

Town of Denning – Town Board and Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Kevin Smith, Paul Schoonmaker, Mike Dean, Gregory Vurckio by telephone conference call.

Absent: Hwy. Super. 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, Resolutions No. 37 thru 39 of 2020 and the proposed engineering contract with Lamont Engineers for CCSWD, including the attached fee schedule.

Supervisor Brooks commences a roll call of those in attendance. Supervisor Brooks asks several times, if anyone on the conference call in, would like to be recognized? No one responds.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brooks asks if everyone has reviewed the minutes, all have, he requests a Motion to adopt and accept last months' minutes.

Motion by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor.

Correspondence –Supervisor Brooks none received.

No Highway Report as Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers is absent.

- Supervisor Brooks comments he thought Hwy. Dep. Totten would be in attending.

Planning Board: No Report by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith

- The meeting had been cancelled due to the Covid -19.

All of the vouchers have been audited and signed by Councilmen Dean, Smith, Vurckio and Schoonmaker as presented by Supervisor Brooks and/or Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers.

Highway Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, voucher #19-20)

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

Trust & Agency Acct. A9030.8 \$724.79

Highway Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #6, voucher #67-71)

All Advance Auto Da5130.4 \$1,396.74.

Gas Welding DA5130.4 \$44.85.

Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5130.4 \$335.34.

Bruce Donohue Trucking DA5110.4 \$4,127.49.

Tractor Supply Co. DA5130.4 \$224.92.

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #6PP, voucher (#38-37)

Central Hudson A1620.4 \$219.34, A5132.4 \$377.50, A8160.4 \$32.59.

Community Enterprises, LLC A5132.4 \$280.00.

Healthcare Reimbursement Act A9060.8 \$2,500.00.

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

Spectrum A1620.4 \$208.00.

Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$260.00, \$307.43, \$725.13.

Ulster County Self Insurance A9040.8 \$4,400.00.

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(see Warrant #6PP, voucher (#38-41)

Central Hudson A8160.4 \$35.99.

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

Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$725.13.

Time Warner Cable A1620.4 \$208.00.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #6, vouchers (79-92)
Bottini Fuel Corp. A5132.4 \$357.49
Central Hudson A1620.4 \$255.09, A5132.4 \$352.85.
Country Flowers A1620.4 \$49.34.
Eagle Fire & Safety A1620.4 \$17.85, A5132.4 \$293.05.
William Geelan A1355.4 \$75.00.
Gnome Home Inc. A1410.4 \$36.75, A1355.4 \$70.00, A8160.4 \$15.00, A1010.4 \$30.00.
Carl Landon A1460.4 \$191.55.
Nancy Parrow A1355.4 \$75.00
Quill Inc. A1110.4 \$129.95, A5132.4 \$227.21, \$107.87, A1620.4 \$82.06, \$42.76.
Michael Sommer A1355.4 \$503.96.
Casey Witthohn A1355.4 \$75.00.
WLG A1620.4 \$165.00.

Resolution No. 37 of 2020 read by Supervisor Brooks.

WHEREAS New York State General Municipal Law Sections 103 and 104-4 permit the pre-audit function of vouchers, as a form of internal controls in the checking of claims and supporting documentation. And

WHEREAS the Sections 118 and 119 of New York State Municipal Law also authorize the auditing authority to approve of Said vouchers. AND

WHEREAS the Office of the New York State Comptroller Division of Local Governments and Accountability: Budgets and Finances also approves of this method.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** approves of and authorizes payment of the following Warrants:

Highway Fund Warrant No. 6 Prep Pay Voucher #19-20.

Highway Fund Warrant No. 6 Voucher #67-71.

General Fund Pre- Pay Warrant No. 6 Voucher #38-41.

General fund Warrant No. 6 Voucher #79-92.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and 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 calls for Judge Follender to begin.

Supervisor Brooks requests that Judge Follender join in, as he requested to be put on the agenda, there is no response.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the proposed engineering contract with Lamont Engineers for the CCSWD.

Supervisor Brooks explains that Lamont knows the "District" and has already done work in the "District.". Brief discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to accept and approve of, the Lamont Engineering contract along with fee schedule.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, 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 AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 38 of 2020 read by Supervisor Brooks.

WHEREAS New York state Town Law § section 113 Authorizes the Town Board, by resolution, to transfer surplus monies, contingent appropriations and unexpended balances. And

WHEREAS the the Town of Denning Unallocated Insurance budget line is in need of a fiscal transfer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to perform the following Appropriation Codes transfer \$1,161.00 from Contingency A1990.4 to Unallocated insurance A1910.4.

