

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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 Sadlers

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the meeting commencement.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the Agenda and Resolution No. 28 of 2022, Budget vs. Actual thru December, 2021, Mike Preis 2022 Insurance Proposal.

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 Greg 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.

- Received letter and Report from NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets regarding inspection of DCO Archie Ackerley and facility dated January 3, 2022. Letter confirms passed inspection with a Satisfactory rating. No issues.
- Received correspondence regarding proposal of adding cyber breach and liability coverage with NYMIR through Mike Preis Insurance. Cost approximately \$1,000.00 per year. Supervisor Brooks questioned Eben Ackerley-Town IT specialist, Cindy Mickelson- Bookkeeper and Nancy Parrow-Town Clerk regarding perceived risk. All agree Denning has no real hacking risks – no online services regarding payroll or bookkeeping, etc. Town IT specialist feels Denning's risk is low. Board determination is made that cyber policy addendum is not needed at this time.
- Received correspondence from NYS Unified Court System advising Town Justice must annually provide court records and dockets to the auditing board of the town, such records must then be examined, and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings. Supervisor Brooks called for a motion that Teri Lockhart should conduct said audit. Motion made by Mike Dean 2nd Paul Schoonmaker. All in Favor. Motion carried.
- Email correspondence received from Doug Hamilton regarding the Red Hill Fire Tower. The DEC has again reinstated the Fire Tower Challenge for 2022 which is

not favorably received by Mr. Hamilton. Issues concerning a huge upsurge in visitors, overuse problems and maintaining COVID protocols are noted by Mr. Hamilton.

- Email correspondence received from Josh Powers, Accountant regarding Town of Denning SAM Grant Project ID: 15589. Backhoe Grant. He states that the Authority will be processing a \$50,000.00 payment on 1/14/22. This information was well received by the Board.
- Correspondence from Karl Von Hassel, CEO containing his yearly report for 2021. He notes many projects completed and started in 2021. Approximately \$9,000.00 earned.

Highway Report: by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.

- The air compressor is finally hooked up. Replaced model should be put out to bid. Newer model is quieter and cleaner.
- Reported brush cutting on Red Hill Knolls
- Keil has given a rough estimate of \$5,000.00 to repair the tractor. It has not been scheduled for service yet.
- The 550 is back from Buddenhagen's. It will have to return there when the back-ordered parts are received and ready to be installed.
- Hwy. Superintendent Van Saders met with Adam Rod regarding the accident report for Round Pond incident.
- Reported that they began using green salt.
- A Road Closed sign and barricade has been installed on Dinch Road. Two 911 calls already for cars stuck at the bottom. Vehicles are reportedly driving around the barricade. Supervisor Brooks states that if they are foolish enough to go down there... they can stay there. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks and Councilman Schoonmaker question Hwy. Superintendent Van Saders regarding a "Supply Chain Charge" appearing on each H.O. Penn invoice. Small charges noted but they were on each invoice. Hwy. Superintendent Van Saders to follow up with H.O. Penn on what the charges are.
- Supervisor Brooks questions whether the charge from Buddenhagen regarding the Ford F-550 AC should be under warranty. Hwy. Superintendent Van Saders states that it was leaking freon and they charged it, but further work was not under warranty as it wasn't actually fixed.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith

- Mike Ziman appeared before the Planning Board regarding his proposal. He reported that test holes and DEP review were favorable. He will be presenting a Site Plan at the Planning Board Meeting on 1/20/22.

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

(See Warrant #1APP, vouchers #1-3)

MVP Health Care, Inc.	\$10,595.68
Trust & Agency Acct. - FICA	75.24
Trust & Agency Acct. - FICA	905.69

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.

(See Warrant #1A, vouchers #1 - 16)

American Rock Salt Company LLC	\$ 4,000.44
	1,970.82
	4,498.63
Bottini Fuel Corporation	1,165.40
Buddenhagen's Ford	4,456.59
FleetPride	537.31
H.O. Penn Machiner Company, Inc.	504.30
Home Depot Credit Services	403.39
Hudson River Truck & Trailer	449.00
Johnson's Signs & Tees	160.58
Kimball Midwest	122.90
Liberty Iron Works	390.00
Liberty Trading Post	76.80
Mombaccus Excavating, Inc.	5,346.00
North East Parts Group	3,142.29
Prestige Towing and Recovery, Inc.	250.00

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.

