

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.  
Held on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Paul Schoonmaker.  
As well as, Highway Superintendent Dan 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 and Resolutions No. 40 and 41 of 2021, Budget vs. Actual thru June, 2021, and a letter from Lucy Small regarding speeding in Town.

## Pledge of Allegiance

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

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 Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

## Correspondence – by supervisor David Brooks.

- MVP insurance increase will be 6.6% for the upcoming year.
- Supervisor Brooks reads Lucy Small's letter regarding speeding on Denning Road. She requests something be done to deter the speeding. She suggests using signage, speed notification sign, enforcement, stating it may be an expense to the Town but it will be more cost effective in the long run.
- Discussion opened, including; what days are there the most speeding drivers, time, and companies.
- Councilman Kevin Smith says it seems to be on the weekends, out of town plates.
- Tom Panasci: not just locals, out of towners, Frost Valley vehicles and delivery trucks.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Hwy. Super. Dan Van Sadlers what the status is as to posting? He responds all roads are posted to NYSDoT requirements.
- Supervisor Brooks informs those present he will call the UC Sherriff and ask him to put up radar and signage, making you aware of your speed.
- Councilman Mike Dean remarks there was a NYS Trooper in the town hall parking lot doing radar.
- Lucy Small states it is better to make people aware and then reinforce it.
- Supervisor Brooks comments it sounds like the weekends are the more active times.
- Councilman Vurckio suggests calling the businesses to notify them.
- Supervisor Brooks states he will get something set up.
- Tom Panasci says he thinks a speed sign stating your speed will help.
- Lucy Small says thank you.
- ARPA check will come in two payments, one now and one next summer, splitting the \$54,649.00 in half. Supervisor Brooks remarks it is not enough to cover our losses of last year but it is a help.

## Highway Report: by Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers.

- Sheeley laid the road shoring rocks on Peekamoose.
- Several slides, weather related issues.
- Graded Wild Meadow Road.
- Mowing has started.
- The dept. helped UCDPW chip seal Frost Valley Road.
- Discussion opened the 2016, the 550 truck, which needs a wiring harness, which is under warranty.
- Supervisor Brooks requests the Town Board consider auctioning off the truck, to be decided at next meeting.
- Brief discussion on the replacement of equipment.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of the possibility of using the \$50,000.00 DASNY Grant for the truck purchase, since we cannot do the storage building, the current cost of the building is astronomical. He further states, he could start all of the paperwork over again for a piece of

equipment, he then asks Hwy. Super. Van Saders what piece of equipment would be his preference?

- Hwy. super. Van Saders replies the 550 truck, as we use it, every day, during the winter.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker inquires as to the status of the tractor?
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders responds there are some issues.
- Supervisor Brooks comments it was not new when we purchased it seven years ago.
- Councilman Vurckio inquires if Ulster County will chip seal or stripe Peekamoose Road this year? Hwy. Sper. Van Saders replies they will stripe it, and seal it next year.
- Councilman Mike Dean asks about the paving the end of Denning Road?
- Hwy. Super. Van Saders responds yes, it will be paved, as per the 284 Agreement.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith

- Lot line adjustment between Sue Cook and Frost Valley, the deeds will reflect the line now going through the middle of an abandoned road, per a mutual agreement.

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

(See Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, vouchers #21-25)

Healthcare Reimbursement Acct. DA9060.8 \$ 2,500.00.

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

Trust & Agency Acct. A9030.8 \$826.25, \$ 838.44, \$804.42.

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.

(See Warrant #7, vouchers #98-105)

Advance Auto Parts DA5130.4 \$ 453.86.

Arkel Motors Inc. DA5130.4 \$ 447.20.

Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5110.4 \$756.28.

Buddenhagen's Ford Inc. DA5130.4 \$450.45, \$1,026.28.

Callanan DA5110.4 \$3,140.76.

Case Tire Service Inc. DA \$295.80.

Dexter & Samuels DA5140.4 \$305.99.

Fleet Pride DA5130.4 \$371.25.

Kimball Midwest DA5130.4 \$361.69.

Geo. W. Kinsman, Inc. DA5130.4 \$204.00.

North East Parts Group, LLC DA5130.4 \$626.88.

Mombaccus Excavating Inc. DA5110.4 \$1,324.26.

Town of Neversink DA5110.4 \$1,171.07.

Schaefer Enterprises of Deposit, Inc. DA5110.4 \$9,966.32.

Sheeley Oil Excavating Inc. DA5110.4 \$6,600.00.

Woods Repair DA5130.4 \$12.00.

