink Stream Org.
- PESH violations satisfied; no fines charged to the Town.
- Called Truck Pro, he has suggested taking the truck to Stadium International.

- Supervisor Brooks states we must decide what we are going to do with the truck.
- The 550 is at Strickland; the problem maybe the EGR sensor.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader has ordered the new 550, it will take 16 weeks. The truck will go Hudson River Truck and Trailer for the dump body.
- The construction season is winding down.
- Supervisor Brooks inquires as to how many miles of roads were done this season?
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader responds about 3.
- Supervisor Brooks tells Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader he hopes the Town is able to that amount every year.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sader asks if the Town will be eliminating or filling Steve's position?
- Supervisor Brooks responds that due to Governor Cuomo's 2% Tax Cap Law the Town must eliminate the position.

Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- No new business before the Board.
- The Planning Board approved the minutes.

Resolution No. 51 of 2015

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

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

**WHEREAS** a vacancy has been created due to a resignation from the Planning Board.

**WHEREAS** the original Resolution No.48 of 2015 was TABLED by Supervisor Brooks as the verbal resignation had been accepted but the written notification had not been received by the Supervisor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mr. Travis Coddington is **HEREBY** appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board for the remainder of term expiring 12-31-2017.

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.

Resolution No. 52 of 2015

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 113 authorizes the Town Board to transfer monies, and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning Justice Court has applied for and received a NYS Court Funded Grant which must be added to the Town of Denning 2015 Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes Supervisor Brooks to increase revenue A 3021 Court Facilitated State Aid by \$7,099.00 and to increase A1110.2 Justice Court budget line by \$7,099.00.

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

Resolution No. 53 of 2015

**WHEREAS** New York State Highway § 141 permits the transfer of highway funds between accounts, and

**WHEREAS** FEMA work has been done in the amount of \$40,741.35, which has been received from FEMA, for New Road Hill, which must be accounted for in the Town Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the Town Supervisor to increase Highway Revenue DA4960 Federal Aid and Highway Appropriations Emergency Disaster Work DA8160.4

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 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.

Resolution No. 54 of 2015

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law sections 62 authorizes the Town Board to establish fixed days of each month for regular meetings, and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning Town Board has adopted Resolution No. 2 of 2015 setting the dates and times of SAID meetings, and

**WHEREAS** the Denning Town Board wishes to amend Said resolution in the hope of increasing public participation during the winter months.

**NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED** that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** amends Resolution No. 2 of 2015 and adopts and approves Resolution No. 54 of 2015 by starting the Town Board meeting at 6 pm instead of 7 pm for the following scheduled meetings:

Wednesday November 4

Tuesday December 1

Business meetings on:  
November 10, December 8.

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

Resolution No. 55 of 2015

**WHEREAS** Town of Denning resident Gregory J Gadshian has worked for the Town of Denning Highway Department as a valuable employee, and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Gadshian has passed away.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board would like to express its sorrow at the passing of Mr. Gadshian, and

**THEREFORE** the Clerk of the Board is **HEREBY** ordered to spread this resolution upon the official record of the Town and to send an official sealed copy of SAID resolution to his family.

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

- Mrs. Karen Gorr of the Grahamsville Post Office called yesterday and has informed him that the Claryville Post Office will be going into the Claryville Centre site. They will begin work immediately.
- Supervisor Brooks inquires as to the status of the updating of the Handbook?
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers replies he has a rough draft done which needs to be reviewed by Councilman Dean before it is sent to the Town Board. He remarks he has been occupied with PESH issues.
- A letter from Delaware Liquor License Service, filing agent, for Blue Hill Lodge requesting outdoor use in front of and behind the event center for alcohol consumption.
- Discussion follows; neither the Board nor public have any objections.
- Preliminary Budget workshop next week, Supervisor Brooks requests the Town Board review the budget, the increase total is \$3,183.00.
- The Local Law to Override the Tax Cap should have been No.2 not 1.
- Councilman Mike Dean remarks we must rescind the law.
- Supervisor Brooks responds yes after the budget adoption.
- Bailey Bridge held up due to an error in the location of the temporary bridge. The temporary bridge must be moved before work on the bridge can restart as well as and the need to move Central Hudson poles again. However the current plan is for Schultz Construction to work until Christmas, getting the abutments installed. They are currently waiting for NYSDOT approval of the plan.
- Supervisor Brooks states that Schultz Construction came down and armored part of the abutment; it will be paid for by Ulster County.
- Supervisor Brooks states that Schultz Construction has been great to work with.

Councilman Comments:.

- ❖ Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks if modifications for the post office are needed?
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks replies yes, they are moving a wall 3 or 4 feet.
- ❖ Councilman Gregory Vurckio updates the Board on matters the CWT is dealing with and trying to resolve. The Coalition will be sending a letter to the Towns regarding problems with the NYCDEP and in support of local businesses.
- ❖ The DEP believes it is a major change when the CWT believes changes are minor.
- ❖ Bruce Dolph is the new Chair.
- ❖ Councilman Vurckio states he is trying to catch up with all of the business before the Board and informs the Board that an alternate is needed from Ulster County.
- ❖ Discussion follows.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks thanks Councilman Vurckio for putting all of the time in with the CWT.

