

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.  
Held on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the meetings commencement.  
The Town Clerk's Cash Receipts Book was inspected and signed prior to the start of the meeting.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda and Resolution No. 1 thru 24 of 2017.

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.

January 3, 2017 – Organizational Meeting

## **Resolution No. 1 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

New York State Town Law section 63 authorizes the Town Board to determine the rules of its procedure,

**RESOLVED** that all Town meetings and public hearings will be conducted in accordance with New York State Open Meetings Law, and in such spirit that the following rules be enacted:

1. That a majority of any convened Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn.
2. That the vote upon every question shall be taken by ayes and nays, and that the names of the members present and their votes shall be entered into the minutes.
3. That every act, motion or resolution shall require for its adoption the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the convened Board.
4. That public participation at all regular and special Town Board meetings will be limited to commentary during established intervals as documented in each meeting agenda.
5. That any person speaking to the Town Board at all regular or special Town Board meetings will only be heard at the consent of the Supervisor or presiding Public Officer, and that they will be required to address their remarks exclusively to the Town Board without engaging the public in debate.
6. That all interested persons will have the right to attend public hearings of the Town, participate freely and make inquiries relating to the purposes thereof.
7. That public participation at all public hearings will consist of commentary limited to the purpose of the hearing, being only directed towards the convening Town agency.
8. That votes will not be taken by any convened Board on any pending legislation, permit application, zoning variance application or appeal during any public hearing that is subject thereof.
9. That response to any public commentary at any public meeting or hearing will be at the discretion of the Supervisor, Chairman or Deputy of any convened Town agency, and that the presiding Public Officer shall have the authority to refer any questions to the Attorney for the Town, or to other Board members.

10. That these rules may be amended at any time during the calendar year by resolution of the Town Board.

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Resolution No. 2 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

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

**WHEREAS** New York State Public Officers Law section 103(b) requires a public body to make all reasonable efforts to hold meetings in facilities that permit barrier free access to the physically handicapped,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that the regular Town Board meetings will, throughout the year 2017, be held each month, with the meeting location alternating between Denning Town Hall in Claryville and the Sundown Church Hall in Sundown, between the months of April and October by the following schedule:

#### **Denning Town Hall in Claryville:**

6:00 PM Tuesday January 3 (Organizational Meeting)

6:00 PM Tuesday February 7

6:00 PM Tuesday March 7

7:00 PM Tuesday May 2

7:00 PM Wednesday July 5

7:00 PM Tuesday September 5

6:00 PM Wednesday, November 8

6:00 PM Tuesday December 5

#### **Sundown Church Hall in Sundown:**

7:00 PM Tuesday April 4

7:00 PM Tuesday June 6

7:00 PM Tuesday August 1

6:00 PM Tuesday October 3

**Be It Further, RESOLVED** that the regular business Town Board meeting will, throughout the year 2017, be held the on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Denning Town Hall in Claryville, January 10, February 14, March 14, at 7 pm for April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, and at 6pm October 10, November 14, December 12.

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Resolution No. 3 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law sections 64 (11) authorizes the Town Board to designate the official newspaper of the Town, And

**WHEREAS** New York State Open Meetings Law, Public Officers Law section 104, requires notice of time and place of Town Board meetings to be given to the news media,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that the Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman, P.O. Box 232, Grahamsville, N.Y. 12740, is designated as the official newspaper of the Town of Denning, and

**Further**, be it **RESOLVED** that the public notices will also be published on the Town of Denning website address [www.denning.us](http://www.denning.us)

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 4 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law sections 64 (11) authorizes the Town Board to designate the banks or trust companies in which all Town officers shall deposit all monies coming into their hands by virtue of their offices,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that Catskill Hudson Bank, NYS Route 55, Grahamsville, N.Y. 12740, be the designated depository bank for the Town of Denning, and

**FURTHER WHEREAS** Real Property Tax Law §996 authorizes the Denning Town Board to contract with a local bank for the collection of real property taxes, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the official bank of the Town of Denning which is the Catskill Hudson, the Grahamsville Branch (only) to collect taxes for the benefit of its residents.

