

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.

*Late start due to the printing of the Budget vs. Actual.

Held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Kevin Smith, Gregory Vurckio, Paul Schoonmaker, and Mike Dean.
And 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. 32 of 2021, as well as, the Budget vs. Actual thru February, and the Annual Report for the year 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to adopt last months' minutes as presented by Town Clerk Joy Monforte, a typo is amended by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd made by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor.

Correspondence – by Supervisor Brooks

- A discussion is opened on the notification from the CWC, on the Town's ability to add a commercial designation area to 2010 Water Filtration Permit for the NYCDEP.
- The Town Board declines.
- Donation request from the Grahamsville Fire Dept., they are hosting the Sullivan County Fireman's Parade on 9-18-21 and are seeking sponsors.
- Brief discussion follows; the Town Board decides to take a quarter page ad for fifty dollars.

Highway Report: by Hwy. Super. Van Saders

- Opening remarks: a rough, costly month.
- Several wind events beside the snow.
- Equipment issues.
- The generator start-up date is Monday, March 15th.
- Should have enough material on hand depending on March's weather.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the purchase of a new equipment trailer.
- Councilman Vurckio inquires as to the tonnage and if a dual or tri axel?
- Discussion follows. Result: must be a 20-ton trailer, able to haul the loader or backhoe, dual axel not tri.
- Budget amount available also discussed.
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders is directed to check on OGS.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith

- No report as there wasn't a meeting due to a lack of business before the Board.
- Next meeting is Thursday, March 18th.
- Supervisor Brooks reminds Councilman Smith that only four members of the public other than the planning board members are permitted in the room.

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

(see Warrant #3 Pre-Pay, voucher #6-9)

MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$11,906.55.

Trust & Agency Acct. A9030.8 \$982.86, \$846.58, \$1,125.92.

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.

(see Warrant #3, voucher #28-60)

209 Materials DA5130.4 \$435.00, DA5142.4 \$867.48, \$849.60, \$440.88, \$396.00, \$1,341.48.

American rock Salt A5142.4 \$4,269.29.

Apalachee DA5142.4 \$3,104.68, \$3,156.74, \$6,053.16, \$5,9136.60.

Blue Tarp Financial (Northern Tool) DA5130.4 \$10.97.

Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5142.4 \$3,002.06.

Buddenhagen's Ford DA5130.4 \$1,887.89.

Campbell Freightliner DA5130.4 \$16,889.30, \$84.96.
Chemung DA5130.4 \$1,208.65, \$1,120.00.
Fleet Pride DA5130.4 \$170.66.
Home Depot Cr. Ser. DA5130.4 \$70.36.
HO Penn DA5130.4 \$95.28.
Hudson River Truck & Trailer DA5130.4 \$1,013.00
Kimball Midwest.DA5130.4 \$264.78.
Robert Green DA5130.4 \$818.72.
Liberty Trading Post DA5130.4 \$12.12.
Mombaccus Excavating DA5142.4 \$3,862.00, \$3,334.80.
North East Parts Group DA5130.4 \$854.28.
Prestige Towing & Recovery DA5110.4 \$300.00, \$195.00.
Robert Green Inc. DA5130.4 \$1,209.12.
Sarjo Industries, Inc. DA5130.4 \$171.00.
Truck Pro DA5130.4 \$1,278.79.
T&T Sales DA5130.4 \$376.00, \$400.93.

General Pre Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #3PP, voucher #10-16)
Central Hudson A8160.4 \$37.71.
MVP Health Care DA9060.8 \$8,510.52.
TWC A1620.4 \$184.89, A5132.4 \$143.17.
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$263.23, \$717.73,263.23.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #3, vouchers 27-40)
Tammy Beck Petty Cash Court Reimbursement \$6.95.
Bottini Fuel Corp. A5132.4 \$813.75, A1620.4 \$309.47.
Central Hudson A5182.4 \$418.54, A1620.4 \$350.29,
Looseleaf Law Publications A1410.4 \$20.43, A3620.4 \$20.42.
Joy Monforte A1620.4 \$104.75.
MVP A9060.8 \$32.50.
Office of the state Comptroller A690 \$380.00.
Quill A5134.4 \$118.75, A1620.4 \$40.78.
Mike Pries, Inc. A1910.4 \$22,367.90.
Sullivan County Septic's A110.2 \$330.00
UCRRA A8160.4 \$1,812.49.
Karl von Hassel a3620.4 \$53.87.

