

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks
Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Paul Schoonmaker
Town Clerk: Nancy Parrow
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 Resolutions No. 55 thru 58 of 2021, Budget vs. Actual thru November, 2021.

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 that the minutes have been read, and in the Negative regarding amendments.

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

- Thank you card from Joy Monforte to the Town Board on the occasion of her retirement gift.
- Thank you card from Joe Fusillo of Chazen, A LaBella Company, acknowledging a year of partnership. It is noted that a live door wreath was also received from Chazen and is displayed on the front door of the Town Hall.
- Documentation reviewed with the Board regarding the cannabis dispensary "opt-out" information. A local law would need to be put into place before year-end and it is too late to implement that procedure at this time. Discussion follows.
- Yearly Report through November, 2021 received from Karl Von Hassel, CEO. Reviewed by all Board Members.
- Supervisor Brooks presents the updated Tipping Fee Information Sheet for the Town Refuse and Recycling Center. It is reviewed by the Board and noted that the changes made are: the date on the sheet, removal of wording regarding household garbage still being free, and an increase in fee for single mattresses from \$6.00 to \$10.00. This leads to discussion regarding the 2022 R&R Permit Cards and annual fee. It is agreed by all Board Members that the \$25.00 Permit Card fee must be paid by January 31, 2022 to use the Facility in 2022. Anyone attempting to use the Facility who does not have a Permit Card after 1/31/22 will be directed by the Facility Attendant on how to acquire one.

Highway Report: by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.

- The Freightliner anti-freeze leak and engine block leak have been fixed.
- The 2001's electrical issues have been fixed. Hwy Supervisor Van Saders reports that an update was done on this vehicle by the highway employees in-house replacing hydraulic hoses, etc.
- The F350 was recently at Robert Green's for repairs to the sander and is now ready to go in place of 550.
- The 550 is out of service again due to ongoing A/C compressor issue. Buddenhagen's working toward long-term fix of the problem.
- Discussion regarding unused Grant Funds for the storage garage possibly being used in conjunction with the sale of a vehicle to purchase something newer and less prone to maintenance issues. Availability of vehicles for sale discussed.
- Contacted Keil to address all ongoing issues with the Tractor. Will get an estimate for costs. Keil may suggest purchasing something newer due to costly repairs.
- Garage doors repaired by Dutchess Overhead Doors on R&R Facility.
- Garage doors repaired by Sullivan Overhead Doors on Highway Garage.

- Estimate received of \$2,100 to replace two door panels on Highway Garage. Twenty-one (21) days until panels are received after order and then can be installed. Discussion follows.
- Highway Supervisor Van Sanders is questioned regarding a missing receipt from Trading Post in the Highway 12-184 voucher submitted. He states the receipt is missing and if it turns up he will submit it for attachment to voucher. Trading Post could not provide duplicate copy at this time. He confirms that the purchase was for numerous fittings for in-house repair of 2001 truck.
- Highway Employee John West has resigned and his last day is December 31, 2021.
- Discussion regarding other employees who are approaching retirement in the next two years and plans to cover Sundown needs discussed.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith

- Mike Ziman, builder, appeared before the Planning Board with proposal regarding Rudolph Farm small resort. 50 room-structure for clients with a separate building for food service, staff and health and wellness center. Supervisor Brooks advised that he did speak with Mr. Ziman the afternoon of 12/14/21. Mr. Ziman reported to the Supervisor that perc testing came back satisfactory. Supervisor briefly discussed with Mr. Ziman that the property is in a provincial district and what that could possibly entail regarding zoning. Mr. Ziman reported he will be at the Planning Board Meeting on 12/16/21. Town Board discussion regarding R&R impact and road usage impact of such a resort follows. Supervisor Brooks reports that he has not touched base with Joe Sibiga Planning Board Chairman on this subject yet. Mr. Ziman has been advised that his project will probably not be very popular with adjoining property owners and other residents. Discussion followed.
- Mike Dean submitted two Notifications of Logging Operations – one at 21 Straus Lane, 43.3.1-9 for Frost Valley YMCA, and one at 2849 Denning Road, 42.-2-42.100 for Peter Kellogg.

