

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

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

Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the meetings commencement.
The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda and Resolution No. 40 of 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion to adopt and approve as read and amended by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence – Supervisor Brooks

- The monthly donation from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$8,500.00 has been received and is gratefully acknowledged.
- A form from Verizon for our seniors and other residents with a health issue; to be placed on a list for a speedier repair, allegedly in 24 hours.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Ditch cleaned on Voss, Denning and parts of Peekamoose Roads.
- Graded Dinch and Rudolph Roads.
- 2018 pick up delivered and in service.
- Grader looked at by Pine Bush Equipment, they have not come to conclusion on problem.
- Shared Services paving work with the Town of Neversink.
- Storm related issues; Wild Meadow Road is the worst effected.
- Some repairs in Sundown.
- Supervisor Brooks asks about a paving date?
- Superintendent Dan Van Saders replies probably late August.
- The Town is supposed to get material from the UCDPW work being done on the S turn project on Frost Valley Road.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Superintendent Van Saders about an equipment status report?
- Superintendent Dan Van Saders replies mowing is being done over here in Sundown, have almost completed the mowing.
- Councilman Mike Dean asks about stock piling material from the S turn?
- Superintendent Van Saders replies yes, we will, on Denning Road.
- Resident Russ Betters asks about paving on Peekamoose?
- Superintendent Van Saders, he is working on paving a section with UCDPW help.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires as to the stock pile of material by Town Hall.
- Superintendent Van Saders replies that is for the stream project behind Blue Hill Lodge and Town Hall.

Planning Board Report - by Councilman Mike Dean

- Ms. Small's came before the planning board to complain about lighting at the Blue Hill Lodge.
- Chairman Sibiga informed her he will check with the site plan.
- The Planning Board discussed Barnes Road request again.
- A notice was received; the Kobayashi sub division has been filed in Kingston.
- A survey of their property is being done by the Small's.

Resolution No. 40 of 2018

WHEREAS New York State Town Law §64-3 permits local governments to adopt laws concerning the property, affairs or government of the Town, And General Municipal Law 3c allows an override to the tax levy limit. And

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

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board intends to keep its financial obligations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** approves Resolution No. 40 of 2018 formally introducing Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018, Titled: Tax Levy Limit Override.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Town Board Business meeting.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean,
2nd 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:

- Explains the purpose of proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018 as a budget tool
- Further commenting he has never used it, although they have passed it every year and have rescinded it every year, he has been supervisor.
- With the Equalization Rate decreasing to 16% you can expect a 6.5 % per thousand increase in your school taxes.
- A health insurance increase of almost 12 % it is not sustainable.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to authorize Town Clerk Joy Monforte to sign the final order as no petitions protesting the Permissive Referendum have been filed.

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

Motion to authorize and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio,
2nd 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.