Public Comments:

- George Elias informs the Town Board that he and his wife, Helen, will be stepping away from being the Towns liaison with the Museum. Helen remarks they need more time for things they want to do.
- They inform the Board that resident Susan Smith has agreed to take their place and continue the work, she already volunteers.
- Supervisor Brooks thanks them both for all of their efforts on the Towns behalf and for all the work they did on the Red Hill area.
- Mr. Elias asks if the new cable run on Red Hill is from TWC, response yes.
- General discussion follows.
- Brief general discussion on the color of water of the East Branch after the last storm.

Supervisor Brooks asks for any further comments? There is none.

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:49 pm by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk, 10. 7. 2015.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at the Denning Town Hall at 7 pm.

# Town of Denning – Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.  
Held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at the Denning Town Hall.

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

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda and Resolution No. 56 of 2015.

The Supervisor presented the Budget vs. Actual thru September 2015.

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Highway Vouchers presented (see Warrant #10PP, voucher #31-34)  
CDPHP DA9060.8 \$4,357.43  
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$849.04, \$848.43, \$848.43

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

Highway Vouchers presented (see Warrant #10, voucher #182-204)  
Advance Auto DA5130.4 \$115.43  
Anderson Equipment Co. DA5130.4 \$1624.76, \$76.65  
Apple's Small Engine Repair DA5140.4 \$4.99  
Bottini Fuel DA5110.4 \$189.30  
Callanan Industries DA5110.4 \$2,657.88, \$3,326.44  
Bruce G. Donohue Trucking DA5110.4 \$4,228.80  
Home Depot Credit Services DA5130.4 \$117.75  
Liberty Home Garden & Pet DA5110.4 \$125.98  
Liberty Trading Post DA5130.4 \$41.20  
M & M Auto Group DA5130.4 \$77.44  
Miller Tire DA5130.4 \$1,152.00  
Mombaccus Excavating Inc. DA \$1,138.56  
Monticello Black Top DA5110.4 \$2,267.96  
Peckham Materials Corp. DA5112.4 \$16,011.58, \$10,143.38  
Prestige Towing DA5130.4 \$225.00, \$475.00  
Shakelton Auto & Truck Center DA5130.4 \$668.42  
Tractor Supply DA5130.4 \$52.96  
Truck Pro DA5130.4 \$2,30.78  
Vantage Equipment DA5110.4 \$660.00  
Zanetti's Service Center DA5130.4 \$15.00

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

General Vouchers presented, (see Warrant # 10PP, voucher #76-85)  
Central Hudson A5132.4 \$221.86 A1620.4 \$187.67 A5182.4 \$99.87  
CDPHP A9060.8 \$3,944.87  
Cornerstone A1110.4 \$58.56, A1620.4 \$91.78, A5132.4 \$82.88  
TWC A1670.4 \$64.98, \$64.98  
Trust & Agency Account A9030.8 \$151.83, \$707.11, \$283.28, \$151.83.

Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see Warrant #10, voucher #132-145)  
Tammy Beck A1110.4 \$37.95, A1110.1 \$473.60  
Tammy Beck, Court Petty Cash Reimbursement A1110.4 \$15.13  
Grahamsville First Aid Squad A4540.4 \$2405.75  
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$344.58  
Joy Monforte, Town Clerk Petty Cash Reimbursement A1410.4 \$10.98  
Joy Monforte A 1410.4 \$51.34  
Office of the State Comptroller A690 \$2,538.00, \$ 3,855.00  
Quill Inc. A1620.4 \$252.82  
Postmaster A1110 \$60.00  
Stedner Printing A1110.4 \$73.19  
Mike Pries, Inc. A1910.4 \$203.50  
Time Warner Cable A1670.4 \$64.98  
UCRRA A8160.4 \$2929.69  
Karl Von Hassel, A3620.2 \$377.38

Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

Resolution No. 56 of 2015

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning Justice Court is soliciting the Denning Town Board for support in the application of a grant from the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program, and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning has complied with the Governor's Tax Cap Law, thereby limiting spending.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** supports the application of the Denning Justice Court to the New York State Justice Court Program for funding, in the amount of \$15,508.06 in the fiscal year of 2016.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. 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.

Motion to enter into the 2016 Budget Workshop by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried.

- A line-by-line review is done, with explanation.
- .25% increases for employees, none for councilmen.
- Court budget line increase for training.
- Decrease in highway fund personnel line due to an employee retirement.
- Left some funds in case of a temporary or seasonal hiring.
- Tax cap at .73 %.
- Total budget increase is \$3,183.00.
- Discussion opened on new highway equipment: a new equipment grant is due by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Town Board discussion follows.
- Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to submit the grant.
- Supervisor Brooks will submit grant to aid in the purchase of a new 4-wheel drive truck.
- Discussion on 2008 possibly going out to auction depending on purchase quote from Stadium.
- Roller on the wish list.
- Discussion on army surplus truck, Board will check.
- Current replacement quotes for roller is \$127,000 and \$117,000.00 for the backhoe.
- Discussion on roller pump repair and process of the repair.
- Town Board remarks the budget is well done.

Supervisor Comments: See Above

Comments: See Above

Resident Comments: None

Supervisor Brooks call for further comment, there is none.

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried 5 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk 10-14-2015.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 4th, 2015 at the Denning Town Hall, at 6 pm.