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

(See Warrant #12 Pre-Pay, vouchers #38 - 43)
 Health Care Reimbursement Account DA90608 \$5,000.00
 MVP Health Care, Inc. DA90608 \$10,587.74
 Trust & Agency Account – FICA DA90308 \$38.25
 Trust & Agency Account – FICA DA90308 \$787.82
 Trust & Agency Account – FICA DA90308 \$942.31
 Trust & Agency Account – FICA DA90308 \$573.75

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.

(See Warrant #12, vouchers #175- 192)
 All Gas & Welding DA51304 \$112.39
 American Rock Salt Company LLC DA51424 \$2,045.78, \$4,010.26
 Arkel Motors DA51304 \$1,529.31
 Bottini Fuel Corporation DA51104 \$2,235.83
 Capital One Trade Credit DA51304 \$194.98
 Chemung Supply Corp DA51304 \$3,549.96
 FleetPride DA51304 \$351.23
 Liberty Trading Post DA51304 \$215.57
 North East Parts Group DA51304 \$1,577.87
 Prestige Towing and Recovery, Inc. DA51340 \$350.00, \$450.00
 Robert Green Auto & Truck, Inc. DA51304 \$2,379.32
 Sarjo Industries DA51304 \$182.58
 Strictly Fords Inc. DA51304 \$2,275.58
 Tractor Supply Credit Plan DA51304 \$24.98
 Truck Pro DA51304 \$4,545.19

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #12 Pre-pay, vouchers #83 - 90)
 Central Hudson A5132.4 \$358.62
 Central Hudson A8160.4 \$43.17
 HealthCare Reimbursement Account A9060.8 \$5,000.00
 MVP Health Care Inc. A9060.8 \$11,324.94

Time Warner Cable A5132.4 \$142.66
Time Warner Cable A1620.4 \$184.14
Trust & Agency Account – FICA A9030.8 \$735.23
Trust & Agency Account – FICA A9030.8 \$263.23
Trust & Agency Account – FICA A9030.8 \$344.25

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #12, vouchers 162 - 180)

Cindy Mickelson-Reimbursement A1220.4 \$193.99
Dutchess Overhead Doors A8160.4 \$1,483.50
e-Nable Business Solutions A1670.4 \$495.00
Hudson Microimaging, Inc. A1460.4 \$99.00
Karl Von Hassel A3620.4 \$374.00
MVP Select Care Inc. A9060.8 \$30.00
Mike Preis, Inc. A1910.4 \$475.00
Nancy Parrow A1410.4 \$129.98
NY Planning Federation A8020.4 \$295.00
Office of the State Comptroller A690 \$565.00
Quill Corp. A1620.4 \$21.96
Quill Corp. A3620.4 \$73.33
Quill Corp. A5132.4 \$18.55
Time Warner Cable A5132.4 \$142.66
Sullivan Overhead Doors A5132.4 \$835.00
Thomson-Reuters West A5010.4 \$788.00
Teri Lockhart, LLC A1320.4 \$5,200.00
Town of Neversink A7310.4 \$1,600.00
UCRRA A8160.4 \$3,302.56
Postmaster A1620.4 \$160.00
Jonathan Follender, Reimbursement A9060.8 \$311.80

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks. (See Warrant #12, None)

Resolution No. 55 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. 12 Prep Pay Vouchers, No. 38 - 43.

Highway Vouchers Warrant No. 12, Vouchers, No. 175- 192.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 12 Vouchers, No. 83 - 90.

General Fund Warrant No. 12 Vouchers, No. 162 - 180.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers Warrant No. 12 – None.

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

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith,

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.56 of 2021 read by Supervisor Brooks.

WHEREAS New York State Law §141 and Highway Law 285-a authorizes the Town Board by resolution to transfer surplus monies, contingent appropriations and unexpended fund balances.

And WHEREAS the Town of Denning is in need of a budgetary transfer for the 2021 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to do the following transfers in the Highway Fund: Increase DA5140.4 Brush and Weeds Contractual Expense in the amount of \$640.00 and increase DA9010.8 New York State Retirement System in the amount of \$10,310.00 .

And to decrease DA599 Highway Fund Balance in the amount \$10,950.00.

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. 57 of 2021 read by Supervisor Brooks.

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

And WHEREAS the Town of Denning is in need of a budgetary transfers for the 2021 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to do the following transfers in the General Fund, and to increase A1460.4 Records Management Contractual Expense in the amount of \$1,260.00, and to increase A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance in the amount of \$530.00, and to increase A9010.8 New York State Retirement system in the amount of \$3,190.00 and

To decrease A1990.4 Contingency Account in the amount of \$4,980.00.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio,
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.

