

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 at the Denning Town 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 meetings commencement.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda and Resolution No. 47 of 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Amendment of minutes by Supervisor Brooks it is the tipping fee increasing to \$72 per ton not the tonnage fee.

Motion to adopt and approve as read and amended by Councilman Kevin Smith, 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.
- Notification from the New York State Office of Real Property stating the Equalization Rate has been decreased by 1% to 17%. This will automatically increase property and school taxes by 5.9%, before budgets are even started. Supervisor Brooks explains this is directly due to the difference in the assessed parcels in the Town and the sale price of parcels.
- Sales tax for the quarter has increased.
- NYCDEP is purchasing 238 acres on Frost Valley Road, the home and surrounding acreage has been sold privately.
- Councilman Mike Dean gives Supervisor Brooks an email sent to Tom Grochell of the Frost Valley YMCA from the Sullivan Soil and Water, Rondout Steam Program for an upcoming grant they are seeking for two culvert replacements on Denning Road, one by the Old Schoolhouse and the other near the Straus House.
- Discussion follows.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Highway Superintendent Van Saders informs the Town Board of the equipment repair and equipment maintenance work.
- Enhanced turn around on Porcupine Road.
- Changed culvert pipe by Bisso's.
- Chip sealed Red Hill and Red Hill Knolls Road as well as Brooks Hill and Dymond Roads and a section of Van Aken.
- Fifteen loads of material put down on Spencer Road.
- Plow and sander on his new pick up, both are the same as the other pick up.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders if he had gotten the warranty repair for the tire blown out, response not yet.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if the total roads paved this year, was four miles.
- Response yes.

Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- The Planning Board approved an application for a lot line adjustment to Aborn from Kaiser/Wells for a total of 64 acres.
- The Frost Valley YMCA CEO Jerry Huncosky and Jim Tisch has submitted a plan to update security at the YMCA campus, closing one access point, all vehicle will use visitors center entrance.
- The YMCA will be naming their roads and replacing ten cabins.
- Engineer Will Illing presented Mr. Kobayashi's plan for parking with other uses pasture which has cleared and leveled. No other buildings are shown on the submitted map.

- Town Board discussion on emergency access to the Frost Valley YMCA and emergency access to water.
- Councilman Dean remarks he believes the YMCA will be using split rail fencing for easy removal and emergency access, including Lake Cole.

Resolution No. 47 of 2016

September 13th, 2016

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Highway Department is responsible for keeping Town roads free of ice and snow during the winter season; and

WHEREAS it is the Town of Denning's desire to keep roads in a passable condition for all of the Town residents when possible, however due to the Tax Cap budgetary constraints, the Town is not able to keep roads clear on a twenty-four (24) hour basis.

WHEREAS in past years the Highway Department has implemented this policy; and

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board wishes to have a formal public policy, and

WHEREAS it has been determined in order for the roads to be cleared for school buses and residents a 4:00 A.M. start time if necessary; and

WHEREAS it has been the policy of the Highway Department to continue plowing and applying abrasives to the roads when necessary until 10:00 P.M.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the snow, plowing hours for the Town of Denning Roads are set to begin at 4:00 A.M. and continue until 10:00 P.M., when necessary, Monday thru Sunday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when contacted by Law Enforcement personnel the Highway Department will call out its plow crew after hours in the event of an emergency such as an accident or fire.

Supervisor Brooks requests the Town Board to review and consider for next weeks meeting. Discussion follows.

Councilman Vurckio asks if that is enough time to plow for school buses?

Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars responds yes, he usually calls them at 4 for a 5 am start.

Highway Superintendent Van Sadars requests the wording is changed to if needed. The Town Board agrees to the verbiage change.

Supervisor Brooks asks the Town Board if they are comfortable with 10 pm. Response yes.

Supervisor Brooks requests the Town Board review and approve a Short Term Rental Application. He explains issues; including garbage being left on the street. The application would let the Town know who to contact.

