

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

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

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

The Town Clerk provided all Board members a copy of the Agenda and Resolutions No. 29 thru 31 of 2022, as well as the Budget vs. Actual through January 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to adopt last months' minutes as amended and presented, by Town Clerk Nancy Parrow, made by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith.

Roll call vote:

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 Brooks

- Supervisor Brooks presents the Board with the National Flood Insurance Policy premium options through the Denman Agency. Discussion follows regarding cost and coverage differences between the two options. The Town Board unanimously votes for Option A which does not increase the coverage or the cost.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board of an email received from Stacie Howell at Roundout/Neversink Stream Association regarding the Town's request to take care of trees in the creek at Balance Bridge and Sundown Bridge. Stacie states she is getting quotes from Russell Mootz and Netter Tree Services. She will keep the Board posted.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board that Tammy Beck, Justice Court Clerk received correspondence confirming award of NYS Grant for the Denning Justice Court in the amount of \$4,485.97 covering exterior door, office supplies, computer routers and air purifiers.

Highway Report: by Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers

- Superintendent Van Sadlers reports only minor equipment issues at this time.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers thanks Supervisor Brooks for taking the time to go over the 550 and getting the ground wire fixed and the heat working.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers states that he is waiting for a quote from H.O. Penn regarding the roller. Looking to quote one with a steering wheel.
- Supervisor Van Sadlers reports that maintenance work on the Tractor (mower) is scheduled to start in two weeks.
- Supervisor Van Sadlers reports that he met with Brendan from Roundout/Neversink Stream Association regarding the former Saito property and improvements being made there regarding installation of a box culvert and changes and improvements to surrounding ditches. Supervisor Van Sadlers reports being cautious regarding these projects as they involve some tree work and carving ditches directed to go under the bridge and he is not sure that is a good idea. Certain times of year if the bridge gets plugged and the creek ends up going down the road. Brendan advised that there would be creek work done, and the culvert project. The culvert project includes 2 – 18 inch pipes (possibly 1 at 24 inches). A deep ditch is needed for that due to concern over water flow – as there are water flow issues at that site already. Board discussion follows regarding size and type of culvert and other issues regarding the project. Supervisor Van Sadlers states that it is still in the planning stages and Brendan will provide an update as soon as possible.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers reports that he has been looking into purchase of a small 550 (4-wheel drive 5500). Possibly looking into Chevrolet products. In speaking with Ulster County, they report having no issues with their Chevys, but it is noted that they run gas vehicles, not diesel. Supervisor Brooks reports that after working on the 550 recently it definitely needs to be replaced while it is still

worth something. There is \$50,000.00 available from the storage building and together with proceeds from selling the 550 the Town might be in the fiscal position to purchase a new truck. Discussion follows.

- Superintendent Van Sadlers requests Trading Post receipt from Supervisor Brooks regarding items purchased for repair of 550.
- Superintendent Van Sadlers report that salt and sand supplies are good as of this date. The green salt worked well over the weekend during the ice storm through Monday night's freezing temperatures. Discussion followed regarding possible future need and supply for the remainder of this season.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith

- Councilman Smith reports that no representatives showed up for either matter that was before the Planning Board for the January meeting. Approximately 6 residents were present.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #2 Pre-Pay, voucher #'s 1-5)

Health Care Reimbursement Account	\$ 5,000.00
MVP Health Care, Inc.	\$ 10,595.68
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	\$ 893.67
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	\$ 1,019.81
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	\$ 21.42

Highway Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #2, voucher #'s 3-18)

Advance Auto Parts	\$ 91.05
Apalachee Marine	\$ 9,270.28
Apalachee Marine	\$ 3,017.83
Bottini Fuel Corporation	\$ 2,568.70
Callanan Industries, Inc.	\$ 238.87
Case Tire Service Inc.	\$ 778.00
Home Depot Credit Services	\$ 192.35
Mombaccus Excavating, Inc.	\$ 6,591.80
North East Parts Group	\$ 566.14
NY Labor Law Poster Service	\$ 89.50
Prestige Towing & Recovery, Inc.	\$ 250.00
Sarjo Industries	\$ 139.90
Sarjo Industries	\$ 127.20
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	\$ 102.43
UCATS	\$ 334.00
Ulster County 1	\$ 6,741.95

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #2A Pre-Pay, voucher # 15)

Central Hudson	\$ 297.28
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General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #2 Pre-Pay, voucher #'s 2-11)

