

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.

Held on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 held at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks.

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

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

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

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 Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Guest: Candidate Clifford Fainty, U.C. Legislative District 22

- Town of Olive has the most votes.
- Fourteen years for the replacement of the bridge by Town Hall.
- Two projects are upcoming for Denning and he does not want to see them take as long.
- Speaks of Dean Gitter's Resort in the Town of Shandaken and the democratic party candidate for the same office.
- He feels he implemented some very important changes for the workings of the Town and feels the current Town Board is doing a good job.
- He states he is the most skilled, the most financially qualified as well as the most certified for the job.
- He says Legislator Parete is too old to be effective.
- He states; he plans to shut down the republican endorsed, registered democrat and current Legislator John Parete.
- He feels the Ulster County Legislature would have to give him key committee spots and deal with him due to the make up of the Legislature.
- He firmly reminds everyone of the workings of the Legislature when Kevin Cahill was our Assemblyman representative.

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.
- New York State law requires all premises to post 911 numbers. Lettering must be at least 4" high and .05" wide in alphabet or Arabic numbers.
- A letter congratulating Town Clerk Monforte on her Registered Municipal Clerk designation is read. Supervisor Brooks remarks her recertification.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

- Superintendent Van Sadlers informs the Town Board that Dinch, Rudolph, Barnes, Glade Hill as well as a section of Wild Meadow have been graded.
- Ditched cleaned Denning and Round Pond Road.
- GMC is back in service.
- Will be doing ditch cleaning on Denning Road. He has received requests from residents.
- Opens a brief discussion on the fence between the highway garage and Mr. J. Brady. To be discussed further. Material goes thru the fence onto his property.
- New pick up should be at the end of the month or beginning of July.
- Supervisor Brooks asks him if the County has met the FEMA threshold for the blizzard. Response, nothing yet.
- Supervisor Brooks requests the total cost of the new truck, as a fiscal transfer must be done.
- Supervisor Brooks asks him if there has been any word on paving, Superintendent Van Sadlers not yet.
- Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers informs the Board the Freightliner has had some minor modifications to fit the Town of Neversink paver.

Planning Board Report by Councilman Mike Dean: No Business before the Board.

Bid Opening for the Town Hall Paving project: 1 bid received.

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board the Town Clerk sent the bid notice to thirteen companies.
- Poley Paving; \$35,858.00 on the excavation work and paving \$22,500.00.
- The bid will be reviewed and a decision at next weeks Business Meeting.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs those present he met with Karen Rauter and Aaron Bennett to discuss the stream bank projects behind the Town Hall and Blue Hill Lodge.
- Informs the Town Board and Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers that he has submitted the proposed Shared Services Survey basically saying we would share highway equipment and manpower as we do now.
- They are suggesting consolidating courts and assessors, for now.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks the Blue Hole has been quiet due to the weather.
- The paperwork for a court office has been completed and submitted.
- The truck grant paperwork has also been completed and submitted.
- Supervisor Brooks asks the Town Board if they have finished reading the Claryville Septic Plan.
- Councilman Schoonmaker has several questions on maintenance and cost, as well as the length of the terms put forth.
- Councilman Kevin Smith asks if the NYCDEP will still make an effort to acquire land. Supervisor Brooks responds yes, thru 2025.
- Supervisor Brooks states his problem is with the imminent domain, he will not accept or approve any proposal the has imminent domain.
- Supervisor Brooks informs all present that the CWC and Lamont Engineers will be in attendance at next months meeting on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the plan and answer any questions.
- Councilman Vurckio asks if the Town would hire a full time employee?
- Supervisor Brooks responds no, the CWC would.
- Supervisor Brooks states he firmly believes as has stated before, it should be put to a vote of the residents in the "Special Septic District".
- Councilman Vurckio opens a brief discussion on the separate tax district.
- Discussion follows on the Special District and time frame.
- Councilman Schoonmaker responds well it is their baby, so to speak, they should handle it.
- Supervisor Brooks explains the program, the \$8.6 million for upkeep.
- The Town has thirty days to decide to opt in or out and is not on the hook for any funds until construction starts.
- Supervisor Brooks everyone will get a new septic system and they must be maintained.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilman comment.

