

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.

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

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Paul Schoonmaker.

Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars.

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. 53 and 54 of 2021, and Budget vs. Actual thru October 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brooks opens the meeting by congratulating Gregory Vurckio and Kevin Smith as reelected councilmen and Dan Van Sadars as reelected Highway Superintendent in the recent election and congratulates and welcomes Nancy Parrow as newly elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector. The Board and Town Clerk also congratulate Supervisor Brooks on his reelection.

Supervisor Brooks opens the Public Hearing for the 2022 Preliminary Budget. He reports that the Town was able to remain under the Tax Cap by \$345.00. NYS came through with a "break" on retirement spending. The Highway employees were given a \$1.00 per hour raise resulting in an addition of approximately \$18,000.00 plus other add-ins so the Budget was over, however the Retirement numbers came in and dropped it back down.

Supervisor Brooks welcomed questions from the Public at this time and Paul Hnatiw requested an explanation of the Fines and Forfeited Bail line from the Budget Revenue. Supervisor Brooks explained that it is revenue received from the Town Court for fines assessed and forfeited bail that is paid to the Town. Mr. Hnatiw asked what has been brought in under this line so far this year. Supervisor Brooks stated \$1,142.50 as noted in the Budget vs. Actual Report through October 2021.

Mr. Hnatiw also questioned the cost to the Town for Health Insurance. Supervisor Brooks confirmed that the Town performed due diligence in reviewing all options for Health Insurance providers at a lower cost, and he checked with other Towns regarding their costs which are generally the same unless they have union employees. Mr. Hnatiw questioned if there were employee contributions. Supervisor Brooks responded that all new hires pay 10% of their insurance costs.

Mr. Hnatiw questioned heating costs. Supervisor Brooks stated that the Town follows the Ulster County bid, which is also non-taxed therefore getting the best price.

Supervisor Brooks asks if there are any other questions from the Public. There were none. Supervisor Brooks asks the Board members if they have any questions or concerns regarding the Preliminary Budget. All respond in the Negative.

Whereupon, the Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Mike Dean, and 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker and was put to a vote, and recorded as follows: 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 inquires if all of the Councilmen have read the October Meeting Minutes and asks if there are any amendments? All respond in the Affirmative that the minutes have been read, and the Negative regarding amendments.

Motion to adopt last months' minutes by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd made by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Kevin Smith AYE
Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE
Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence – by Supervisor David Brooks.

- Mailing from the Association of Towns regarding the 2022 Annual Meeting and Training School held February 20th to the 23rd in NYC. If any Board Member wishes to attend please advise Supervisor Brooks as soon as possible.
- Letter from the Association of Towns regarding dues for 2022 in the amount of \$800.00.
- Email received from resident Bill Buchen regarding the derelict car that is still at the end of Wildcat Road on Town property. Supervisor Brooks questioned Highway Superintendent regarding contact with the car's owner. Mr. Van Sadlers responded that he had messaged the owner and spoken to him directly at the Refuse and Recycling Center. Supervisor Brooks determines that a letter from the Town will be sent to the car's owner directly.

Highway Report: by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers.

- The Highway Dept. is winding down on summer projects.
- Overall the Town fared pretty well during the most recent rain event. No real issues.
- The Freightliner is in for service for a leak.
- 550 is due back from service on 11/10/21. Water leak affecting electrical components.
- The 350 is scheduled next for repair at Robert Green's.
- All major Town trucks are ready for the upcoming season.
- Delineation posts installed on Sugarloaf Road for pipes.
- Highway Superintendent met with the engineer to look at Round Pond Road regarding ongoing litigation.
- Relayed information conveyed regarding Lyle Baker, Ulster County section chief from Boiceville, is moving to commissioner position. This is good news for Denning and should help with Peekamoose. No information on how soon this will be taking place.
- Will follow up on tractor – checking with Neversink.
- Generator is cycling and working correctly.
- Will get information to Supervisor Brooks regarding taking down of specific trees for Central Hudson. Need information as soon as possible.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith

- Kobayashi Project: The architect will be appearing at the 11/18/21 meeting. One 2-story building – handicapped parking. Project scaled back to 8 to 10 persons. Supervisor Brooks reviewed proposed plans with Karl Von Hossel, Code Enforcement Officer, Kobayashi trying to get something done before winter. CEO is concerned with screening for new building. CEO spoke with Planning Board Chairman directly.
- Russian Mule / Blue Hill Complex noise issue again discussed at meeting. Planning Board Chairman Joe Sibiga noted that Frank also discussed with him the fact that there is chainsaw and lawnmower noise in town that he doesn't complain about.
- Supervisor Brooks noted that the past two weeks all events have been indoors with the doors closed and there have been no complaints.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Sadars.
(See Warrant #11 Pre-Pay, vouchers #35 - 37)
MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$10,603.62.
Trust & Agency Acct. A9030.8 \$703.37, \$785.00.

