

## Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.  
Held on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Kevin Smith, Gregory Vurckio, Paul Schoonmaker, and Mike Dean.  
Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders, arrives late.

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. 38 and 39 of 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all of the Councilmen have read the Minutes and are there any issues?

All respond in the Affirmative, also confirming there are no amendments.

Motion to adopt last months' minutes as presented by Town Clerk Joy Monforte, by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. All in favor.

Correspondence – None received.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith

- No meeting, no business before the Board.
- Supervisor Brooks comments he believes there will be a meeting next week.

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

(See Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, vouchers #19-20)

MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$11,579.23.

Trust & Agency Acct. A9030.8 \$800.83.

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.

(See Warrant #6, vouchers #91-97)

Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5112.4 \$2,533.44

Callanan DA5110.4 \$ 127,298.91.

Chemung Supply Corp. DA5110.4 \$ 462.50.

Home Depot Cr. Ser. DA5130.4 \$78.26.

Old dominion Brush Co. DA5140.4 \$1,220.00.

T&T Sales DA5130.4 \$364.21.

Woods Repair DA5110.4 \$12.00.

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #6PP, vouchers #36-41)

Catskill Hudson Bank A1560.4 \$ 149.25.

Central Hudson A8160.4 \$35.22, A1620.4 \$214.36, A5132.4 \$315.38.

MVP Health Care DA9060.8 \$6,873.88.

TWC A1620.4 \$185.31.

Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$720.67.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #6, vouchers 75-90)

Bottini Fuel Corp. A5132.4 \$1,851.70, DA1620.4 \$541.68.

Central Hudson A5182.4 \$136.96.

Claryville Postmaster A1410.4 \$ 530.00.

e-Nable Business Solutions A1460.4 \$ 810.00, \$3,150.00.

William Geelan A1355.4 \$ 75.00.

Gnome Home Inc. A5010.4 \$90.00.

Language Line A1110.4 \$3.00.

Joy Monforte A1620.4 \$2566.87

MVP A9060.8 \$30.00.

Nancy Parrow A1355.4 \$75.00.

Quill A1620.4 \$72.24, A1220.4 \$55.70.

Michael B. Sommer A1355.4 \$445.32.

UCRRA A8160.4 \$2,583.21.

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

Resolution No. 38 of 2021 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 Vouchers #19-20.

Highway Vouchers Warrant No. 6, Vouchers #91-97.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No.6 Vouchers #36-41.

General Fund Warrant No.6 Vouchers #75-90.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers Warrant No. 6 – None.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio,

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.

Resolution No. 39 of 2021 read by Supervisor Brooks, who gives the public the statutory requirements behind this budget amendment resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Denning has been notified that the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding from the NYSDoT for the fiscal year 2021 will be in the amount of \$211,145.24 and the PAVENY Apportionment will be \$74,606.30 and the EWR, (Extreme Winter Recovery) apportionment will be \$56,977.92, making the total funding amount \$342,729.46 for the year 2021. And as

The 2021 Budget has appropriated \$104,000.00 and additional \$ 238,729.46 needs to be appropriated to the 2021 Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to increase Estimated Reserve, State Aid (CHIPS) DA3501 and Appropriation Improvement of Roads, (CHIPS) DA5112.2 in the amount of \$238,729.46.

**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 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:

- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of a webinar with himself, Chazen, and the NYCDEP in regards to the Sundown Stream Program.
- Chazen will be running models for the depth of the stream.
- Peekamoose Road will be armored.

- The landowner is now on board, he had been sent an assentation release instead of an access permission form, this is being rectified.
- Supervisor Brooks says he had driven thru Peekamoose twice this past weekend, checking on traffic and parking, there were no issues, it is a major improvement.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks; delineator posts are being added to Peekamoose Road by the NYSDoT,
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board there are now issues at the Pack property, they are leaving the Peekamoose Riparian Corridor and going there, he has been in contact with both the care takers and the UC Sheriff's.
- Supervisor Brooks comments he will be having a webinar with the Leave No Trace group in a couple of weeks, regarding the Blue Hole, further commenting that the Catskill Center is sending Stewards as well. He remarks that with things opening up, he feels it helps.
- Councilman Vurckio remarks prior to Covid, things had calmed down significantly.
- Supervisor Brooks says he is hopeful it can be reined back in.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board he still trying to get broadband expanded with the help of our NYS representatives.