- ❖ Councilman Mike Dean asks Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers about the Fred's Road sign and informs him the residents want it put at the end of the proper driveway. It is on the wrong one, due to a new driveway.
- ❖ Superintendent Van Sadlers replies it has been there for years and the roads signs are uniform.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks remarks it is a 911 issue and should be changed.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks wants to set a date for the zoning public hearing?
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks responds will be next month.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Public Comment:

- Resident George Elias comments he walked to the Blue Hole and no one was there.
- Resident Clifford Fainty ch states he has had a conversation with Ulster County Sherriff Paul Van Blarcum who stated the issue was an educational one and the he has been coordinating with the NYSDEC Rangers for coverage.
- Resident Fainty ch states it will be dealt with in the upcoming forest management plan.
- Supervisor Brooks states we have pushed to close it due to over use.

- Supervisor Brooks as per the Moa over use is an valid reason to close the Blue Hole. New York State does not want it closed.

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 by Councilman Mike Dean,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7 pm at the Denning Town Hall

# Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Denning Town Hall.  
Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks

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

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

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, Budget vs. Actual thru May 2017, Resolution 37 of 2017 and correspondence to the Supervisor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Highway Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Van Sadars.

(see Warrant #6PP, voucher #16-19)

MVP Health Care, Inc. DA9060.8 \$5,764.82

Trust & Agency Account DA9030.8 \$723.41, \$788.72, \$764.88

Motion to approve and pay Highway Pre Paid Vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Van Sadars.

(see Warrant #6, voucher #87-104)

Advance Auto DA5130.4 \$275.87

All American Ford A5130.4 \$517.10

All Gas & Welding DA5130.4 \$42.83, \$61.15

Anderson Equipment Co. DA5130.4 \$3,085.12

Blue Tarp Financial, Inc. DA5130.4 \$32.94

Case Tire Inc. DA5130.4 \$647.38

Fleet Pride DA5130.4 \$569.38

Home Depot Credit Services DA5130.4 \$171.32

Kimball Midwest DA5130.4 \$379.53

Liberty Trading Post Inc. DA5130.4 \$38.73

Mombaccus Excavating Inc. DA5110.4 \$624.62

Prestige Towing & Recovery, Inc. DA5110.4 \$375.00

Sarjo Industries DA5130.4 \$124.94

Shakelton Auto & Truck Center DA5130.4 \$698.47

Tractor Supply DA5130.4 \$112.82

York Modern Corp. DA5130.4 \$88.91, \$1,130.27

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.

- Councilman Mike Dean opens a brief discussion on the moving of the sign for Fred's Road. Highway Superintendent Van Sadars replies, there was a meeting of the Round Pond Club, it was to be discussed and he would be informed of the decision.
- Supervisor Brooks inquires as to the status of the hydro seeding to be done in Claryville? Highway Superintendent Van Sadars replies Brendan has not come yet; it will be done when he does the Neversink side.
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadars leaves as his portion has concluded.

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #6PP, voucher (#36-44)

Central Hudson A1620.4 \$321.65, A5132.4 \$331.62, A8160.4 \$41.50

Magna5 A1110.4 \$54.47, A1620.4 \$86.56, A5132.4 \$83.08

MVP Health Care Inc. DA9060.8 \$5,209.05

Time Warner Cable A1670.4 \$79.95, \$287.94

Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$235.13, \$647.35, \$235.13

Motion to approve and paid General Fund Pre Pay vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 Roll Call vote.

General Vouchers, presented presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #6, vouchers 89-110)