**SAID** bank must follow the New York State rules as established in §996. And

**WHEREAS** New York State Law authorizes Town Board to set policy by resolution and **WHEREAS** the tax over payments cost the Town additional monies in refunding amounts.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the Town of Denning Tax Collector to retain all over payments which are \$2.00 and less. And **FURTHER**

**WHEREAS** General Municipal Law § 85 authorizes municipalities to provide the imposition of a charge to any account where a tendered payment was dishonored (§ 5-328) by the bank or depository institution, the amount charged to the Town is to be included in the amount due, not to exceed \$20.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** approves and adopts the afore mentioned policy.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. Roll Call Vote:  
Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE  
Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 5 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 118 authorize the Town Board to allow for advanced payments of claims,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that throughout the year 2017, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to pay claims, in advance of audit, the bills submitted by health insurance providers, telephone, electric, gas, utility and cable companies, post office box fees as well as CHIPS and any other governmental program which may require proof of paid voucher if SAID payment is required by the program.

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 6 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law sections 116 authorizes the Town Board to establish the amount to be allowed for the use of personal vehicles in the performance of official duties,

And **NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that throughout the year 2017, the rate for financial reimbursement of personal vehicles use during the performance of official duties will be equal to 53.5 cents per mile.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. Roll Call Vote:  
Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 7 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law Public Officers Law sections 87 (b) (iii) authorizes the Town Board to establish fixed charges for document photocopies resulting from requests for records,

And **WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 64 subsection 1(a) describes the use of petty cash fund for the purpose of making change when such is required in the performance of official duties,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that throughout the year 2017, the Town Clerks Office shall charge a standard fee of 25 cents per copied page up to 8 1/2 by 14 inches, plus all applicable postage charges for the cost of mailing requested documents delivery.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the collection of all receipts resulting from charges for document copies and mailing be conferred upon the Town Clerk as income through petty cash account.

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 8 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

And **WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 20 2 (b) authorizes the Town Board to employ an attorney to render professional services and provide legal advice to the Town, at the fee of \$150.00 per hour.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that Rod Futerfas, Attorney at Law, of the firm Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas, 239 Wall Street, Kingston, N.Y. 12401 be retained as Attorney for the Town of Denning.  
(General fund appropriations code A1420.4)

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Roll Call Vote:  
Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 9 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code authorizes the Town Board to appoint a Code Enforcement Officer for the Town,

And **WHEREAS** Article 6 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Denning authorizes the Town Board to appoint a Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the provisions of the Zoning Law and the International Building Code.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that Karl von Hassel, 524 County Highway 3, Flieschmanns, N.Y. 12430, be appointed as Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Denning, with an annual salary of \$7,301.00 to be drawn from Safety Inspection Personal Services. (General fund appropriations code A3620.1)

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 10 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 29(15) allows for the Town Board to authorize the Town Supervisor to designate a bookkeeper for the Town,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that Cindy Mickelson, PO Box 251, Grahamsville, NY, 12740, be appointed as bookkeeper of the Town of Denning, with an annual salary of \$9,123.00 to be drawn from Supervisor Personal Services. (General Fund appropriations code **A1220.1**)

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 11 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 42 authorizes the Town Board to establish the office of Deputy Supervisor,

and **WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 42 authorizes the Town Supervisor to appoint the Deputy Supervisor to serve at the pleasure of the Supervisor,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that the position of Deputy Supervisor be established, and that Councilman Gregory Vurckio, be appointed as Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Denning.

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 12 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 32 (2) authorizes the Town Board to establish the office of Deputy Town Superintendent of Highways, and

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 32 (2) authorizes the Town Highway Superintendent to appoint Robert Totten as the Deputy Highway Superintendent to serve at the pleasure of the Town Highway Superintendent,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that the position of Deputy Highway Superintendent be established for the Town of Denning, with an annual salary of \$1,823.00, to be drawn from Superintendent of Highways Personal Services. (General Fund appropriations code **A5010.1**)

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 13 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Public Health Law section 4121 and 4123 authorizes the Town Board to appoint a Registrar of Vital Statistics,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that Joy Monforte, 75 Woodfield Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740, serving as Denning Town Clerk, be appointed as Registrar of Vital Statistics with an annual salary of \$10.00, to be drawn from Town Clerk Personal Services. (General Fund appropriations code **A1410.1**)

