

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.  
Held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

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

Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars

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

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, Resolutions No. 30 of 2020, the Annual Report, NYMIR Insurance proposal, and mail to the Councilmen.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last months' minutes by Town Clerk Joy Monforte.

Motion to adopt as read by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Correspondence – read by Supervisor Brooks

- The Supervisor submits for signatures at Town Clerk Monforte's request, the signing of the voucher for the NYSTCA conference which had previously been approved.
- The monthly donation in the amount of \$9,937.50.00 has been received and Supervisor Brooks thanks, both, Director Jerry Huncosky and the Board of Directors of the Frost Valley YMCA.
- NYMIR Insurance proposal is discussed, with Supervisor Brooks confirming, Hwy. Super. Van Sadars approval of all of the equipment and value listed.
- Hwy. Super. Van Sadars responds yes, he opens a brief discussion on the marine equipment items.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks the bill has increased by \$800.00, the Town is paying the amount that was paid in 2006.
- Supervisor Brooks requests comments or questions and opens a discussion on a CYBER Security Policy against ransom ware, from NYMIR.
- Following a brief discussion: Councilman Dean remarks it is probably a good thing, Councilman Smith notes the \$1,000 deductible.
- Where upon Supervisor Brooks requests a motion to adopt and approves of, and.

**Whereupon**, the approval of the Cyber policy is put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

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.

- Councilman Vurckio asks about the roll off containers in the NYMIR Proposal?
- Supervisor Brooks replies those are the containers we purchased from UCRRA, we have them insured.
- Supervisor Brooks requests a motion to approve of the NYMIR Proposal as there are no further comments or questions.

**Whereupon**, the approval of the NYMIR Insurance Policy was put to a vote, and

recorded as follows: 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.

Highway Report: by Hwy. Superintendent Dan Van Sadars

- Truck and equipment repair and maintenance report given.
- Numerous salt and sand events, he remarks, he has ample salt and sand in the barn and if he did need to order, it would probably be straight sand.
- HO Penn came and swapped out the knuckle on the backhoe, a new bucket will also be installed, as the the current bucket does not lay flat on the ground, it is under warranty, and has very little use.
- Super. Van Sadars states he would like to square up the backhoe bill, along with the credit due, due to the lower cost of the knuckle, he wants it resolved before the loader work commences.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith

- No new business before the Board.
- The members held a discussion on the Kobayashi project, with all stake holders planning on attending the next meeting, on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if anyone came from the loggers at the Pack property?
- Response no.

Judge Follender:

- Judge Follender asks Court Liaison Councilman Paul Schoonmaker what he thinks of the court?
- Councilman Schoonmaker responds he believes the Court is well run, he shows justice tempered with mercy, a good operation and a credit to the Town. Court Clerk Tammy Beck is quick to responds to all of the Judges requests and is very capable.
- Judge Follender remarks he wants a raise in his annual salary to \$8,500.00 and his Court Clerks salary increased to \$17.00 an hour.
- He feels this is very important for the prestige of the court and standing in the County, not necessarily for him, it is about a certain amount of respect and integrity.
- The Court has been much busier since 2015, due to the Blue Hole.
- He would also like to train his successor.
- Brief discussion is opened on Bail Reform, he believes it was done taking NY City into consideration and not middle class NY, he further states it will be amended before election day.
- He states he has no problem putting people in jail but always works for a compromise or he feels like he has failed.
- Judge Follender opens a discussion on court grants.
- Judge Follender opens a discussion on UCATS coming to both sides of Town, commenting he sees thirty people every morning on Rt. 28 waiting for the bus.
- Judge Follender opens a discussion on an article in the Woodstock Times about cell service, he tells the story of the Boy Scout who passed away due the lack of ability to contact more emergency services.
- Supervisor Brooks reminds Judge Follender that every year he has been in office the Judge and Clerk have gotten a raise, his raise the last two years was \$500.00 per year.
- Judge Follender replies he believes his court clerk should be on salary not an hourly wage, although she did tell him about a couple of thousand-dollar discretionary spending.
- Supervisor Brooks informs all present, he is trying to get a company willing to put up an antenna, you must have a commitment prior to a tower.
- Supervisor Brooks states he has been working with U.C. Emergency Services to place emergency communication equipment at Gussie Sagandorfs.
- Supervisor Brooks tells the Judge he will back him if he feels someone is a threat and should be locked up.