Tammy Beck A1110.4 \$34.41  
 Tammy Beck Petty Cash A1110.4 \$31.83  
 Russell Betters A1355.4 \$75.00  
 Central Hudson A5182.4 \$101.54  
 Gnome Home Inc. A1355.4 \$32.00  
 Kingston Oil Supply Corp. A5132.4 \$416.07  
 Lexis Nexis A1110.2 \$196.13  
 MVP A9060.8 \$40.50, \$40.50  
 Joy Monforte A1410.4  
 TC Petty Cash Reimbursement A1410.4 \$  
 Office of the State Comptroller A690 \$655.00, \$445.00  
 Nancy Parrow A1355.4 \$75.00  
 Daniel Pierce Library A1010.4 \$60.00  
 Quill.Com A1110.2 \$49.00, A3620.4 \$223.90.  
 River Valley Radio A1650.4 \$291.29  
 Thompson Reuters A110.2 \$346.92  
 UCRRA A8160.4 \$2562.05  
 Karl Con Hassel A3620.4 \$77.17  
 Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas, PLLC A1420.4 \$30.00  
 Casey Witthohn A1355.4 \$130.64  
 Carl Landon A1460.4 \$278.75  
 Motion to approve and pay General Fund vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried following a 4 to 0 roll call vote.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the bid for paving the Town Hall parking lot.

- ✓ Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board that even though we received only one bid it is legal to accept it per New York State Town Law, it has been checked. Plus, the bid packet was sent to thirteen bidders besides the publication Said bid.
- ✓ He explains that he and Councilman Vurckio have reviewed the bid and found it acceptable.

Supervisor Brooks calls for any comments or questions? There is none.

Resolution No. 37 of 2017

**WHEREAS**, New York State Town Law authorizes Towns to go out to bid, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Denning has put forth a bid request for the excavation and paving of the Town Hall Parking Lot Project. And

**WHEREAS**, one bid was received from Poley Paving in the amounts of \$35,858.00 for the excavation and \$22,500.00 for the paving. And

**WHEREAS**, the Denning Town Supervisor has done due diligence in the review of Said bid.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** accepts and approves of Said bid.

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.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board of a grant from Senator Bonacic, he requests ideas from the Town Board for the application.
- Supervisor Brooks has spoken with Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers who has suggested a new roller.
- Town Board discussion follows on the usage of the funds.
- The Town Board will start with a generator for the barn and a fuel system, which can be used for the Annual Report and for audit purposes as well.

- Supervisor Brooks reports he has applied for and received \$250,000.00 in grants in the last four years from Senator Bonacic for the Town of Denning.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks he forgot to ask Highway Superintendent Van Saders about the new Freightliner seat replacement, which was damaged by River Valley Radio.
- Supervisor Brooks reports he has met with the CWC for a grant to raise the Town Hall two feet above the 100-year flood level.
- The CWC will pay for the entire project, there is no option to relocate.
- Irene was a 37-year level flood.
- Supervisor Brooks suggested going to propane for the entire Town Hall heating system, he feels it will save money for the long haul.
- Town Board discussion follows.
- This will save on the Town's flood insurance as well as safeguard records and equipment.
- The Town will be able to continue to function in an emergency.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board MVP has sent a notice of an 10.99% increase in premiums.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board it will be tough to stay under the Tax Cap, especially with a new highway employee.
- Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of a FEMA letter addressed to the Town of an Elevation Certificate, however if the Town Board agrees to pursue the elevation of the Town Hall then it can be done when the engineering is done.
- The Town Board unanimously agrees and authorizes the Supervisor to commence the paperwork for the elevation of the Town Hall.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of an illegal dumping of garbage over the fence on Saturday, a witness come forth and got a plate number. The garbage in the bag also had the residents name on it.
- The Board reviews the warning letter the Supervisor would like to send to resident.
- Discussion follows.
- AS the resident is in difficult financial straits, they will receive one warning.

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.

- The Claryville Art Center will hold a new artist opening reception this Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4.

#### Councilman Comments:

Councilman Gregory Vurckio inquires the Town Board preference on steel or wood for the highway barn addition.

- ❖ Discussion follows, including the vapor barrier.
- ❖ Councilman Smith opens a discussion on the Claryville Community Septic Plan.
- ❖ Discussion follows; length the funding would last, immanent domain, the hiring of a full time employee, the need for it to be self sustainable.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board the CWC and Lamont Engineering will at the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for comments and questions, he urges the public to attend.
- ❖ Discussion opened on the proposed Zoning Law, a public hearing date is set for Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Denning Town Hall.

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

Motion to adjourn the Town Board Business meeting at 8:24 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, June 14th, 2017

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7 pm at the Denning Town Hall.