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. Roll Call Vote:  
Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 14 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 27 authorizes the Town Board to determine the salaries of town officers and employees, and

**WHEREAS** New York State Public Officers Law section 9 provides for the designation of order in which two or more appointed deputies may act, and

**WHEREAS**, under Civil Service Law §41 Deputies of principal executives fall within the exempt class of civil service only when they are authorized by law to act generally for and in place of their principals; and

**WHEREAS** Public Officers Law section 10 and 25 require the taking of oath of office by all town officers,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it, **RESOLVED** that Tammy Beck, Denning, NY 12740, be appointed as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and as Records Management Technician for the Town of Denning, with an annual salary of \$5,998.00, to be drawn from Town Clerk Personal Services.  
(General Fund appropriations code **A1410.1**)

**Further RESOLVED** that the Deputy to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector be required to take and subscribe a constitutional Oath of Office to be filed with the Town Clerk as well as a Confidentiality Oath to be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 15 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 27 authorizes the Town Board to determine the salaries of town officers and employees, and

**WHEREAS** New York State Civil Service Law sections 35 and 40 establish jurisdictional classification of positions, with provisions for a definition of noncompetitive classification of employment positions subject to Town Council appointment,

**NOW THEREFORE** be it **RESOLVED** that Tammy Beck be appointed as Clerk to the Justice Court with an hourly wage of \$12.04 not to exceed \$3,445.00 yearly, to be drawn from Justice Personal Services.  
(General Fund appropriations code **A1110.1**)

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith. Roll Call Vote:  
Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 16 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law section 57.07 authorizes the Town Supervisor to appoint a Local Historian,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that Tom McGee, 5444 Red Hill Road, Claryville, NY 12725, be appointed as Historian for the Town of Denning.

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 17 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Agriculture & Market Law section 114 authorizes the Town Board to appoint a Dog Control Officer for the Town,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that Archie Ackerley Jr., 26 Schultz Road, Claryville, New York, 12725, be appointed as Dog Control Officer for the Town of Denning, with an annual salary of \$607.00, to be drawn from Control of Dogs Personal Services.

(General Fund appropriations code A3510.1)

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

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 18 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** Town Law § 20(1)(a) and (b) authorizes the Town Board to appoint employees it deems necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Town,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** to appoint Scott Mickelson who resides at 455 Yeagerville Road, Napanoch, NY to the position of Town of Denning Recycling Manager, at a salary of \$14.58 per hour to be drawn from Refuse and Garbage Personal Services. (General Fund Appropriations Code A8160.1)

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 19 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 267 and 271 require annual appointments to the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals with designated terms of office on a calendar year basis,  
and

**WHEREAS** Local Law No.3 of 2001 of the Town of Denning requires an annual appointment to the Town Board of Ethics with designated terms of office on a calendar year basis, and

**WHEREAS** Public Officers Law section 10 and 25 require the taking of the Oath of Office by all town officers,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that a review of remaining terms of office for members of the Town Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Ethics be announced on an annual basis at the Town Board organizational meeting.

Further, **RESOLVED** that all newly appointed members be required to take and subscribe a constitutional Oath of Office to be filed with the Town Clerk, and that each member shall be notified of appointment and duration of term in writing by first class mail no later than 10 business days following the annual organizational meeting. And

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that these residents are Board appointed or reappointed to said Boards:

**Planning Board** (7 Year Term)  
Chris McInerney (Re-Appointment)

- expire 12/31/2023

**Zoning Board of Appeals (5 year term)**

**Francis Chewiwi** (Re-Appointment) - expire 12/31/2021

**Board of Ethics (3 Year Term)**

Jeanne Kepley (Re-Appointment) - expire 12-31-2019

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Review of remaining terms:

**Planning Board ( 7 year term )**

Katherine Parr - expire 12/31/2020  
Joe Sibiga - expire 12/31/2021  
Stephen E. Bobik (Re-Appointment) - expire 12/31/2022  
Anthony Carminati - expire 12/31/2018  
Travis Coddington - expire 12/31/2017  
Chris McInerney (Re-Appointment) - expire 12/31/2023  
James Leverich - expire 12/31/2019

