

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.  
Held on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Denning Town 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, as well the Resolutions No. 20A and 29 of 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Correspondence – read by Supervisor Brooks

- 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 from the YMCA.
- Supervisor Brooks requests the Town Boards discuss the FEMA Flood Insurance rider for the year 2020. Following a brief discussion, the Town Board leaves it as is.
- The justice court grant has been awarded and a check received in the amount of \$6,491.49. Supervisor Brooks submits for Town Board review the court grant approved materials for purchase.
- Supervisor Brooks submits for approval a request from CEO/Zoning Officer Karl von Hassel, for an increase in a line of the fee schedule. Councilman Vurckio inquires as to the reason for the increase? Supervisor Brooks responds it is to offset costs, all of our fees are to aid in off setting costs. Following Town Board review, the Supervisor requests a Motion of approval for the fee increase for decks, garages and out buildings.

**Whereupon**, a Motion for the acceptance and approval of the amended fee schedule was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

Motion to authorize 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.

- The Town Board reviews the court audit submitted by Auditor Teri Lockhart.

**Whereupon**, the acceptance of the court audit was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

Motion to accept and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker,  
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.

Highway Report: by Hwy. Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Numerous salt and sand events.
- Removed several New Road Hill tree hazards.
- Brush cutting on Denning and Wild Cat Roads.
- Truck and equipment repair and maintenance report given.
- Update on the knuckle for the backhoe.
- HO Penn came and looked at the loader today to give an estimate for refurbishing the loader.
- Sent CHIPS info to Auditor Lockhart.
- Supervisor Brooks requests he is sent the info as well.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith

- Steve Poley, Property Manager for the Frost Valley YMCA appeared before the Planning Board requesting approval of 5 RV sites for staff housing.

- They will have their own water and septic.
- The members still have questions on ADA, and want clarification. Brief discussion follows. The issue will be discussed at the meeting he, the Supervisor, attends.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board that CEO von Hassel met with Mr. Kobayashi and Dan Bishop on Sunday. He further comments he is looking at the March meeting for himself, CEO von Hassle, Dan Bishop and Mr. Kobayashi.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Councilman Smith if he has any comments on the zoning changes, and if so, to please get them to him.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if any logging permits have come in from the Pack property in Sundown? Councilman Smith responds, no.

Supervisor Brooks comments; he will continue with the resolutions as Judge Follender has not arrived.

Resolution No. 20A of 2020

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law section 27 authorizes the Town Board to determine the salaries of town officers and employees, and

**WHEREAS** the salary for foreman is in need of correction.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that the following salary be fixed for the following employee for the Fiscal Year 2020 and as approved in the adopted 2020 Budget.

Foreman from \$ 24.33 per hour to \$24.35 per hour.

**Whereupon**, the Resolution 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.

Resolution No. 29 of 2020

**WHEREAS** the Denning Town Board seeks a Financial Manager for Accounting, the financial information in conformity with GAAP. As set forth by the Comptroller of the State of New York and as found in the Accounting and Reporting Manual.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** appoints Teri Lockhart as the Financial Manager for the Town of Denning in the amount of \$5,200.00 for the year 2020.

**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 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 Board; he and Councilman Vurckio will have a meeting with the Dec regarding changes, a review of procedure and efforts at the Blue Hole, sometime this month. However, after the Halloween storm the middle of the Blue Hole has filled in.
- Councilman Schoonmaker asks if there is any update on the injunction against NYS? Response none, he is aware of.
- Supervisor Brooks comments he is working on the paperwork for the Sundown Stream Re-location project.
- Discussion opened on the Central Hudson project to relocate poles along the roadway and out of the woods, it also means an upgrade in services. He is trying to contact the DEP regarding this project.
- Supervisor Brooks requests the Councilman Vurckio be Clerk of the Works for the highway storage barn construction project, saying he has the background to understand what needs to be done. Councilman Vurckio agrees.
- Supervisor Brooks replies thank you.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio gives an update on the CWT and the disagreement on language between the DEC and Delaware County on the term "water quality" as the purpose of the conservation easement. Delaware County would like to be on equal footing for the purpose of "Community Sustainability." A possible solution discussed and preferred is a deed restriction instead.
- Attorney's Jeff Baker and Kevin Young are both retiring, however Jeff and his firm will stay on with the CWT.
- Councilman Vurckio further informs the Board that the new permit will come out in 2024 with the re-permitting discussion starting in 2022.
- Councilman Vurckio opens a brief discussion on his efforts to lower the Spectrum bill.
- Councilman Mike Dean asks what happened with the water issues at both town hall and highway barn.
- Discussion follows on updating Councilman Dean on the brown water and the minimum need of a higher casing at the town hall.
- Councilman Dean inquires when the Septic District funding will come?
- Supervisor Brooks in March or April. Further, stating he will also set up a small, Operations and Management Account for immediate payment of vouchers. Further, he is vetting contracts with the CWC for inspections and Lamont Engineers for the engineering and would like to have a local contractor for construction.
- Councilman Schoonmaker remarks he will be attending the court session tomorrow.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Mr. Paul Hnatiw states it has been twenty months since the White House Road issue started.
- Supervisor Brooks replies he will speak with CEO von Hassel.
- Mr. Hnatiw asks when the zoning will be done?
- Supervisor Brooks responds he believes the public hearing will be held in March or April.
- Mr. Hnatiw asks if there is anything paperwork available, that he and the public can review?
- Supervisor Brooks responds as soon as the changes are made and approved of by the Committee, they will be available to the public and he will get them to him.