- He asks if anyone feels the \$100.00 fee is excessive? Response by Councilman Mike Dean replies no, the Town does have to send the CEO out.
- Councilman Vurckio would like to see a spot for renewals.
- Councilman Schoonmaker seeks confirmation the property owner is responsible? Supervisor Brooks, yes.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board that the applicable verbiage pertaining to Short Term Rentals will go into the new Zoning.

Supervisor Brooks submits for the Town Board review and approval a ticket form from the Town of Woodstock, which would make it easier and less work for the Court Clerk, thereby saving work, time and funds with modifications Motion to adopt and approve the use of the tickets by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Brooks call for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker comments the bridge seems to be on schedule now. Brief discussion follows.
- Councilman Schoonmaker requests an update on the post office. There isn't one.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- ❖ Resident George Elias states the NYSDEC is releasing nuisance bears, he has heard they dropped one off at the fire tower, then came and got it.
- ❖ George Elias asks if the Sugarloaf Road will be closed when they do repairs?
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks responds no, the road will remain open, the road will also be resurfaced.
- ❖ Resident Tony Carminati opens a discussion on short term rentals, requesting the agent or owner contact info be available.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks assures him it is.
- ❖ Resident Tony Carminati, further, asks that rules such as no garbage be posted.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks replies stating the owner is responsible for property, info and fines.
- ❖ Resident Tony Carminati brings up bicyclist in the middle or across town roads not moving out of the way, impeding traffic and the possibility of an accident, which would cause issues for locals. He states they are in both lanes on blind turns.
- ❖ Discussion follows.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks remarks he will check but he doesn't know what he can be done, perhaps some sort of signage to cover residents.

Supervisor Brooks call for any further comments or discussion. There is none.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk, September 7th, 2016

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 7 pm at the Denning Town Hall.

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at the Denning Town Hall.
Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith.

Absent: Councilman Gregory Vurckio; due to a family illness.

And Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

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Pledge of Allegiance

Highway Pre Pay Vouchers presented Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

(see Warrant #9PP, voucher (#28-31)

MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$4,863.50

Trust & Agency Account DA9030.8 \$751.28, \$806.93, \$719.27

Motion to approve and pay highway pre paid vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor.

Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote, with one absentee.

Highway Vouchers presented Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

(see Warrant # 9, voucher (#143-160)

All Gas & Welding DA5130.4 \$169.53

Arkel Motors DA5130.4 \$1,397.49

Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5110.4 \$258.61

Bruce G. Donohue Trucking DA5110.4 \$4,081.77, DA5112.2 \$5,148.08

Hudson River Truck & Trailer DA5130.4 \$10,789.00

Kimball Midwest DA5130.4 \$385.53

Liberty Home & Garden DA5110.4 \$364.94

Monticello Black Top Corp. DA5110.4 \$962.84

Mombaccus Excavating, Inc. DA5110.4 \$2,111.20, \$591.68

Peckham Materials Corp. DA5112.2 \$39,931.73, \$12,178.82

Roche's Garage DA5130.4 \$3,402.99

Shakelton Auto & Truck Center DA5130.4 \$360.29

Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc. DA5110.4 \$555.00

T & A Acct. DA5130.4 \$330.00

Zanetti's Service DA5130.4 \$15.00

Motion to approve and pay highway fund voucher by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote, with one absentee.

- Supervisor Brooks asks Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers if he is satisfied with the snow plow policy. Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers replies yes, they have been following this policy, unofficially, for years any way, this will make it a formal policy.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a brief discussion on the snow plow turn around, remarking he went up there to check and it is holding up very well, he asks Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers when it will be paved?
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers responds soon, Supervisor Brooks asks him to schedule the paving soon.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a brief discussion on the fan shroud for the GMC.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers leaves the meeting as his portion is completed.

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented, (see Warrant #9PP, voucher (#62-71)

Central Hudson A1620.4 \$169.93 & \$164.46, A5132.4 \$223.32 & \$250.40, A8160.4 \$37.65

- Supervisor Brooks remarks that perhaps the Board should consider getting a newer more energy efficient air compressor after reviewing the electric bill. He remarks he has asked Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers about it, who told him it is from the previous Superintendent.