Resolution No. 30 of 2020

**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 2020 Budget. And

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes Supervisor Brooks to increase revenue A 3021 Court Facilitated State Aid by \$6,491.49 and to increase A1110.2 Justice Court Equipment budget line in the amount of \$6,491.49.

**Whereupon**, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

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.

Supervisor Brooks requests a motion to approve the seeking of highway material bids.

**Whereupon**, the Motion was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

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.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on road names, there are two which much be done.

- The first one is changing the name of Sheeley Road in Sundown, as there is a Sheeley Road in Grahamsville and they both have the same zip code now, he suggests Barnum Road. He is very concerned if an emergency ever arose, there are already delivery issues.

**Whereupon**, to adopt and approve of the name change from Sheeley Road to Barnum Road was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

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.

- The second road is a private road by the former Van Aken farm, building permits have been requested but it must have a road name prior to the assigning of 911 numbers.
- Supervisor Brooks; the first road name received was Wild Cherry Lane.
- Discussion follows; as it is a private road it must be a lane or a way.

**Whereupon**, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

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.

Supervisor Brooks submits the Court Cell Phone Policy for adoption and approval, saying it was missed at the Organizational Meeting.

- Brief discussion follows, as the Policy remains the same.

**Whereupon**, the Cell Phone Policy was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

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.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board; he and Councilman Vurckio had meeting with the DEC regarding changes, at the Blue Hole, however, it will remain status quo.
- The Catskill Visitors Center wanted to be able to hand out permits, however, what would the fall out be, if they ran out, after people traveled a long time.
- Councilman Vurckio informs those present; cost of the pass program to NYS for the last two years, has been \$25,000.00.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks he has been informed the funds for the parking lot and trail may not be available this year. However, Kelly Turturro, Region Three Director will check if funding had been ear marked.
- Councilman Vurckio comments it sounded like they want to make a parking area for just the Blue Hole and a separate lot for hikers.
- Supervisor Brooks comments that if hikers are not parked early they will not get a space.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board and those present of his upcoming meeting, with the DEP and Central Hudson regarding the replacement of lines and he will attempt to mitigate issues pertaining to the lines being put on the

roadways. He firmly states it is a life or death and safety issue because we do not have any cell service in case of emergency, this is not about aesthetics.

- Supervisor Brooks remarks he will find out the results of the Sullivan/Ulster County bus transportation meeting, he has told UCRRA of his preference to keep the rides in Ulster County, for sales tax revenue but will find out what the end result was.
- Councilman Dean remarks this is Shared Services.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments: See above.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Mr. Paul Hnatiw states it has been twenty-one months since the White House Road issue started, he asks if the zoning changes have been done and if not when?
- Supervisor Brooks replies not yet, he hopes to have it done in a month and will get it to him.
- Mr. Hnatiw asks when the zoning will be done?
- Mrs. Barb Hnatiw informs the Board that her mother-in-law was required to make a donation to the County van when it came.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks that has not been in any discussion, he has had with County; he asks if anyone knows when it started and when it came?
- Mr. Hnatiw replies when Jim Dymond was Councilman, his mother also called when she would not be utilizing the service, the van came weekly.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks the result of a three-month survey was three people.
- Mr. Hnatiw asks if the next meeting is in Sundown?
- Supervisor Brooks responds no, the next meeting in Sundown is May and June, then in September and October.
- Mrs. Hnatiw asks if the cell phone policy also pertains to attorney's, they have to return their phone to the car as well?
- Supervisor Brooks replies yes, to the car, although they don't work here.

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

Motion to adjourn 7:38 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.

# Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Denning Town Hall.  
Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks

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

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

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, and the Budget vs. Actual thru February 2020, the corrected agenda from last week, the next Town Board meeting location was in error.

Pledge of Allegiance

Highway Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy Super. Van Saders.

(see Warrant #3 Pre-Pay, voucher #10-11)

MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$11,275.81

Trust & Agency Acct. A9030.8 \$928.11

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Pre Paid Vouchers was made by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor.

Highway Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders.

(see Warrant #3, voucher #25-41)

American Rock Salt DA5142.4 \$11,098.15

Apalachee DA5142.4 \$5,968.

Blue Tarp Financial Inc., DA5130.4 \$418.96

Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5130.4 \$3,341.89.

Campbell DA5130.4 \$1,098.79.

Case Tire DA5130.4 \$1,076.00

Donohue Trucking DA5142.4 \$14,285.22, DA5110.4 \$2,335.80.