Supervisor Brooks inquires if the Councilman are satisfied with the audit of the vouchers? The Councilmen respond in the affirmative.

Resolution No. 32 of 2021

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. 3 Prep Pay Vouchers #6-9.

Highway Vouchers Warrant No. 3, voucher #28-60.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 3 Vouchers #10-16.

General Fund Warrant No.3 Vouchers #37-40.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers Warrant No. 3 – None.

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

Motion to adopt 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.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the ordering of material off of the County bid, discussion follows.

Mombaccus does a very "hot mix" for the County.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to authorize the Hwy. Super. And the Town Clerk to seek bids for highway material.

Motion to authorize the Hwy. Super. and the Town Clerk to seek bids for highway material by Councilman Mike Dean, 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 reviews the 2020 Annual Report with the Town Board.
Discussion on fund balances, revenue and the effect of the loss of State aid.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks informs those present, of a call with Morton Builders.
- They originally wanted to know the time schedule, he had told him the slab would be done in June.
- The building will not be done this year as Morton is unable to find and retain employees.
- The grant will be expired before a possible completion date, as the funds must be expended prior to reimbursement.
- The deposit will be returned and the project put on hold, perhaps permanently.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Sundown resident Paul Hnatiw if he could check if a clump of trees down by Balace Bridge are on his property? The CWC stream program will buck them up, so they will not cause damage to the bridge or road.
- Mr. Hnatiw replies he will check and get back to him. Supervisor Brooks thanks him, because if it is not his property, then he will contact the other owner.
- Supervisor Brooks would like to meet and review insurance information with Councilman Dean.
- In April temporary rules & regs will be in effect at the Blue Hole, you will now need a permit for everyday in the Riparian Corridor, including camping.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio informs the Board, the CWT meetings are still by Zoom and that WAC is requesting their support.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asks if anyone had sat in on Congressman Delgado's call? He tried but since it was a Zoom Call he could not participate with his internet. His question had been; if the aid package had money in it for towns?
- Discussion on the aid package follows, the town would receive .06%.
- Supervisor Brooks; CHIPS funding may be back to previous level and then a decrease next year.
- Councilman Dean asks how the County shored up the Sundown Bridge?
- Supervisor Brooks replies it was shored up on both ends and the County used angle iron, the weight limit has been raised to 15 tons.
- Supervisor Brooks also informs those present that he has called U.C. engineer Ed Pine twice and has not received a return call.
- Councilman Kevin Smith asks Supervisor Brooks to speak with the owner of the Russian Mule Brewery, he has gotten several calls that music season is starting, requesting they can keep the music indoors. Doors and windows closed. He states the property owners are looking forward to

some noise free evenings with their windows open and enjoying some peaceful evenings outdoors, after a long winter.

- Supervisor Brooks responds he will reach out to Frank, and have a discussion, Frank has been very good with a tough situation.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Paul Hnatiw comments that two years ago, Spectrum trimmed all of the trees, now they are growing back and Sundown has lost power for the last four weekends in a row.
- Supervisor Brooks explains the plan that Central Hudson had come up with, a very detailed plan to move the poles and lines to the road. Faster repair time, and being closer to the roadway would have resulted in a lower number of power outages, less outage time and be much safer for the repair crew.
- However, NYCDEP would not permit it regardless of the amount of trees which will now have to be cut, all along the line. They shut the plan down.
- The longer repair time causes issues for residents who have health problems, because the phones go out, as well, not to long after, with everyone working from home.
- Supervisor Brooks firmly states the view should not come before a person's health, well being and safety. He has informed the local DEP Commissioner of this. He will not budge.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker remarks it was quite the detailed plan, very well done and thought out, he was very impressed.
- Supervisor Brooks reminds everyone that Central Hudson has a ten-foot circumference, right to cut trees, they can cut all along the electric line.
- Mr. Hnatiw asks if he can have Spectrum check the battery, used when there are outages.
- Supervisor Brooks will contact Spectrum.

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

Motion to adjourn 7:08 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, March 10th, 2021.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.