Supervisor Brooks explains the increase is due to the added Cyber Security Policy and FEMA Flood Insurance increase.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and 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 AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 39 of 2020 read by Supervisor Brooks.

WHEREAS New York State Town Law § section 113 Authorizes the Town Board, by resolution, to transfer surplus monies, contingent appropriations and unexpended balances. And

WHEREAS the the Town of Denning has accepted a bid to build a storage building at the Town Highway Garage, for the storing of its equipment, which necessitates a budgetary transfer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to perform the following Appropriation Codes transfer \$175,000.00 from Town of Denning's Unreserved Fund Balance to Garage Equipment & Capital A5132.2.

Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of the conference call with Auditor Lockhart, in which they reviewed the finances of the Town, including incoming revenue. He informs the Board of the Sales Tax just received as well as the Mortgage Tax monies received and states we are on track.

Supervisor Brooks reminds the Board of the DASNY Grant funding, which will not pay for the storage building, in full, but will be a "wash" for the generators and furnaces grant.

Supervisor Brooks informs the Board, included in the call was a discussion of the Reserved and Unreserved Fund Balance.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, 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 AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of the painting of the R & R Transfer Station by new site attendant Mr. R. Lowe.
- Cost is between \$2,000.00 and \$2,500.00.
- He has called Frost Valley YMCA Director Mr. Jerry Huncosky to inquire as to the possibility of borrowing the lift, as rental for a month would be \$3,000.00.
- He has requested Mr. Lowe do the work when the Transfer Station is closed, so it is easier and safer for residents.
- Supervisor Brooks seeks approval for the project and the Town Board unanimously agrees.
- Discussion on the bottoms of the doors opened by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Supervisor Brooks will speak with Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers about using less salt or perhaps calcium under the doors.
- Councilman Vurckio suggests Mr. Lowe has a garbage can of salt and he can disperse as needed.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the lack of a vapor barrier on the concrete, on the plans for the new storage building, he has been trying to contact Neil of Morton Builders, but has not had a response, commenting, he hopes he is not sick.
- Councilman Vurckio firmly states we have to have a vapor barrier.

- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the Blue Hole. He gives the Board an overview of the situation. NYS has ordered a freeze on contracts and has ordered a limit on spending. No funding for stewards, port a potties or dumpsters, in fact the port a potty at the Fire Tower has not been emptied as the NYS has not paid the bill and the contractor is considering removing it. He has called our State representatives and officials but has not received a firm response.
- Councilman Vurckio asks about the number of rangers to be at Blue Hole, response by Supervisor Brooks, 1.
- The Catskill Center will pay for stewards for now, hoping to be reimbursed by NYS.
- Councilman Kevin Smith asks how long the campgrounds be closed?
- Supervisor Brooks replies indefinitely at this time, however, parking is becoming an issue, when they are turned away from the Blue Hole, they go to Buttermilk Falls.
- Councilman Vurckio comments the increase in traffic on Sundown Road.
- Parking is becoming an issue at Biscuit Brook, he will call the DEC to see about expansion of the lot.
- Councilman Dean remarks parking is also becoming an issue at the lot at the end of Denning Road, they are parking on both sides of Denning all the way to Tison's.
- There will only be 1 ranger on duty. Last weekend, they turned away 269 or 289 people without permits.
- Councilman Smith remarks the people crossing the road by the pines, down the road, has increased, people bringing grills across the road.
- Supervisor Brooks replies he and Councilman Vurckio brought it up at the DEC meeting in January, because even though it is not in our Town, we still get calls, and the DEC swept it under the rug.
- Councilman Vurckio comments they won't do anything until it gets bad.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board he saw and spoke with Mr. Kobayashi of the Kobayashi Project, he is holding off, until after Covid is over.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilman Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of issues and the solution to the M. Maxwell septic problem. Her septic will be pumped out for now and Lamont is currently engineering a new one.
- Councilman Dean inquires as to payment. Supervisor Brooks replies, Lamont will pay for the bill until we can get the funding.
- Councilman Schoonmaker asks when the next court date is? Town Clerk Joy Monforte responds unknown at this time, they are just permitted in their office.
- Councilman Smith asks about next months meeting; Supervisor Brooks replies he is waiting on directives from the Governor.

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

Supervisor Brooks calls for public comment? There is none.

Motion to adjourn 10:47 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, June 2nd, 2020

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 7th, 2020 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.