- Informs the Town Board; he and Councilman Vurckio met with the DEC, DEP, UCDoH, CWC, engineers from UCDPW and the Town engineer from Chazen Group to discuss the stream project from behind M. Vaia to the bridge, which UCDPW will be outing a new deck on next year.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks the bridge was put in, in 1948 with the building right by it serving as the Town Hall. They also reviewed the elevation mark on the foundation of the church.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board and residents the cost of the engineering study as well as the feasibility study of raising the Town Hall are being paid for by the CWC.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks he is pleased with the way the permit system is working at Blue Hole on weekends, and emergency vehicles can now get thru.
- Supervisor Brooks informs all present the walkway at the Blue Hole to keep pedestrians off the roadway is on hold indefinitely.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the residents a grant was obtained from Senator Bonacic in the amount of \$50,000.00 to aid in the purchase of a new backhoe.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks the Town has received for \$300,000.00 to date from the Senator for projects. He has been a huge asset to the Town while he, Supervisor Brooks, has been Supervisor.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a brief discussion on lighting at the Blue Hill Lodge.
- Planning Board Chairman Joe Sibiga has sent the owner a letter.
- Councilman Kevin Smith suggests lowering the light pole 10 feet or putting a shroud on it, either would work.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks asks Councilman Schoonmaker how the new court system is working out?
- Councilman Schoonmaker responds he believes it is working well, the Judge is on vacation.
- Councilman Kevin Smith inquires as to the updated zoning.
- Supervisor Brooks he is starting but will not be done until sometime in October.
- Councilman Vurckio comments he has gone thru Peekamoose past the Blue Hole in the morning and back in the afternoon and it was very well managed.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Resident Russ Better remarks at the start of the meeting you sounded like taxes would have to go up?
- Supervisor Brooks replies many towns in Ulster County have exceeded the Tax Cap. Further, commenting that the decreased equalization rate means a 6.5% per thousand increase, which will affect school taxes the most.
- Supervisor Brooks urges everyone to get involved with school taxes at a \$32,000,00.00 budget with less students, it has gotten out of hand.
- Houses are selling at 3, 4, or 5 times what they are appraised for and that is affecting our equalization rate.
- Both resident Russ Better and Supervisor Brooks agree that NYS is pushing for a reevaluation.
- Resident Paul Hnatiw and Supervisor Brooks have a discussion on Mr. Hnatiw's complaint of a neighbor parking vehicles on the road, blocking traffic and causing an issue with fuel and other deliveries. His company parks right in the road blocking traffic, you can't get around them.
- Mr. Hnatiw states he would like to see the Town remove all of the junk and then place the cost on his tax bill, for reimbursement.
- Supervisor Brooks informs him of a meeting yesterday, Monday, August 6th with the property owner, Code Enforcement officer and himself. They have given him until November 15th to remove the vehicles from the property.
- Resident George Elias opens a brief discussion on the material from the S turn on Frost Valley Road. He reads from the ad in the Townsman.
- He is informed that the Towns of Denning, and Neversink as well as Ulster County is stockpiling material.
- Supervisor Brooks and resident Paul Hnatiw have a brief discussion on health insurance costs and various plans.
- Resident Grace Rivera opens a brief discussion on Spectrum and also comments Verizon is on the tower in Grahamsville.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks it is better for the Town of Denning, if they stay.
- Supervisor Brooks reminds the audience of his non disclosure agreement with TMC/Spectrum and states he legally cannot say anything more.

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

Motion to adjourn 7:53 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, August 8th, 2018

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 13th, 2018 at 7 pm at the Denning Town Hall.

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday, August 13th, 2018 at the Denning Town Hall.
Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks
Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Gregory Vurckio,
Late: Kevin Smith due to work issue.
Also present: 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, Resolution No. 41 of 2018 and the Budget vs. Actual thru July, 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brooks opens the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2018 Tax Cap Over Ride.

- Supervisor Brooks explains the budget process, giving an over view of the tax cap, including history of, and reasoning for this law.
- Supervisor Brooks reads Resolution No. 41 of 2018.
- Supervisor Brooks explains he has never used the tax cap, although this law has been approved and adopted every year, he has always remained under the Tax Cap and then rescinding the law.
- Resident Tom Panasci inquires if the Tax Cap is 2%.
- Supervisor Brooks responds, yes, the first year, last year 1% or under, changes every year.
- Brief discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks calls for further comments or questions?
- There is none from the Board or the public in attendance.

Motion to adjourn Public Hearing at 7:09 pm by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. All in favor.

Resolution No.41 of 2018 read by Supervisor Brooks

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, August 14th, 2018 regarding Local Law No. 2 of 2018, 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. 2 of 2018 titled: Tax Levy Limit Override. And

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that if SAID Tax Cap Override is not needed then Local Law No. 2 of 2018 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 Paul Schoonmaker,

2nd 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.

Supervisor Brooks asks resident Joan Small if there is anything the Board can do for her?

- ❖ Mrs. Small informs the Board, she went before the planning board, after broaching the subject at the Town Board meeting, to discuss the lighting

at the Blue Hill Lodge and the Chairman had said he would write to Mr. Nicoletti regarding the issue.

- ❖ Mrs. Small states she would like to thank the Town Board and Planning Board as every light has been reprogrammed.
- ❖ She is surprised and grateful, it is a pleasure to sit on her porch again.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks remarks any issues please bring them to us, that is what we are here for.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks asks for any other comments or questions?
- ❖ Resident Tom Panasci asks about the large rocks across the street?
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks replies they are for the stream bank restoration project behind Blue Hill Lodge and the Town Hall.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks explains the course of work.

Highway Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Superintendent Van Sadlers.

(see Warrant #8PP, voucher #22-26)

MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$7,706.51

Trust & Agency Account DA9030.8 \$663.99, \$874.54, \$38.25, \$753.66.

Motion to approve and pay Highway Pre Paid Vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote

Highway Vouchers presented by Superintendent Van Sadlers.