Resolution No. 58 of 2021 read by supervisor Brooks.

RESOLUTION NO. 58

THE TOWN OF DENNING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LAND ACQUISITION REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 2020 AUGUST NATIONAL ACADEMIES (“NAS”) EXPERT PANEL REPORT

WHEREAS, in August, 2020, the National Academies (“NAS”) Expert Panel published its report entitled, *Review of the New York City Watershed Protection Program*, which recommended that expenditures in the land acquisition program be reduced to fund other programs that will lead to more direct improvements to water quality. NAS Report, p.385. NAS recommended that **the City be provided flexibility to implement an optimal variety of programs that would focus watershed management actions on the most valuable lands for water quality protection and that it shift funding and emphasis from acquiring large parcels in the fee-simple and**

conservation easement programs to the protection of riparian lands on critical areas of tributary streams through programs that provide an opportunity to simultaneously address community needs and watershed protection. Programs which provide a “financial mechanism” to promote community well-being and economic vitality in the watershed while promoting the protection of high potential water quality impact areas were specifically encouraged. See NAS Report p. 215-216 [discussing the NYC Flood Buyout Program]

WHEREAS, the fundamental principle of the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (the “**MOA Watershed Objective**”) is the following: “[T]he parties recognize that the goals of drinking water protection and economic vitality within the watershed communities are not inconsistent and it is the intention of the parties to enter into a new era of partnership to cooperate in the development and implementation of a watershed protection program that **maintains and enhances** the quality of New York City drinking water supply and **the economic vitality and social character of the watershed communities**”; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) also defined the MOA Land Acquisition Objectives as follows: “the parties agree that the City’s Land Acquisition Program, the City’s watershed regulations, and the other programs and conditions contained in this agreement, when implemented in conjunction with one another, **would allow existing development to continue and future growth to occur in a manner that is consistent with the existing community character** and planning goals of each of the watershed communities; and that the City’s land acquisition goals **ensure that the availability of developable land in the watershed will remain sufficient to accommodate projected growth** without anticipated adverse effect on water quality **and without substantially changing future population patterns** in the watershed communities” (hereinafter “**Land Acquisition Objectives**”); and

WHEREAS, the City’s Land Acquisition Program is premised on the principal that surface runoff from impervious surfaces and concentrated human activity poses a contamination threat to the City’s water supply. In developing the City Land Acquisition Program, the parties were concerned that the vast amount of open space within the West of Hudson Watershed created the potential for new significant adverse development in an unfiltered watershed. The City’s Land Acquisition Program was a tool to prevent and control such development; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 when the parties executed the MOA, a small percentage of the watershed lands within Greene County were under New York City control. Twenty years later, according to the October 12, 2017 Catskill Watershed Corporation Developable Land Analysis Report (“*CWC 2017 Report*”), a significant majority of the watershed land within Greene County are protected from development. Table 1 from the CWC 2017 Report indicated that the average percent of available developable land town wide in Denning was 0.8 %.

Town	A. Total Area (Acres)	B. Protected Land	C. Percent Land Protected	D. Non- Protected Land	E. Undevelopable Land	F. Percent Undevelopable	G. Developable Land (1)	H. Acres of Available Developable Land		I. Percent of Total Land Area (1)
								(1)	(2)	
Denning	64,960	54,646	84%	10,314	9,072	88%	1,242	620	515	0.8%

Notes:
(1) Town-wide
(2) Watershed only

WHEREAS, the 2017 City of New York Filtration Avoidance Determination (“FAD”) requires that an application for new Water Supply Permit to succeed the 2010 WSP be filed by June 2022. The City of New York must also develop a new Long-Term