Highway Report: by Hwy. Super. Van Saders, he apologizes for being late.

- Paved almost two miles of Peekamoose, saying it came out well, further we will be reimbursed earlier this year.
- Hwy. Super Van Saders thanks UCDPW, the Towns of Neversink and Wawarasing for their aid in paving.
- Graded Dinch and Rudolph Roads, and the dirt section of Red Hill Road.
- The Town will be utilizing the UCDPW paver and crew.
- Discussion opened on the 550 and the air conditioning warranty work at Buddenhagen, and other issues.
- Rocks from Schaefer Enterprises placed on Peekamoose Road, are to be set by Sheeley, to be used for a retaining wall on the Peekamoose Road shoulder above the Blue Hole.
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders informs the Town Board the auction for the trailer is ending tonight or tomorrow, the bid had been two thousand dollars over the weekend, he feels sure it has gone up.
- The new generator had a malfunction, it is under warranty and has been repaired.
- Supervisor Brooks requests Hwy. Super. Van Saders co-ordinate with UCDPW, now, for next year's paving as it worked so well this year.
- Councilman Vurckio comments he came thru Peekamoose and was surprised at the number of UCDPW trucks both single and double axels.
- Councilman Dean informs Hwy. Super. Van Saders that Denning Road from the farm to Straus Lane, is really bad.
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders replies they will be patching prior to paving per the 284 Agreement.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Smith has called for the used tires to be picked up, further saying it is unfortunate that there is an increase in cost for the year.
- Supervisor Brooks agrees saying, it is better than the tires being over the bank.
- Councilman Vurckio informs the Board he will be attending the in-person CWT meeting at the DEP building in Margaretville, they will try to have in person meetings every few months.
- Councilman Vurckio submits to the Board a copy of Mayor Bill De Blasio's Alan Rosa Day Proclamation, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in recognition of his contributions to the Watershed. General discussion follows.
- Councilman Vurckio asks if anyone has seen the email from the Town Clerk regarding UC Planning Board seeking five projects?
- Supervisor Brooks replies he has spoken with Planning Chair Dennis Doyle.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker says he is fully vaccinated and will begin attending court proceedings.
- Town Clerk Joy Monforte informs him the next court date is June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Bob Mecoy states he lives on Frost Valley Road, and is having a drainage issue with his culvert, it has gotten so bad that 1/3 of his property is unusable and he has trees that have drowned. His neighbor has created a pond and the run off goes in the culvert, the other neighbor has a spring which drains into the same culvert creating the issues. Further commenting, that his next-door neighbor has abandoned his property.
- Supervisor Brooks inquiries about the installation of a swale, and ask Hwy. Super. Van Sadars give Mr. Mecoy the contact person information from UCDPW as it is an Ulster County Road.
- Mr. Mecoy asks about broadband on Frost Valley Road?
- Mr. Rankin Tippins cell service?
- Supervisor Brooks states cell towers had been lined up at one time but some people here did not want it, he says service will come when the project on the Willowemoc is done.
- He is working on broadband with our NYS representatives but says it is difficult as TWC has service tied up and are difficult to work with.
- General discussion follows.
- Councilman Vurckio comments that Covid is helping in broadband expansion.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks in Sullivan County they are putting up antennas on county owned towers.
- General discussion follows.
- Mrs. Jane Tippins has a question about the Denning /Claryville Valley. town lines, hamlet designations and county lines.
- General discussion follows.

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

Motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:49 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to enter into Executive Session for a Personnel Financial Matter, following the adjournment of the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting held on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall.

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

Discussion of Personnel Financial Matter.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor, Motion Carried.

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