Fleet Pride DA5130.4 \$333.97

Health Care Reimbursement Act DA9060.8 \$5,000.00.

Home Depot Cr. Ser. DA5130.4 \$168.18.

Mombaccus Excavating DA5142.4 \$5,166.60.

North East Parts Group DA5130.4 \$632.73.

Prestige Towing & Recovery, Inc. DA5130.4 \$300.00

Sarjo Industries, Inc. DA5130.4 \$525.26.

T&T Sales DA5130.4 \$413.44.

Truck Pro DA5130.4 \$4955.66.

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Fund vouchers was made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith. Motion carried.

Hwy. Super. Van Saders informs the Town Board the Town has met the salt levels, reserved last year.

- Discussion opened on chip sealing this year, as well as, paving.
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders informs the Town Board he has received the repair quote for the loader from HO Penn but has many questions about the quote, he remarks he will submit after he calls them for explanations.
- He also has questions on the credit.
- Discussion on the bucket, including replacing with a smaller one.
- Discussion on the equipment trailer replacement.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if he, Hwy. Super. Van Saders still wants a 20 to 25 ton and a discussion on the trailer brand follows.
- Supervisor Brooks instructs Hwy. Super. Van Saders to get a "Wish List", together, and he and Hwy. Super. Van Saders can review.

Supervisor Brooks asks if there is anything else for Hwy. Super. Van Saders?  
There is not.

Hwy. Super. Van Saders leaves as his portion of the meeting has concluded.

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #3PP, voucher (#13-19)

Central Hudson A1620.4 \$311.86, A5132.4 \$452.05, A8160.4 \$30.10

The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center A1410.4 \$514.00.

MVP Health Care DA9060.8 \$8,059.68, \$71.50.

Spectrum A1620.4 \$203.50  
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$712.33.  
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund Pre Pay vouchers was made by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #3, vouchers 30- 53)

Association of Towns A1920.4 \$800.00.

Bottini Fuel Corp. A5132.4 \$1,029.15, \$413.92.

Central Hudson A5182.4 \$129.43

Jonathan Follender A1110.4\$987.00

Gnome Home Inc., A1410.4 \$65.50

Health Care Reimbursement A9060.8 \$5,000.00.

Lawyers Diary Manual A1110.2 \$122.25.

Lexis Nexis (Matthew Bender & Co.) A1110.2 \$231.66.

Looseleaf Law Publications A3620.4 \$281.20

Joy Monforte A1410.4 \$195.00.

T.C. Petty Cash Reimbursement c/o Joy Monforte A1410.4 \$35.22

MVP Health Care A9060.8 \$71.50

Office of the Comptroller A690 \$297.50.

Mike Pries, Inc. A1910.4 \$21,554.50.

Quill Inc. A1110.2 \$315.95, \$159.99, A1620.4 \$28.82, A5132.4 \$35.27.

Thompson Reuters – West A1110.2 \$1,145.95.

Time 7 the Valley Museum A7450.4 \$1,000.00.

UCATS A5010.4 \$334.00

U.C. Information Services A1410.4 \$100.00

UCRRA A8160.4 \$1,302.70.

UCTCTXCA A1410.4 \$40.00

Ward Engineering A5132.2 \$650.00.

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund vouchers was made by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Supervisor Brooks and Councilman Comments:

- Lengthy Town Board discusses paving the top of Red Hill Road and other dirt roads.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on fees for FOIL or copies of records. Brief discussion follows.
- Paper copies are twenty-five cents per page, CD is five, envelopes are one and sticks are fifteen dollars, the town must cover its costs, so the taxpayers do not pay and all requests are plus postage, return receipt required and must be pre-paid.

Whereupon a Motion to adopt and approve was made by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the Annual Report.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a general discussion on highway equipment and the repair or trading in of, for new replacement equipment.
- Councilman Dean remarks he would not go smaller on the bucket.
- Councilman Schoonmaker gives a court update of the last court date, he says it was a lengthy procedure and both parties may work a deal.
- Councilman Vurckio asks Supervisor Brooks if, when and what the cost will be for tire recycling. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks responds yes; he will work on that next.
- Councilman Smith comments he has been checking on the NIMS updates and there do not appear to be any required for 2020, as of yet.

Supervisor Brooks call for any further comments, topics or questions? There is none.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6 pm at the Sundown Church Hall.