

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.

Held on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Paul Schoonmaker, Mike Dean, Councilman Kevin Smith.

Absent: Councilman Gregory Vurckio

Absent: 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, resolution No. 49 of 2019, as well as correspondence to the Supervisor.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing for Local Law No. 3 of 2019 titled: Tax Levy Limit Override.

Supervisor Brooks explains the reasoning and purpose of this law, stating this is a budget tool. The health insurance increase is 10% and the garbage increase is 20%.

- Resident Paul Hnatiw asks what the Tax Cap limit is?
- Supervisor Brooks replies 2%, although it is not 2% every year.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the public, if it is not needed, the law will be rescinded by resolution, as required by law.
- Supervisor Brooks calls for any further comments or questions, there is none, he asks for a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Whereupon, a motion is made by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, to adjourn the public hearing and move into the regular Town Board meeting and recorded as follows: 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.

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 3 to 0 vote, with one absentee.

Correspondence – read by Supervisor Brooks

- The monthly donation from the YMCA in the amount of \$9,583.33 has been received and is gratefully acknowledged.
- The U.C. Transportation survey is read and Supervisor Brooks explains the possibility of public transportation for both, health visits or shopping. Further stating, this is a case of numbers, if we have enough residents in need of the service, who would utilize public transportation. He asks everyone to spread the word and to call Town Clerk Monforte, so she may take the information for the count.
- Electric quotes from Progressive Energy Consultants, Supervisor Brooks asks the Town Board to review and consider until next week.
- U.C. Sales tax amount for April thru June of 2019.
- Enhanced Star-new registrants must register on line.
- Supervisor Brooks reads the resignation letter from Planning Board member Jerry Huncosky, which was received after the last meeting. The Supervisor and Town Board thank him for his service.

Highway Report: by Supervisor Brooks

- The department is planning to pave Denning Road on Thursday and Red Hill on Friday.
- The new backhoe has been sent back for an equipment change, however, the old one is still operating.

Planning Board Report - by Councilman Kevin Smith

- Councilman Smith comments he was unable to attend as he had previously informed the Board.
- However, Katherine Parr, a member, sent him notes.
- The Kobayashi project group, planning board and Code Enforcement Officer von Hassel will meet together at the next planning board meeting.

- Brief discussion on the Catskill Mtn. Road Race; Supervisor Brooks asks Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith to request Planning Chair Joe Sibiga send them a thank you for their co-operation with signage on our roads.

Resolution No. 49 of 2019

WHEREAS General Municipal Law 3c allows an override to the tax levy limit, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning Town Board has intentions of fulfilling its financial obligations, and

WHEREAS the Tax Override Law is a budgetary tool authorized and mandated for use by New York State, And

WHEREAS a PUBLIC HEARING was held on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019 regarding Local Law No. 3 of 2019, and

WHEREAS any and all interested person(s) were heard,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** adopts Local Law No. 3 of 2019 titled: Tax Levy Limit Override. And

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that if SAID Tax Cap Override is not needed then Local Law No. 3 of 2019 will be **RESCINDED**, by resolution as required by New York State law.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith,

2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. 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.

Projects Update: by Supervisor Brooks

- ❖ The Septic Maintenance District is mostly done. One resident has been added.
- ❖ He and Chris Yacobucci of Lamont Engineers met with another property owner and he has agreed to the "Enhanced Septic System" and signed the agreement.
- ❖ At the last meeting Mr. Lamont misspoke, the number is 3.2 not 2.3 million.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks remarks he is speaking to banks to discuss investment rates, interest is down to 2.65%.
- ❖ Councilman Mike Dean suggests putting the funds into different terms. Supervisor Brooks agrees, further saying it will definitely be staggered, as well.
- ❖ Sundown Stream Project will be submitted to the DEC; no comments have been received by the DEP.
- ❖ The storage building bid is out and will be opened at a Special Board meeting held on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 at 9 am, Supervisor Brooks does not want to wait until next month due to it being a further delay in construction, weather factors considered.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ Supervisor Brooks asks if the Town Board has reviewed and considered the health insurance renewal plan and cost? He asks if anyone has any questions or comments, there are none. Supervisor Brooks requests a motion of approval.

Whereupon, the health insurance renewal is put to a vote for approval and acceptance, and recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 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.

- ❖ The Blue hole is still busy but not crazy.
- ❖ The Town has installed posts at Buttermilk Falls for signage regarding the Riparian Corridor and permits required.
- ❖ The Town will hold sexual harassment training soon.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks inform the Board he has been playing phone tag with planner Alan Sorenson, he has been leaving messages with what needs to be done.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Schoonmaker informs the Board he was unable to attend last weeks' court date; he was undergoing some medial testing. However, he spoke with the Court Clerk who gave him details.
- Councilman Schoonmaker informs the Board, the Red Hill DEC case, may have his license revoked by the NYSDEC, the ECO would not make a decision in front of the court.
- The case on White House Road was dismissed.
- At the court session last month, Judge Follender had asked Councilman Schoonmaker if there was another case like this pending in the Town. Judge Follender, also wants the Councilmen to do a property inspection around Town, looking for other violations.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Mr. Hnatiw states the issue on White House Road has been on going for fifteen months, he states "we all knew the Judge would sweep this under the rug."
- Mr. Hnatiw further comments that, CEO Von Hassel is burnt out and knows the Judge will continue to sweep this under the rug.
- Mr. Hnatiw wants to know what the Town Board is going to do about it.
- Supervisor Brooks replies he doesn't know, he and the Town Board followed the proper protocol.
- Discussion follows.