(See Warrant #1, vouchers #1-2)

Mombaccus Excavating, Inc.	\$ 3,924.80
Decker and Samuels	211.80

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #1APP, vouchers #1 - 14)

Central Hudson	\$ 41.07
Central Hudson	156.98
e-Nable Business Solutions	315.00
ES11, LLC	1,575.00
Jonathan Follender, Reimb.	494.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	9,609.04
Office of the State Comptroller	475.00
Schwaab, Inc.	67.25
Sundown Methodist Church	500.00
Time Warner Cable	184.14
Trust & Agency Account – FICA	736.00
Trust & Agency Account – FICA	\$ 317.48
Trust & Agency Account – FICA	114.75
Karl Von Hassel	64.00

General Pre-Pay Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #1PP, voucher # 1)

Central Hudson	\$ 394.20
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General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #1A, vouchers # 1 - 3)

Bottini Fuel	\$ 633.21
UCRRA	2,042.31
Daniel Van Saders, Petty Cash	14.06

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #1, vouchers # 1 - 4)

Jonathan Follender, Reimb.	\$ 318.00
MVP Select Care Inc.	30.00
NYSAOTSOH	200.00
Williamson Law Book Company	246.63

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks. (See Warrant #1, None)

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2022 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 Pre-Pay Warrant No. 1APP Vouchers, No. 1 - 3.

Highway Fund Vouchers Warrant No. 1A, Vouchers, No. 1-16.

Highway Fund Vouchers Warrant No. 1, Vouchers 1 – 2.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 1APP Vouchers, No. 1 - 14.

General Fund Pe-Pay Warrant No. 1PP, voucher No. 1.

General Fund Warrant No. 1A, Vouchers, No. 1 – 3.

General Fund Warrant No. 1, Vouchers, No. 1 – 4.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers Warrant No. 1 – 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.

Supervisor Comments:

Supervisor Brooks informs all those present:

- Resolutions for 2021 Budget Transfers will be before the Town Board at the February meeting.
- The Sundown Bridge Project is out to bid this week. The temporary bridge will be part of the whole project.
- The Stream Project is at 90% completion. Supervisor Brooks will be speaking with Billy VanAken – the largest landowner in regard to the project.
- Supervisor Brooks will be speaking with Ulster County about County ARPA Funds for broadband for more Denning Residents.
- The annual increase for insurance coverage through Mike Preis is \$777.00. They lowered coverage about \$7,000 on some of the buildings.
- NYMIR has been great for Denning – all equipment is covered for Highway.
- In the Spring we will put out to bid on a Roller. Discussion follows regarding what type of roller and if there is any cost benefit from renting instead of buying.
- In regard to the Highway Vouchers noting the Tractor Supply bill showed an unpaid balance. This amount was reviewed with the Budget Vs. Actual and determined to have been previously paid last month on December 19th. Said Tractor Supply bill is removed from the Vouchers.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio reports that the CWT meeting next week will be held via Zoom. There were no meetings for November or December. Discussion could possibly be about streamside acquisition.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker reports on recent Justice Court matters. A Peekamoose area resident was charged with possession of a weapon, harassment, unlawful imprisonment, etc. An order of protection was issued. The complainant didn't appear. The matter will again be before the Court on 1/19/22. A resident was charged with hunting from a vehicle and issued a fine. A resident was charged with hunting over a bait pile and fined.
- Councilman Mike Dean received a positive call from a Denning taxpayer saying "Thanks for keeping taxes down." Councilman Vurckio noted that his Neversink taxes went up.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no additional comments.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Public Comment:

- Paul Hnatiw was present and asked about follow up on the trees in the stream at the Balance Road Bridge. Supervisor Brooks states that it is a huge gray area. Having difficulty finding someone to do it. Someone upstate agreed to do it but it hasn't been signed off on yet. Mr. Hnatiw asked who cut up the trees down near the Sundown Bridge. Supervisor Brooks advised that the property owner did it. Discussion follows regarding the fact that no one wants to get involved with the DEP and all the rules and regulations required. You cannot disturb the stream bed and the trees can only be cut up – not moved. Councilman Mike Dean offers to ask Russell Mootz. He does DEP work in conjunction with Soil and Water through Stacey Howell. Russell

would have the correct insurance, etc. for DEP approval. The Balace Bridge issue involves 3 or 4 trees. Russell would be paid by Soil and Water.

- Paul Hnatiw also notes that it has been 43 months since he has brought the matter of Mr. VanWagner's cars to the Town Board. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks states he will speak to Mr. VanWagner.

Motion to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 6:47 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, January 18, 2022.

The next Town Board & Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.