

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.

Held on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

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

ABSENT: 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, resolution No. 50 of 2019, the 2020 Tentative Budget, as well as correspondence to the Supervisor.

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 Kevin Smith. All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

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.
- A letter copied to the Town from Mr. Carl Schonbachler, who wrote to the NYS Office of Consumer Services, regarding his complaint of service and lack thereof by Verizon. He informed them of the value of the landlines, as there is no cell service. Phones in the Round Pond area were out of service for six days.

Highway Report: None as Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders is absent.

Planning Board Report - by Councilman Kevin Smith

- Councilman Smith informed all present that the meeting between Code Enforcement Officer von Hassel, and the Planning Board members. Mr. Kobayashi and Mr. Daniel Bishop of the Honzo Haven Project did not attend as previously scheduled.
- CEO von Hassel attempted to reach both of the Kobayashi project group members, with no response, nor did they cancel prior to the meeting.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Planning Chair Joe Sibiga if he has heard from either Mr. Kobayashi or Mr. Bishop, he responds he has not.
- Supervisor Brooks inquires as to the status of the project?
- Chair Joe Sibiga replies, that was the point of the meeting to get an update.

Projects Update: by Supervisor Brooks

- ❖ Supervisor Brooks submits for Town Board approval the Callanan black top voucher for payment approval, so the voucher may be submitted for CHIPS reimbursement by the required deadline. The bill is unanimously approved.
- ❖ There is no update on the Town Hall Elevation or the Sundown Stream Project, as he has not been able to get a response from George Cronk of the Chazen Group.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks informs all present of his and Councilman Vurckio meeting tomorrow with Town engineer Tom Ward to do the spec's for the foundation of the new highway storage building. The bid for the steel building was won by Morton Builders.
- ❖ The foundation will go out to bid as soon as possible.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks also informs the Town Board of his meeting at 9 am on Friday, with the DEC and the DEP, regarding the Red Hill Fire Tower access. Due to the current amount of traffic on the road from the Fire Tower Challenge the road has already had to be redone.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks asks everyone in attendance to spread the word regarding the UCAT survey, the Town has received three responses so far, Supervisor Brooks is concerned the numbers will not make it viable for Ulster County to come.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks requests that Councilman Smith look for the section in the Zoning Law which must be changed to five acres, so he may notify the planner, to complete with the other updates.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks remarks a public hearing will then be held.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks informs all present that the Tentative 2020 Town of Denning Budget is under the Tax Cap by \$3,033.00. He states most of the increase is due to health insurance increase. He states the Town is still under a million-dollar

budget but is unsure how long that can continue as neither the republicans nor the democrats want to discuss and do anything about the cost of health care.

- ❖ Further stating that if next years' health insurance increase is ten to twelve percent again the budget could be a million-dollars.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks informs those present to expect changes down the road from UCRRA; the Seneca Falls landfill has not been expanded yet, the proposed three county plan did not work and UCRRA is going to be making changes.

Resolution No. 50 of 2019

**WHEREAS** New York State Real Property Law Section 523 grants the Town Board the right to appoint a Board of Assessment Review, and

**WHEREAS** the term for current appointment expired on September 30, 2019 and

**WHEREAS** the member has expressed a desire to volunteer for public service.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Nancy Parrow be re-appointed to the Town of Denning Board of Assessment Review for the 5-year term as required by New York State Law, to expire September 30, 2024.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio,  
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.

Supervisor Comments: See above

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio informs the Board that the CWT has elected officers. The third supplemental side Agreement of the MOA has all signatures. Attorney for the CWC Tim Cox has informed the CWT that the contract is now in place and the septic program has resumed.
- Councilman Schoonmaker submits a court update: a controlled substance was reduced to a violation, disorderly conduct.
- The Court has a Encon ticket.
- Bench trial scheduled for a ticket in the Riparian Corridor was plead to and a small fine given, as she produced photos of the signage.
- Councilman Smith will look for the zoning law error.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Mr. Mr. Hnatiw remarks it is now sixteen months the White House Road issue has been gong on and one month since the last meeting, he wants to know what the Town Board has come up with to rectify the matter.
- Supervisor Brooks replies they have not come up with a solution as of yet.

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

Motion to adjourn 6:37 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor,

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall, immediately followed by the 2020 Budget Workshop.

# Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 Sadars.

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, resolution no. 51 of 2019, the budget vs. Actual thru September 2019 and a copy of the items in the court grant for Town Board consideration and approval.

## Pledge of Allegiance

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

(see Warrant #10 Pre-Pay, voucher #29-32)

Callanan Industries, Inc. DA5112.2 \$213,143.34

MVP Healthcare Inc. DA9060.8 \$12,118.46

Trust & Agency Account DA9030.8 \$772.23, \$719.52.

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

Highway Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars.

(see Warrant #10, voucher # 133-142)

Bottini Fuel Corp. A5110.4 \$1,647.00

Callanan Inc. DA5110.4 \$104.54, DA5112.4 \$10,676.07.

Fleet Pride DA5130.4 \$1,144.46

M&M Auto Group DA5110.4 \$463.90

Shakelton Auto & Truck Center DA5130.4 \$380.42

Town of Neversink DA5112.4 \$5,771.20

Sarjo Industries, Inc. DA5130.4 \$201.39

Schmidt's Wholesale Inc. DA5110.4 \$158.86

Shakelton Auto & Truck Ctr. DA5130.4 \$772.65

Woods Repair DA5130.4 \$32.00

York Modern Corp. DA5130.4 \$870.63.

Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith. Motion carried 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on Black Bear Road, asking Hwy. Super. Van Sadars about putting material down on the road? He remarks he took a ride on the road and it is in very rough condition, he asks Hwy. Super. Van Sadars about using the material the Town has stored?