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

Motion to adjourn 6:47 by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor, with one absentee.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, September 4th, 2019

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 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, Kevin Smith and Gregory Vurckio.
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.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

(see Warrant #9 Pre-Pay, voucher #27-28)

MVP Healthcare Inc. DA9060.8 \$10,221.66

Trust & Agency Account DA9030.8 \$810.37

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Pre Paid Vouchers by
Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Motion
carried 4 to 0 vote.

Highway Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders.

(see Warrant #9, voucher # 124-132)

Advance Professional DA5130.4 \$42.98

Arkel Motors, Inc. A5130.4 \$1,758.38

Callanan Inc. DA5110.4 \$11,411.58.

Chemung Corp. DA5110.4 \$3,374.00

Conditional Control Systems DA5130.4 \$1,299.00

Liberty Home & Garden DA5110.4 \$463.90

Shakelton Auto & Truck Center DA5130.4 \$172.41

E. Tetz & Sons, Inc. DA5110.4 \$982.80

Tractor Supply DA5130.4 \$29.98

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Fund vouchers by Councilman
Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Councilman Vurckio asks Hwy. Super. Van Saders what the Bentonite was used
for?

- Hwy. Super. Van Saders replies for sealing the pipes on Red Hill.

Supervisor Brooks asks Hwy. Super. Van Saders how the paving is going?

- Hwy. Super. Van Saders replies good, although we may only be able to
chip seal the hill portion for the winter.

Councilman Vurckio asks if Scott has been able to use the brush mower?

- Hwy. Super. Van Saders responds yes and he is all done, however, it may
need to have the boom cylinder repacked.
- Discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks reminds Hwy. Super. Van Saders that he still wants to pave
the highway dept. lot.

- Supervisor Brooks remarks, after the paving of the highway department,
he will be able to close out one of the grants that are currently in process.
- Discussion opened, including the aid, the pavement would have in cleaner
run off, no sediment.
- The DEP was at the highway barn after a heavy rain.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks, after paving, the Town would be eligible for
Storm Water Run off Funds.

Hwy. Super. Van Saders would like to have outlets in the barn changed.

- The Town Board authorizes the expenditure, using an outside electrical
vendor, for safety and insurance reasons.

Councilman Vurckio inquires as to the status of the new backhoe?

- Hwy. Super. Van Saders responds they called yesterday and said the part
should be in tomorrow.

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

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #9PP, voucher #64-68)
Central Hudson A1620.4 \$241.87, A5132.4 \$324.09, A8160.4 \$38.17
MVP Health Care Inc. DA9060.8 \$7,306.20.
TWC A1620.4 \$204.51.
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$713.52
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund Pre Pay vouchers by
Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #9, vouchers #138-145)
Central Hudson A5182.4 \$283.25.
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$217.92
MVP A9060.8 \$71.50
Office of the State Comptroller A690 \$1,410.00
Mike Pries, Inc. A1910.4 \$332.20
UCRRA A8160.4 \$1564.00, \$2,397.40
Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas A1420.4 \$45.00
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund vouchers by Councilman
Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments and Councilman Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board he has been playing phone tag with Bill Rudge from the DEC, regarding the fire tower issues.
- The Town has received two calls from residents on Coons/ Dinch Roads complaining how rough the road has gotten.
- He has been informed that on Saturday alone, there were 143 visitors, with 30 to 40 who arrived before the volunteers and did not sign in.
- Among the complaints, the porta potty has not been emptied and is full, Supervisor Brooks has informed the DEC it must be emptied weekly.
- Visitors parked, all along the roadway, up to Rudolph Road.
- Discussion opened on plowing Coons/Dinch Road and the back side of Red Hill Road, discussion includes: traffic, and use of the road, plowing with pickups - not the larger trucks, seasonal designation and improvements. As well as, motor paving.
- Following this discussion, the Town Board decides it will make improvements to the back side of Red Hill Road, beginning next year.
- Discussion opened on the cracks in pavement on some roadways, and the sealing process with hot tar.
- Councilman Schoonmaker opens a discussion on chip sealing roads.
- Councilman Vurckio offers a suggestion of hiring an outside vendor to do the road crack sealing.
- Councilman Dean agrees.
- Joint discussion on general topics follows.

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, Sept. 11th, 2019.

Next Meeting: Special meeting to open storage building bids at 9 am on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 at the Denning Town Hall.

Next Town Board meeting: Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 at 6 pm at the Sundown Church Hall.

Town of Denning – Town Special Meeting

Meeting held on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 at the Denning Town Hall.
Called to order at 9:00 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks

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

Absent: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers.

Purpose of Said meeting is to open bids for the Town of Denning Highway Department storage building, so the equipment is not outside subjected to the weather.

One bid received:

- from Morton Builders in the amount of \$149,251.00.
- Supervisor Brooks and each Councilmen review the bid.
- Discussion opened on size of doors, dormers, and color including roof color.
- Councilman Vurckio asks if the door color and roof will match?
- Response from Morton rep. Neil Carpenter, yes and he submits for Town Board consideration an electronic illustration.
- The Town Board approves a green building with ivory doors and roof.
- Councilman Vurckio inquires if the building will be able to be insulated at a later date.
- Response yes.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the dead-man to be built prior to the building construction. Mr. Carpenter remarks it will not be an issue.
- Supervisor Brooks calls for any further comments or questions. There are none.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to accept and approve of the single bid received, contingent upon the bid spec's matching the building spec's requested.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks opens a brief discussion on the 2020 Budget and the raises for Town employees and elected officials.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Councilman of the items discussed at the County Supervisor `s meeting yesterday.
- Which included a discussion on Shared Services pertaining to assessor, courts and highway services. The Shared services must be documented for a dollar to dollar match, from NYS. Brief discussion follows.

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

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, Sept. 18th, 2019.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 at 6 pm at the Sundown Church Hall.