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #7PP, vouchers #42-54)

Central Hudson A8160.4 \$37.43, A1620.4 \$141.89, A5132.4 \$307.45.

Daniel Pierce Library A1010.4 \$45.00.

Jonathan Follender A9060.8 \$311.80.

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

MVP Health Care DA9060.8 \$7,692.20.

TWC A1620.4 \$185.31, A5132.4 \$ 143.44.

Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$263.23, \$750.16, \$317.48, \$ 263.23.

U.S. Treasury, Dept. Of Treasury A9060.8 \$34.58.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #7, vouchers 91-103)

Bottini Fuel Corp. A5132.4 \$496.05.

Central Hudson A5182.4 \$133.93.

Jonathan Follender A9060.8 \$ 311.80.

Gnome Home Inc. A1355.4 \$120.00.

International Code Council A3620.4 \$145.00.

Joy Monforte A1410.4 \$53.75.

MVP A9060.8 \$30.00.

Spectrum A5132.4 \$143.12.

VEO A5132.4 \$2,250.00.

Karl von Hassel A3620.4 \$412.00.  
UCRRA A8160.4 \$3,047.71.  
NYSTCA AA1410.4 \$75.00.

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

Resolution No. 40 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. 7 Prep Pay Vouchers #21-25.  
Highway Vouchers Warrant No. 7, Vouchers #98-105.  
General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No.7 Vouchers #42-54.  
General Fund Warrant No.7 Vouchers #91-103.  
Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers Warrant No. 7 – 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 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.

Resolution No. 41 of 2021

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

**WHEREAS** New York State Public Officers Law section 9 provides for the designation of order in which two or more appointed deputies may act, and

**WHEREAS**, under Civil Service Law §41 Deputies of principal executives fall within the exempt class of civil service only when they are authorized by law to act generally for and in place of their principals; and

**WHEREAS** Public Officers Law section 10 and 25 require the taking of oath of office by all town officers,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED** that Nancy Parrow, be appointed as Third Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and as Records Management Technician for the Town of Denning.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Deputies to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector be required to take and subscribe a constitutional Oath of Office to be filed with the Town Clerk as well as a Confidentiality Oath to be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, with an Oath of Office to be filed in the Office of the Ulster County Clerk. and

**FURTHER**, an original Notification of Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk, with the Ulster County Clerk, as well as retaining a copy for the Towns records.

**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 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 is still trying to get the issues resolved with both the landowner and the NYCDEP for the sundown Stream Project.
- Supervisor Brooks comments he is very pleased with the Blue Hole, cars are parking where they are supposed to.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Nancy Parrow what she thinks, she says she agrees with him, the traffic is much better.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks there are two small garbage bears, with both have tagged ears, becoming an issue, there is no mother.
- Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the condition of the Sundown Bridge. Ulster County is now telling him it will be one next year.
- Supervisor Brooks says a temporary must be installed, he will not allow the County to close the bridge forcing emergency vehicles, school buses and everyone else to travel out of their way, by forty minutes or more.
- Councilman Vurckio ask when the initial funding had been approved, asking if it was in 2017?
- Supervisor Brooks says he recalls it being 2015 or 2016.
- Councilman Dean ask how long that bridge has been there? Discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio opens by saying the Blue Hole is now a heck of a lot better than in 2019. He informs the Board the CWT meeting was cancelled. The main topic of discussion is still the NYCDEP Land Acquisition Program.
- The Catskill Center and the National Science Institute support the Towns view, of transferring funds from LAP to stream side projects.
- Councilman Dean informs the Board that a member of the highway crew spoke to him about them getting a raise like Ulster County or the Town of Neversink, he asks what raise they got?
- Supervisor Brooks says they got three percent but the employees pay for part of their health insurance and all of their spouses. We gave them all new equipment, we pay for all of their health insurance, we always give them a raise in accordance with the Tax Cap. That is why we had to institute the \$25.00 transfer station fee to stay under the Tax Cap. He says he honestly tries to do the best he can for them, he doesn't know what other towns highway depts. make, and when you add salaries, overtime, shirts and benefit package, along with a truck for the deputy, which includes gas and maintenance. He will have figures for next meeting.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment: There are no further comments.

Supervisor Brooks calls for any further comments or discussion. There is none. He the thanks the public for attending.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to enter into Executive Session for a Personnel Matter, following the adjournment of the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting held on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall.

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Councilman Mike Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor, Motion carried.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.

Executive Session Meeting following the adjournment of the regularly scheduled Town Board, Business Meeting.

Opened by Supervisor Brooks.

Discussion of Personnel Retirement Matter.

Supervisor Brooks is directed to gather further information.

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm 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, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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