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

Motion to adjourn 6:48 by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6 pm at the Denning Town

## Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Denning Town Hall.  
Called to order at 6:03 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 commencement of the meeting.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda, and the Budget vs. Actual thru January 2020.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Highway Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy Super. Van Saders.  
(see Warrant #2 Pre-Pay, voucher #3-9)  
Health Care Reimbursement Act A9060.8 \$2,500.00  
MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$11,275.81  
Shelter Point Life A9055.8 \$125.00  
Trust & Agency Acct. A9030.8 \$852.80, \$1,070.98, \$1,001.38.  
Ulster County Self Insurance DA9040.8 \$8,011.94  
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Pre Paid Vouchers was made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

Highway Vouchers presented by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders.  
(see Warrant #2, voucher #2-24)  
Advance Auto Parts DA5130.4 \$55.17.  
All Gas & Welding A5130.4 \$114.81.  
Apalachee Da5142.4 \$5,870.53, \$5,834.54 \$2,904.87.  
Arkel Motors DA5130.4 \$2,975.66.  
Buddenhagen's Ford, Inc. DA5130.4 \$1,668.11.  
Case Tire DA5130.4 \$2,049.80  
Chemung Supply Corp. DA5130.4 \$1,118.52.  
Decker & Samuels DA5140.4 \$214.00.  
Fleet Pride DA5130.4 \$624.67.  
Home Depot Cr. Ser. DA5130.4 \$79.21.  
HO Penn DA5130.4 \$1,977.57.  
JD Industrial Supply DA5130.4 \$120.76  
Liberty Trading Post DA5130.4 \$208.33  
Mombaccus Excavating DA5142.4 \$2,589.60.  
T&T Sales DA5130.4 \$5,409.81.  
North East Parts Group DA5130.4 \$303.71.  
Prestige Towing & Recovery, Inc. DA5130.4 \$175.00  
The Rental Center of Monticello DA5130.4 \$50.19  
Truck Pro DA5130.4 \$150.00  
Woods Repair DA5130.4 \$20.00  
Zanetti's Service Co. DA5130.4 \$26.00  
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay Highway Fund vouchers was made by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Supervisor Brooks asks Hwy. Super. Van Saders how everything is?

- Hwy. Super. Van Saders replies they have had some repairs but all is going well.
- Councilman Vurckio inquires as to the coupling and status of it for the new backhoe.
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders replies, HO Penn is going back to Wayne Roy and will swap out the knuckle.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if he has the quote to refurbish the loader?
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders replies, he is still waiting.
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders explains the oil leak in the 550.

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 #2PP, voucher (#3-12)  
Central Hudson A1620.4 \$299.15, A5132.4 \$386.71, A8160.4 \$46.87.  
Healthcare Reimbursement Act A9060.8 \$2,500.00  
MVP Health Care DA9060.8 \$8,059.68  
Spectrum A1620.4 \$203.50  
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$260.00, \$210.38, \$725.65, \$260.01.  
Ulster County Self Insurance A9040.8 \$4,400.00.  
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund Pre Pay vouchers was made by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(see Warrant #2, vouchers 8-27)  
Tammy Beck c/o Court Petty Cash Reimbursement A1110.4 \$14.30  
Coalition of Watershed Towns A1989.4 \$750.00  
Central Hudson a5182.4 \$138.16  
NFIP Direct A1910.4 \$3,189.00  
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$253.33  
Looseleaf Law Publications A3620.4 \$19.45, A1410.4 \$19.40  
NYS Magistrates Association A1110.4 \$75.00  
NYS Association of Magistrates Court Clerks A1110.4 \$50.00  
New Perma Fix A5132.4 \$250.00  
NYSATRC A1410.4 \$25.00  
Office of the Comptroller A690 \$965.00  
Planit Main Street, Inc. A8020.4 \$675.00  
Quill Inc. A1220.4 \$148.99, \$159.99, A1620.4 18.09  
Spectrum A5132.4 \$158 .96  
U.C. Magistrates Association A1110.4 \$75.00  
UCRRA A8160.4 \$1,776.55  
UCTCTXCA A1410.4 \$40.00  
Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas A1420.4 \$60.00  
Grahamsville First Aid Squad A4540.4 \$2,405.75.  
Cindy Mickelson A1220.4 \$15.60.  
Whereupon a Motion to approve and pay General Fund vouchers was made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilman Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio informs the Board, the CWT meeting was cancelled.
- Councilman Schoonmaker informs the Board, that no one showed up for court and opens a discussion on his conversation with Judge Follender, regarding the prevention of flooding, here at town hall, so the addition may start.
- Discussion follows: the DEP no longer allows rip rap and or berms to be utilized. This was broached during the discussion of the LFA.
- Councilman Vurckio ask Supervisor Brooks if he has spoken with the County regarding the bridge construction in Sundown? Response not yet.

Town Clerk Joy Monforte requests Town Board authorization to attend the NYSTC conference in Albany, April 26<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:08 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 roll call vote.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.