Land Acquisition Plan, which will cover the period 2023-2033 and consider the findings and recommendations of the National Academies (“NAS”) Expert Panel review; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the Coalition of Watershed Towns and CWC, Delaware County has developed an Alternative Land Acquisition Program Option (the “Alternative Option”) that provides an opportunity for impacted communities to provide robust/enhanced protection of environmentally sensitive lands in a manner that does not rely on one-time payments for fee title acquisitions of large parcels or conservation easements that burden land in perpetuity. The Alternative Option focuses on environmentally sensitive lands (such as riparian or stream buffers) which directly contribute to water quality and provides for a fixed-term annual rental payment to the landowner; a model that has proven to be effective in Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, the Alternative Option would allow landowners to retain ownership of their property while receiving periodic payments that reflect the water quality protection value their property provides. The Alternative Option provides a financial mechanism to promote community well-being and economic vitality while promoting water quality, thereby achieving the balance of interests required by the MOA and recommended in the NAS Report. The County envisions an impacted municipality would make a determination and a commitment to participate in the Alternative Option program as a way to provide enhanced protection of sensitive lands in lieu and as a substitute for the continuation of the traditional DEP Land Acquisition Program. The municipal commitment would be for a period of years (e.g., 10 years) during which time, Land Acquisition Program would be suspended within that community; and

WHEREAS, DEC recently announced it will make a determination to expand the Stream Corridor Acquisition Program (“SAP”) beyond the Schoharie Basin to the entire watershed, that this determination is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and does not require due process or a modification to the 2010 Water Supply Permit. According to DEC, homeowners will have the ability to request that SAP acquisitions of individual parcels in excluded hamlet areas and hamlet expansion areas be approved on a case-by-case basis by making direct appeals to the Town/Village Board. This may include both vacant lots and improved lots, both of which are eligible for SAP acquisition under the 2010 Water Supply Permit (although DEC states that the purchase of improved lots is not intended); and

WHEREAS, the Town maintains the potential impacts that could result from the continuation and potential expansion of SAP must be reviewed under SEQRA. There has been a significant change in circumstances since the SAP program was first envisioned and implemented under the 2010 Water Supply Permit. This change in circumstances requires the preparation of a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in order to identify and take a “hard look” at the impact this expansion of the land acquisition program would have on the environment and the sustainability of our community; and

WHEREAS, fee acquisitions under SAP are subject to Section 82 of the MOA which requires the City to grant to NYSDEC a conservation easement to ensure that such land is “held in perpetuity in an undeveloped state in order to protect the watershed and New York City’s drinking water supply.” The Conservation Easement required by DEC under Section 82 of the MOA prohibits in perpetuity the following activities on the acquired property:

- “construction of any new ... structures normally requiring a building code permit”;
- “storage of petroleum ..., hazardous materials”
- “excavating, extraction, grading, or removal of soil, sand and gravel”
- “use of snowmobiles, dune buggies, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles or other motorized vehicles recreation purposes”
- “the expansion of any existing or construction of any new paved driveways, roads, and parking lots”
- “the commercial, residential or industrial use”

- “except in accordance with Article 49 of the ECL, the siting or routing of any facilities required for ... the transmission, or distribution of **gas, electricity, water, telephone, or cable television services** on, *over* or under the Protected Property”
- “the commercial, residential or industrial use of the Protected Property(ies) in such a manner that: (i) causes the introduction of sediments, ... or other pollutants to any watercourse or wetland on the Protected Property(ies) that may adversely effect the quality of such watercourse or wetland; (ii) interferes with or disturbs open space, vegetated areas or steep slopes on the Protected Property(ies); or (iii) is otherwise inconsistent with the purposes of this Easement.”

WHEREAS, the Town requests that the DEC, the Catskill Center and DEP identify and evaluate the potential adverse impacts on municipal and private functions if the City encumbers large sections of stream buffer/ corridors with restrictive conservation easements in perpetuity. Specific areas of concern include impacts on the following:

- Installation and upgrade of electrical, water, gas, telephone, broadband/cable lines as needed to provide basic utilities
- Maintenance, upgrade, expansion, widening, safety improvements to existing roads and extension of existing roads.
- Installation, expansion, and replacement of communication towers (including the necessary utilities)
- The siting, maintenance, and expansion of stream crossings
- Flood mitigation projects
- Renewable Energy Projects