**Zoning Board of Appeal ( 5 year term )**

Frances Chiwiwi - expire 12/31/2021  
Mark Boncek - expire 12/31/2017  
John Barnum - expire 12/31/2018  
Archie Ackerley - expire 12/31/2019  
Jodi Petrozak - expire 12/31/2020

**Board of Ethics ( 3 year term )**

Jane Carminati - expire 12/31/2017  
William Leudemann - expire 12/31/2018  
Jeanne Kepley - expire 12/31/2019

**Board of Assessment Review (October 1st to September 30th - 5 year term)**

Russell Betters - expire 9/30/2017  
Casey Witthohn - expire 9/30/2018  
Nancy Parrow - expire 9/30/2019

**Resolution No. 20 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 27 authorizes the Town Board to determine the salaries of town officers and employees,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it **RESOLVED** that the following salaries be fixed for the listed town officers and employees for the Fiscal Year 2017 and as approved in the adopted 2017 Budget.

**Town Officers:**

Supervisor	\$ 13,500.00
Councilpersons (4) each	1,500.00
Superintendent of Highways	48,518.00
Deputy Superintendent of Highways	1,823.00
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	25,236.00
First Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	5,998.00
Town Justice	6,545.00
Clerk to Justice Court	2,725.00
Assessor	13,227.00
Code Enforcement/Building Inspector	7,301.00
Bookkeeper	9,123.00
Records Management	3,180.00
Dog Control	607.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	10.00
Recycling Manager	14.58 per hour
House Cleaning	\$1,404.00 Annually



**Highway Employees:**

Laborer	20.22 per hour
Starting Salary	18.50 per hour
Heavy Equipment Operator Class B	20.95 per hour
Starting Salary	19.25 per hour
Heavy Equipment Operator Class A	21.63 per hour
Starting Salary	20.50 per hour
Foreman	22.29 per hour

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

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 21 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** Public Officers Law section 11 (2) authorizes the Town Board to approve the procurement of a blanket undertaking from any duly authorized corporate surety covering Officers, Clerks and Employees of the Town, And

**WHEREAS** the Town Clerk / Tax Collector / Bookkeeper as well as any Officers and Employees of the Town of Denning will properly account for and pay over any and all monies received in the course of fulfilling Said person(s) duties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that the public officers bond issued by National Grange Mutual with coverage of \$10,000 for Public Officials and \$800,000 excess for Tax Collectors be procured from Mike Preis, Inc. at the annual premium of \$475.00 to be drawn from Unallocated Insurance. (General fund appropriations code A1910.4).

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 22 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** New York State has eliminated dog licensing responsibilities as of January 1, 2011 and

**WHEREAS** the Town is now required to set licensing fees and collect a fee for the New York State Animal Population Control Fund. And

**WHEREAS** many licenses are renewed by mail with its added cost.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That **SAID** licensing fees shall include the \$1 and \$3.00 fee as required by New York State. And

**WHEREAS** New York State mandates a \$7.50 difference between the two licenses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning **HEREBY** sets the following dog licensing fees for the year 2017:

Spayed and Neutered fee \$5.00  
Unaltered fee \$12.50

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

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Resolution No. 23 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning Town Board feels that a liaison to the Town's Planning Board is a benefit to the Town as a Whole,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Councilman Mike Dean be re-appointed SAID liaison to the Denning Planning Board.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Resolution No. 24 of 2017 of the Town of Denning**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning Town Board is authorized by New York State Town Law article 6 to set policy to benefit the Town, and

**WHEREAS** the Town Clerk has requested a Freedom of Information policy pertaining to employees and officials be made in addition to the current form request now being used, and

**WHEREAS** it has been urged to adopt this policy as recommended by the Association of Towns.

**THEREFORE** any Town Official or Employee seeking information under the FOIL policy for his or her official duty charge shall not be required to submit a FOIL request.

However, when applied for private use, the FOIL request form must be submitted as well as the copy fee previously approved in Resolution No. 7 of 2016.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board HEREBY adopts Said Policy.

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to adjourn the Organizational Meeting and open the Town Board meeting by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor.