Cornerstone A1110.4 \$55.98, A1620.4 \$80.33, A5132.4 \$79.15

MVP Health Care Inc. DA9060.8 \$4,400.65
TWC A1670.4 \$79.99, \$79.95
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.4 \$233.72, \$655.38, \$233.72
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 4 to 0 Roll Call vote, with one absentee.

General Vouchers presented, (see Warrant #9, vouchers 138-)
Tammy Beck (c/o Court Petty Cash A1110.4 \$34.46), A1110.4 \$75.76
Central Hudson A5182.4 \$99.39
General Credit forms, Inc. A1110.4 \$30.84
Gnome Home Inc., A1410.4 \$40.00
Grahamsville First Aid A4540.4 \$2,405.75
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$259.58
Joy Monforte A1410.4 \$25.38
MVP Healthcare A9060.8 \$56.25, \$56.25
Newman Signs, Inc. A3310.4 \$96.29
Quill Inc., A1620.4 \$5.75, \$170.99, \$167.80, A5132.4 \$54.40, \$41.05, \$40.99,
A1110.4 \$39.99, A1410.4 \$59.99
Office of the State Comptroller A960 \$2,105.00
Protective Technologies Int'l A1110.2 \$4,428.00
UCRRA A8160.4 \$2,550.30
Motion to approve and pay highway fund vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith,
2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0
Roll Call vote, with one absentee.

Supervisor Brooks opens discussion on Resolution No. 47 of 2016.
After the earlier comments from Highway Superintendent Van Saders and the
discussion at last weeks meeting the Town Board agrees to move forward.

Resolution No. 47 of 2016
WHEREAS, New York State Town Law § 64 grants Municipalities the authority to
enact legislation concerning the property, affairs and government of the Town,
And

WHEREAS, New York State Town Law § 4-1 places the responsibility for general
management and control of finances on the Town Board, And

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent is charged under Town Highway
Law
§ 140 with executing the statutory responsibilities which include among other
things the removal of snow thereby keeping Town roads free of ice and snow
during the winter season. And

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Denning's desire to keep roads in a passable
condition for all of the Town residents when possible, however, due to the Tax
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Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith,
2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote, with one absentee.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board the 2017 Budget is complete.
- The over all budget increase is \$2,895.00, a .03% increase, it is under the cap. He states he believes it is a good budget.
- A .6 Tax Cap raise for employees, except for Councilman and Supervisor.
- He will have for to the Town Board members at the next meeting.
- Increased the court budget to include a court officer.
- The workshop will be the meeting after that and the public hearing in November.
- Brief budget discussion for 2018.
- Supervisor Brooks has submitted the paper work for the fourth SAM grant, this is for the proposed addition to the highway barn, getting equipment out of the weather.
- Town Board discussion, Town Board again approves.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on health insurance, including deductibles.
- He confirms it will remain the same as this year's coverage. However, this is the last year this plan is being offered.

Supervisor Brooks calls Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker comments he has spoken with the Court Clerk as liaison and she has told him the grant has been changed to cover the cost of the telephone system and the Judge would like a hole drilled in the bench for the wiring of the system and the Megatron put together.
- Councilman Schoonmaker remarks there is a set time period to return it if it is not operating properly.
- Councilman Mike Dean inquires as to the requested changes to the Short Term Rental Application, as discussed at the last meeting.
- The Town Clerk submits for the Town Boards review and it is approved.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the Employee Handbook: he believes the Town Clerk and Supervisor should be given health insurance and it should not be offered to councilman or the justice. The only two employees on the general side of the budget would be the town clerk and supervisor.
- Following a brief discussion, the Town Board agrees.
- Supervisor Brooks will submit the Handbook to the Board shortly.
- Supervisor Brooks comments the Emergency Plan is the next for updating.

Supervisor Brooks call for any further comments or discussion. There is none.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote, with absentee.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk, September 14th, 2016.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 at 6 pm at the Sundown Church Hall.