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Sadars.
(See Warrant #11, vouchers #158 - 174)
Advance Professional DA5130.4 \$ 189.50.
All Gas & Welding DA5130.4 \$184.85
Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5110.4 \$1,829.26.
Buddenhagen's Ford DA5130.4 \$\$1,910.27
Callanan Industries, Inc. DA5110.4 \$238.56.
Chemung Supply Corp. DA5110.4 \$200.00 \$4,398.38
Fleet Pride DA5130.4 \$1,547.16.
Home Depot Cred. DA5130.4 \$116.61.
Kimball Midwest DA5130.4 \$431.99
Liberty Iron Works DA5130.4 \$830.00
Mombaccus Excavating, Inc. DA5110.4 \$395.90
NYS & Local Retirement DA9010.8 \$41,342.00
North East Parts Group DA5130.4 \$351.13
Tractor Supply Credit Plan DA5130.4 \$58.15
Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc. DA5130.4 \$4,050.00
Zanetti's Service Center DA5130.4 \$146.00

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #11PP, vouchers #76 - 82)
Central Hudson A8160.4 \$6.26 A5182.4 \$143.64 A5132.4 \$346.32
MVP Health Care A9060.8 \$8,064.74
TWC A1620.4 \$184.14.
Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$743.98, \$263.23.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #11, vouchers 143 - 161)
Central Hudson A5182.4 \$146.40 A1620.4 \$150.59
Jonathan Follender A9060.8 \$ \$104.12 \$217.00 \$545.90 \$545.90.
Grahamsville First Aid Squad A4540.4 \$2,405.75
Karl Von Hassel A3620.4 \$85.83
Language Line Services A1110.4 \$15.00
MVP A9060.8 \$ 30.00.
Mark Boncek A1620.4 \$1,040.00
New York State & Local Retirement System A9010.8 \$19,780.00
Office of the State Comptroller A690 \$815.00
Quill Corp. A1220.4 \$97.62 A1620.4 \$98.70 A5132.4 \$70.59 A1620.4 \$1.69
A1620.4 \$50.86 A3620.4 \$188.76
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman A1410.4 \$98.00 A5010.4 \$36.00
UCRRA A8160.4 \$2,296.90
Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas, PLLC A1420.4 \$360.00

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #11, None)

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

Resolution No. 53 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. 11 Prep Pay Vouchers, No.35-37.

Highway Vouchers Warrant No. 11, Vouchers, No. 158-174.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 11 Vouchers, No. 76-82.

General Fund Warrant No. 11 Vouchers, No. 143-161.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers Warrant No. 11 – None.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean,

2nd 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.

Resolution No. 54 of 2021 read by supervisor Brooks.

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning Town Board has fulfilled its financial obligations, by adopting the 2022 Town of Denning Budget and

WHEREAS SAID Budget is **under** the allowable Tax Cap, and

WHEREAS a PUBLIC HEARING was held on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 regarding Local Law No. 1 of 2021, and

WHEREAS any and all interested person(s) where heard, and

WHEREAS Resolution No. 46 of 2021 was adopted by the Town of Denning Town Board titled: Local Law No. 1 of 2021, The Override of the Tax Levy Limit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** adopted and approved the 2022 Town of Denning Budget, which is under the Tax Cap.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY RESCINDS** Resolution No. 46 of 2021, adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2021, **THEREBY RESCINDING SAID LAW.**

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:
Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio,
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 those present that he met with Eben Ackerley regarding security cameras at the Transfer Station by the road coming in the gate facing in both directions due to recent ongoing issues. Recordings are accumulated for a period of time and then erased. A camera will also be placed at the Town Hall with a view up and down the road out front. Supervisor Brooks will distribute information and cost for same when he receives it.

◇ Supervisor Brooks informs those present that he will be gathering very specific information regarding ARPA funds and the spending thereof. He will present said specific information when he has it.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio informs the Board the CWT meeting was cancelled this month. He states that he received a Resolution from Delaware County in the mail today and has not had a chance to review it thoroughly but it seems to be in regard to new DEP purchase contracts for land acquisition impacts. Supervisor Brooks questions whether it is the same issues that the counties had previously met with the CWC committee to review all land purchases to protect Towns. Supervisor Brooks feels that it should be all Counties. Not just Delaware. Supervisor Brooks also asks if Ulster County paid its dues to the CWT? Councilman Vurckio states he will report back when he finds out.
- Councilman Schoonmaker informs the Board that he did not attend Court last week as it was a postponement date from when it was cancelled previously. He will get an updated Court schedule.
- Councilman Dean opens a discussion on the Board of Assessment Review vacancy. Urgency is discussed as the Board meets in May but a new member will have to take the training.
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Supervisor Brooks calls for Public Comment:

• Resident Paul Hnatiw states that there are trees in the creek above Balace Road and are much closer to the bridge after the most recent rain event. Discussion is held regarding who has rights to go in creek and cut up and remove them. It is noted that one of the trees is on the mountain side and forcing water toward the new abutment. Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers to review tree situation, and also stream situation at State Camp. Trees and gravel deposits are now an issue there. Highway Superintendent reports that new wall on Peekamoose Road has held nicely all summer through all rain events. Supervisor Brooks notes that over the mountain in the McKinley Hollow area Ulster County has Baker Brothers in the stream doing work.

• Supervisor Brooks states that he will check to find out who takes care of issues regarding stream blockages, etc.

Supervisor Brooks asks if there is any further public comment and then requests a Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:57 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, November 10th, 2021.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.