#### 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.
- The Association of Towns agenda and resolutions are submitting for review.

#### Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- The new truck should be delivered, the beginning of next week.
- New contact at Campbell, the previous salesman retired.
- Campbell will deliver and show the highway crew operations of the truck and how the truck operates.
- Crew back from hunting and vacation.
- Ordered salt should be delivered in 3 to 5 days.
- Councilman Gregory Vurckio inquires as to the amount of salt ordered this time and last time. Response 200 tons each time.
- The 80/20 Ulster County grant deadline passed December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- The Planning Board approved two logging notifications,
- No other business before the Board.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks submits for Town Board review and acceptance the 2016 Code Enforcement Officer Final Report, which is reviewed and accepted. Supervisor Brooks remarks, COE Von Hassel does a great job.
- The COE has submitted fees for 2017, upon review the Town Board wants to add the Logging Notification fee, and increase the fee for the Municipal Search as well as remove the Short Term Rental fee for now, until the updated Zoning Law is passed.
- Supervisor Brooks submits for Town Board review and acceptance the 2016 Historian's Final Report, which is reviewed and accepted. Supervisor Brooks remarks a very thorough job.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks the Report says Historian Tom McGee work 4 to 6 hours weekly, he is committed.
- Councilman Mike Dean informs the Town Clerk he will stop in and review more thoroughly, he is very interested.
- Supervisor Brooks comments the Bailey Bridge crew will be back soon.
- The post office will start their build out when the Blue Hill Lodge reopens.

Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio inquires as to the health of R&R Site Mgr. Mickelson.
- Town Board discussion follows; Supervisor Brooks and Councilman Dean will cover operational hours until he is able to return.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires as to the recovery of YMCA Director Mr. Jerry Huncosky, discussion follows.
- Councilman Smith asks about the status of the new zoning, brief discussion follows.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker opens a discussion of the Sundown LFA.
- Supervisor Brooks asks the Town Board about John Brooks Bridge, discussion follows.
- No one present knows of this bridge.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders informs the Town Board it is a County owned bridge and has not been listed on any of our inventories. Further stating, the County maintains it.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks that will have to be corrected, prior to adoption.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks the recommendation to elevate houses is not in the back pages of the Recommendations List, that will have to be added.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the town Board that Karen Rauter will be our guest at next weeks meeting.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Public Comment: There is none.

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

Motion to adjourn at 6:54 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk, January 4th, 2017

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.

## Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Monday, January 9th, 2017 at the Denning Town Hall.

Moved due to impending winter weather.

Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks

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

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the commencement of the Town Board Meeting. The Town Clerk's Cash Receipts Book was inspected and signed prior to the start of the meeting.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest: Karen Rauter of Rondout & Neversink Stream Program.

- Discussion on the Sundown LFA; Supervisor Brooks wants all of the SBL's in the flood zone listed in the document and listed on the recommendations page.
- Councilman Vurckio informs Mrs. Rauter that John Brooks Bridge is County owned, needs to be changed in the analysis as well.
- Discussion on the S turn, Ulster County has budgeted \$850,000.00.
- Discussion on cut and design.
- K. Rauter reports they are having an issue getting calls returned from the current property owner.
- Discussion on design element, hauling and storage and location of materials.
- Two projects to be done this year in Claryville.
- Discussion on first floor elevation study.
- K. Rauter requests a resolution of adoption for the Sundown LFA, so the Town and her organization may jointly apply for funding for other projects.
- The Town Board will adopt the resolution at next months meeting after changes are made.

Highway 2016 Pre Pay Vouchers presented Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #1APP, voucher (#1-3)

Healthcare Reimbursement Acct. DA9060.8 \$2,500.00

MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$5,764.82

Trust & Agency Account DA9030.8 \$1,043.24

Motion to approve and pay Highway pre paid Vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor.

Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote.