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2021, the Delaware County Board of Supervisor passed Resolution No. 162 entitled: **DELAWARE COUNTY REQUESTS THAT A MORATORIUM ON NEW PURCHASE CONTRACTS FOR FEE TITLE AND DEP CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, BE IMPLIMENTED IN DELAWARE COUNTY PENDING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE LAND ACQUISTION PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY THE NEED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF LAND ACQUISTION, THE BENEFITS OF LAND ACQUISTION, THE IMPACT OF LAND ACQUISTION ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AND THE OTHER TOOLS AVAILABLE TO ACHIEVE MOA LAND ACQUISTION OBJECTIVES.** That resolution identifies and describes the “Change in Circumstances” since the SAP was first envisioned in the 2007 FAD. The Town supports Delaware County Resolution No. 162.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Denning Town Board joins in the Delaware County Board of Supervisors petition to DEC, DOH and DEP requesting the following relief:

- (1) The FAD requires application for a WSP to succeed the 2010 WSP is required by June 2022 and that the City develop a new LongTerm Land Acquisition Plan, which will cover the period 2023-2033 and which will consider the findings of the National Academies Expert Panel review. Given the uncertainties created by the change in circumstances, effective January 1, 2022 and extending through completion of the permitting process, the City refrain from entering into new contracts to purchase fee title and/or conservation easements under the Land Acquisition Program within the Town of Denning.
- (2) In developing the Long-term Land Acquisition Plan for the period 2023-2033 and the WSP renewal application due June, 2022, that DEP limit its land and conservation easement acquisition within the Town to WAC Conservation Easements, flood mitigation projects, stream protection/management, the Delaware County Alternative Pilot Land Acquisition Proposal and a voluntary municipally approved SAP Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to New York Governor Kathy Hochul, US Congressman Antonio Delgado, NYS Senator Mike

Martucci, NYS Assemblymen Brian D. Miller, NYS Assemblymen Chris Tague, NYS Assemblymen Joe Angelino, EPA Region 2 Administrator Lisa Garcia, NYSDEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, NYCDEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza and NYSDOH Commissioner Mary Bassett.

State of New York
County of Ulster

I, Nancy Parrow, Clerk of the Town of Denning, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Board on the 14th day of December, 2021 and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town Board at Denning, New York this 14th day of December, 2021.

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

Motion to adopt and approve 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 Comments:

◇ Supervisor Brooks informs those present that he received final approval for the Backhoe Grant from DASNY in the amount of \$50,000.00. All paperwork will be finalized and submitted for the Backhoe and Generator Grants.

◇ Supervisor Brooks informs those present that he is resigning the first of the year from the Catskill Advisory Group due to other commitments and issues.

◇ Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio informs the Board that the CWT meeting was cancelled. He believes it was because of Covid spike and that they will probably go back to Zoom meetings going forward.
- Councilman Vurckio opens a discussion regarding plowing and paving of dirt roads in Town as there may now be monies available with the new infrastructure bill for paving. Highway Supervisor Van Sadlers also informed those present that they have designated a sand pile to put minimal salt in to use specifically on the dirt roads. Claire Road was discussed regarding minimal plowing and sanding as single resident on the road will not be in Town as much during the winter months. Discussion follows regarding calculating the estimated mileage of all dirt roads in Town to estimate costs of paving and year-round care, etc. Review information and costs. Another CHIPS check should be received shortly.
- Councilman Schoonmaker informs the Board that Court was cancelled on December 8th and rescheduled for December 22nd. Councilman Schoonmaker will attend.
- Councilman Dean opens a discussion regarding ARPA funds as the publication Town Topics states that monies can be used for shortfalls and was hoping the shortfall from non-payment from the YMCA would count. Supervisor Brooks advised that it is a good thought, but unfortunately the YMCA monies are a donation, so ARPA funds cannot be used to cover that particular shortfall. Supervisor Brooks announced that the Town did make an ARPA fund payout to the Highway employees, Tammy Beck, Rich Lowe, and Karl Von Hassel. Individual checks were \$1,500.00 with basic taxes taken out. Elected officials cannot receive compensation. ARPA funds in the amount of approximately \$36,000.00 remain. Possibly used for infrastructure. The Barnum Road Bridge was mentioned, or possibly new water wells for Town Buildings, air-purifying system for the Town Hall Boardroom, or starting the paving of dirt roads.
- Councilman Smith informs those present of recent Planning Board matters regarding the Rudolph Farm purchase and ongoing Kobayashi matters. He also mentions that there was a wedding at the Russian Mule – inside with doors closed and no public complaints.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Public Comment:

•No public present for comment

Motion to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 6:55 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, December 20, 2021.

The Town Board 2022 Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Denning Town Hall.

The next Town Board & Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.