(see Warrant #8, voucher #122-141)

Advance Auto DA5130.4 \$18.98

Campbell Freightliner DA5130.4 \$91.90

Emergency One DA5110.4 \$75.00

Fleet Pride DA5130.4 \$348.99

Hoffman Int'l DA5130.4 \$228.78.

Home Depot Credit Serv. DA5130.4 \$95.08

HO Penn Machinery Co. DA5130.4 \$455.80

Geo. W. Kinsman, Inc. DA5130.4 \$116.48

Liberty Trading Post DA5130.4 \$7.99

Monticello Black Top DA5110.4 \$485.76

Pine Bush Equipment DA5130.4 \$801.02

Prestige Towing & Recovery DA5130.4 \$400.00

River Valley Radio DA5110.4 \$327.54

Safelight DA5130.4 \$250.00

Sarjo Industries DA5130.4 \$209.04

Shakelton Auto & Truck Center DA5130.4 \$1,263.42

Van Bortel Ford DA5130.4 \$35,104.45

Whereupon, at the request of the Supervisor this voucher was put to a roll call vote, as a fiscal transfer will be needed, recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean,

2nd 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.

Woods Automotive DA5130.4 \$52.00

Zanetti's DA5130.4 \$45.00

Motion to approve and pay Highway Fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Councilman Vurckio requests for additional grass seed on the culvert replacement project on Peekamoose Road. Superintendent Van Sadlers agrees.

Discussion opened on the Ulster County Frost Valley Road S turn project.

Discussion opened on patching and paving including a section of Denning Road.

Discussion on cost of black top and if able to top coat the blacktop.

Discussion on U.C. paving their bridge replacement project on Denning Road.

Councilman Mike Dean informs the Board the bridge opened today.

Councilman Vurckio returns to the Frost Valley S turn project regarding the stock piling of material. The Towns of Denning, Neversink and Ulster County are stock piling and the root balls are being used for the stream bank restoration projects.

The root balls from the river running thru YMCA property on Denning Road are also being used in this project, opening that part of the river.

Supervisor Brooks requests an equipment status report.

Superintendent Van Sadlers replies all is good; the new truck is working well.

Discussion opened on the painted marks on the roads.

Supervisor Brooks comments he wished they would notify us, so we can notify residents.

Discussion follows, including safety and obeying traffic laws.

Supervisor Brooks asks if anyone has anything further for Superintendent Van Sadars? Response is no.

Superintendent Van Sadars leaves as the highway portion has concluded.

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #8PP, voucher (#47-55)

Central Hudson A1620.4 \$135.52, A5132.4 \$251.54, A8160.4 \$40.29

MVP Health Care Inc. DA9060.8 \$5,702.17

TWC A1620.4 \$195.18, A5132.4 \$148.53

Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$240.88, \$690.49, \$267.75, \$ 240.88.

Motion to approve and paid General Fund Pre Pay vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers, presented presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #8, vouchers 109-121)

Matthew Bender & Co. A1110.2 \$219.69

Central Hudson A5182.4 \$103.43

Grahamsville First Aid Squad A4540.4 \$2,405.75

Carl Landon A1460.4 \$327.92

Mark Moore A1620.4 \$400.00

MVP Healthcare A9060.8 \$55.00

Office of the Comptroller A690 \$35.00

Mike Pries, Inc. A1910.4 \$43.00

Quill.Com A1110.4 \$69.00, A1620.4 \$142.17, A5132.4 \$12.70, A1110.2 \$279.97

Spectrum A1620.4 \$166.48

UCRRA A8160.4 \$3,498.32

Karl von Hassel A3620.4 \$58.29

TC Petty Cash Reimbursement A3620.4 \$18.65

Town of Neversink A3510.4 \$389.59

Kosco Heritage Energy A5132.4 \$468.89

Motion to approve and pay General Fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board, he and Code Enforcement Officer von Hassle meet with Ken Kobayashi at his residence to inspect the premises for his advertised juicing clinics and sleep over camps.
- Mr. Kobayashi states it is only his friends who come up from the city.
- Mr. Kobayashi, further states that is what is on the website and online is all in error.
- Mr. Kobayashi has been directed to the Planning Board for a Special Permit, which is required for eleven or more people.
- Discussion follows.

Councilman Comments: See Above

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 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, August 15th, 2018.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 at 7 pm at the Denning Town Hall.