Highway 2016 Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #1A, voucher (#1-16)

Advance Auto Parts DA5130.4 \$960.7

Arkel Motors DA5130.4 \$533.16

Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5142.4 \$223.40

Chemung Supply Corp. DA5130.4 \$2,970.50

Ellenville Sand & Gravel DA5142.4 \$1,669.99, \$1,696.21, \$2,846.48

Fleet Pride DA5130.4 \$162.70

Robert Green Auto & Truck, Inc. DA5130.4 \$658.36

Heritagenergy DA5142.4 \$2,457.64

Hudson River Truck & Trailer DA5130.4 \$83,600.00

Liberty Iron works DA5130.4 \$65.60

Liberty Trading Post DA5130.4 \$25.23

Osterhoudt Corp. DA5142.4 DA3382.89

Shakelton Auto & Truck Center DA5130.4 \$58.04

Superior Building Supply DA5130.4 \$13.47

Motion to approve and pay Highway Fund vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor.

Highway 2017 Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(see Warrant #1PP, voucher (#1-)  
MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$5,764.82  
Trust & Agency Account DA9030.8 \$724.26, \$891.04  
Motion to approve and pay Highway 2017 pre paid Vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.  
Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote.

Highway Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(see Warrant # 1, voucher (#1-4)  
American Rock Salt DA5142.4 \$7,695.18  
NYS & Local Retirement System DA910.8 \$4,357.00  
Shelton Point Life DA9055.8 \$130.00  
Ulster County Self Insurance DA9040.8 \$7,586.39  
Motion to approve and pay Highway Fund vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor.  
Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote.

General 2016 Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(see Warrant #1APP, voucher (#1-9)  
Central Hudson A1620.4 \$583.69, A5132.4 \$391.94, A8160.4 \$45.08  
Cornerstone A1110.4 \$58.62, A1620.4 \$85.88, A5132.4 \$82.15  
Healthcare Reimbursement Acct. A9060.38 \$2,500.00  
MVP Health Care Inc. DA9060.8 \$5,209.05  
TWC A1670.4 \$79.99  
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.4 \$285.37, \$605.26  
Motion to approve and paid General Fund A. pre pay vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried.

General Vouchers 2017 Pre-pay vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(see Warrant #1PP, vouchers 1)  
TWC A1670.4 \$79.95  
Motion to approve and paid General Fund pre pay vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried.

General Vouchers, 2016, presented presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(see Warrant #1A, vouchers 1-19)  
Tammy Beck A1110.4 \$34.56  
Court Petty Cash Reimbursement C/O Tammy Beck A1110.4 \$19.75  
Central Hudson A5182.4 \$102.79  
Heritagenergy A1620.4 \$368.65  
Gnome Home Inc., A1410.4 \$14.40  
Lawyers Dairy & Manual A1110.4 \$112.00  
Joy Monforte A1410.4 \$53.00  
T.C. Petty Cash Reimbursement C/O Joy Monforte A1410.4 \$47.41  
MVP Healthcare A9060.8 \$56.25, \$40.50  
Power Generator Service, Inc. A1620.4 \$250.00  
Office of the State Comptroller A960 \$3,553.00, \$1,013.00  
Quill Inc., A1620.4 \$43.26, A3620.4 \$56.13  
Sundown Methodist Church A1620.4 \$1,200.00  
UCMA C/O Hon. John Parker A110.4 \$20.00  
UCBOE A1450.4 \$4,228.15  
UCRRA A8160.4 \$1,755.15  
Thompson-Reuters West A1110.4 \$399.20  
Karl von Hassel A3620.4 \$152.88  
Heritagenergy A5132.4 \$162.77  
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$130.42  
Motion to approve and paid General Fund December 2016 pre pay vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.  
Motion carried.

General Vouchers presented presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(see Warrant #1, vouchers 1-11)  
Association of Towns A1920.4 \$800.00  
Judge J. Follender A1110.4 \$125.00  
NYS & Local Retirement System A09010.8 \$19,878.00

NY Planning Federation A1920.4 4250.00  
Time & the Valley Museum A7450.4 \$1,000.00  
Ulster County Self Insurance A9040.8 \$4,200.00  
Karl Von Hassel A3620.4 \$482.00  
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$120.83  
NYS AoT Superintendents of Hwy A5010.4 \$150.00  
Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Paul  
Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a  
unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote.

Supervisor Comments: No new business.

Supervisor Brooks calls Councilmen Comments: No new business.

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:36 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman  
Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk, January 11th, 2017.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.