- Hwy. Super. Van Sadars, replies, he may be able to put a couple of loads of stone down.
- Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on a personnel matter which has become public knowledge.
- Hwy. Super. Van Sadars requests Town Board approval to put the backhoe and the GMC truck out for bid on the auction site.
- Supervisor Brooks requests the Town Board opinion, he states he believes the crew will not use the GMC, as they have decided they don't like the truck.
- Discussion follows: Councilman Schoonmaker asks what happens if the old one is sold and the new one is not back from the dealer yet?
- Hwy. Super. Van Sadars responds, it should be back by then.
- Councilman Vurckio inquires if spring would be a better time to sell.
- Councilman Mike Dean responds we don't have to accept the bid if we don't like it and can go back out to auction in the spring.

Motion to authorize Town of Denning Hwy. Super. Van Sadars to got out to auction for the backhoe and the GMC truck by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, Motion carried, All in favor.

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #10PP, voucher #69-77)

Central Hudson A1620.4 \$150.71, A5132.4 \$244.82, A8160.4 \$38.13.

Morton Buildings, Inc. A5132.2 \$44,775.00.

MVP Health Care Inc. DA9060.8 \$7,306.20.  
TWC A1620.4 \$204.51, A5132.4 \$159.63.  
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$709.09, \$ 296.89, \$248.81.  
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund Pre Pay vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(see Warrant #10, vouchers #146-159)

Gnome Home Inc. A1410.4 \$41.20.  
Grahamsville First Aid A4540.4 \$4,811.50.  
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$265.83.  
Language Line Services A1110.4 \$7.56.  
Joy Monforte A1410.4 \$63.20  
Mark Moore A5132.4 \$380.00  
MVP A9060.8 \$71.50  
Office of the State Comptroller A690 \$2,805.00  
Quill.com A1620.4 \$149.93,290.36.  
Postmaster 12725 \$64.00  
UCRRA A8160.4 \$2,421.53  
Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas A1420.4 \$45.00  
Callanan Industries A5132.4 \$26,053.45  
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. Motion carried.

Supervisor Brooks submits for Town Board consideration and approval the items listed in the court grant application for 2019/2020. Review follows.

Resolution No. 51 of 2019

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning Justice Court is soliciting the Denning Town Board for support in the application of a grant from the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program, and

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** supports the application of the Denning Justice Court to the New York State Justice Court Program for funding, in the amount of \$13,465.70 in the fiscal year of 2019/2020.

**Whereupon**, the Resolution was put to a vote, 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 Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board he and Councilman Vurckio met with Tom Ward the engineer, regarding the slab for the new storage building at the highway dept. He informs the Board the building will be in alignment with the other buildings.
- Supervisor Brooks requests Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers have the crew move all of the equipment and items stored there.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to go to bid for a slab for the new storage building by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, Motion carried, All in favor.

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board the he and Councilman Kevin Smith met with DEP and DEC regarding the parking issue for the fire tower and the possibility of a parking area on Denning Road. The new parking area would be able to hold twelve or fifteen cars, thereby relieving some of the traffic and parking problems on Coons/Dinch Roads. All of the stake holders thought it was a viable, workable solution.
- 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.
- Councilman Schoonmaker opens a brief discussion on the budget public hearing date.

- Motion to set the date for 2020 Town of Denning Budget Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 prior to the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Motion carried.

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

Motion to adjourn the Business meeting and open the 2020 Budget Workshop by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Motion carried.

Supervisor Brooks begins a line by line review.

Starting with the General Budget: explaining increases, as well as line decreases, the 2% salary increase for Town employees, the Councilman salary will be staying at \$1,500.00, the Coalition of Watershed Towns dues; doubling and the health insurance increase on both the highway and general side of the budget. The increase of \$4,700.00 in fuel for the highway barn as the wood stove is no longer in use. Increase in garbage and refuse due to unknown changes coming in the future. The revenue was increased to \$75,00.00 State Aid and Sales Tax to \$30,000.00.

The Highway Budget will see increase of 2% on .4 Contractual Expense on all budget lines and Brush and Weeds increased by \$100.00, Snow Removal increase, as well as a 2% increase for .1 Personal Services.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the Foreman and Dep. Super. being one person now not two. He remarks the when he is out, no one else is in charge. Supervisor Brooks ask for Hwy. Super. Van Saders and the Town Board thoughts on this issue. Discussion follows.

The Sundown Fire Protection District will remain the same for 2020, however there will be an increase the following year.

\$948,000.00 was raised by taxes for 2019 and \$980,000 will be raised for 2020. The 2020 Town of Denning Preliminary Budget is under the NYS Mandated Tax Cap, by \$3,033.00 with a 3.4% budget increase overall.

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires about the budget for the Claryville Waste Water Septic District?

Supervisor Brooks responds he is unable to make a budget because he does not know the final amount to be given to the Town, which will not be until some time next year and that will not be included on these pages but will have its own section as it is a budget neutral, without any cost to the taxpayers.

Supervisor Brooks call for questions or comments; any ideas anyone has on the budget? The Town Board thanks, Supervisor Brooks, for his efforts on the budget, commenting he deserves a larger raise for all of his work. Supervisor Brooks asks Hwy. Super. Van Saders if he is happy with the budget? Hwy. Super. Van Saders replies yes.

Supervisor Brooks informs Hwy. Super. Van Saders of the Shared Services, coming in the future with the County, a dollar for dollar match which must be carefully documented. Supervisor Brooks requests Hwy. Super. Van Saders attend U.C. Hwy. Superintendents Association to learn about the required aspects involved and to reach out to other U.C. Town Hwy. Superintendents to get any information possible.

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Next Town Board meeting: Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Denning Town Hall. Prior to Said meeting the Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget will be held at 6:00 PM.