Central Hudson	\$ 177.30
Central Hudson	\$ 39.40
Central Hudson	\$ 444.34
HealthCare Reimbursement Account	\$ 5,000.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	\$ 9,609.04
Time Warner Cable	\$ 141.86
Time Warner Cable	\$ 182.93
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	\$ 30.07
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	\$ 706.91
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	\$ 268.49

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(see Warrant #2, voucher #'s 4-21)

Bottini Fuel	\$ 680.32
Bottini Fuel	\$ 552.43
Central Hudson	\$ 636.83
Cindy Mickelson, Reim.	\$ 74.32
e-Nable Business Solutions	\$ 157.50
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	\$ 494.00
MVP Select Care Inc.	\$ 30.00
Mike Preis, Inc.	\$ 23,060.14
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM	\$ 3,448.00
NYS Magistrates Association	\$ 90.00
Power Generator Service, LLC	\$ 250.00
QUILL CORP	\$ 31.98
QUILL CORP	\$ 348.85
Richard Lowe	\$ 22.53
UCATS	\$ 80.00
UCRRA	\$ 1,742.62
Ulster County	\$ 4,000.00

Resolution No. 29 of 2022

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. 2PP voucher Nos. 1 - 5.

Highway Fund Warrant No. 2 voucher Nos. 3 - 18

General Fund Warrant No. 2APP voucher No. 15.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 2PP voucher Nos. 2 – 11.

General Fund Warrant No. 2 voucher Nos. 4 - 21

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 2 voucher Nos. - None.

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

Motion to adopt and approve made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean.

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. 30 of 2022

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 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 Highway Fund: increase DA5130.4-Machinery Contractual Expense in the amount of \$22,233.00 and to increase DA5142.1-Snow Removal Personal Services in the amount of \$3,275.00.

And to decrease DA5142.4-Snow Removal Contractual Expense in the amount \$25,508.00.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows: Motion to adopt and approve made 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.

Resolution No. 31 of 2022

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 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: to increase A1110.1-Justices Personal Services in the amount of \$123.00, and to increase A1220.1-Supervisor Personal Services in the amount of \$1,500.00, and to increase A1410.1-Clerk Personal Services in the amount of \$1,489.00, and to increase A1460.4-Records Management Contractual in the amount of \$1,674.00, and to increase A1910.4-Unallocated Insurance in the amount of \$475.00, and to increase A3620.1-Safety Inspection Personnel in the amount of \$1,500.00, and to increase A5010.1-Superintendent of Highways Personal Services in the amount of \$499.00, and to increase A5010.4-Superintendent of Highways Contractual in the amount of \$224.00, and to increase A5132.4-Garage Contractual Expense in the amount of \$1,445.00, and to increase A5182.4-Street Lighting Contractual Expense in the amount of \$110.00, and to increase A8160.1-Refuse and Garbage Personal Services in the amount of \$755.00, and to increase A9030.8-Employee Benefits-Social Security in the amount of \$590.00,

To decrease A9060.8-Employee Benefits-Medical Insurance in the amount of \$10,384.00.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows: Motion to adopt and approve made by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean.

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 that the Sundown Bridge Project is going forward with the low bid of 2.4 million. The County is pleased as it is a company that they have worked with before. The County is preparing the Resolution and numbers for the Ulster County March Legislative Meeting. Then the matter goes to Pat Ryan. Discussion follows regarding specifics – the temporary bridge will run parallel with the existing bridge. The involved homeowners are all in agreement with the plan at this point. The price includes the temporary bridge. It will be a flat steel deck bridge, no walkway, and no major work on the abutments.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that the Stream Project is 90% completed. Discussion was held with landowners and everyone is in agreement at this time.

- Supervisor Brooks reports that Bill Rudge from the DEC is retiring and is not sure at this time who will take his place. Denning worked extensively with Mr. Rudge on the Blue Hole issue over the years. Hopefully whoever takes over will work well for Denning.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio reports last month's CWT meeting on Zoom barely had a quorum. Nick Carbone had alternatives to the Stream Program and wrote a paper. Discussion followed.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker reports that Justice Court was postponed twice last month and is now put ahead to February 16, 2022 at 10 am. There are a couple of cases on the docket.
- Councilman Mike Dean asked if there has been any resolution regarding the motorcycle accident on Round Pond Road. Discussion follows.
- Councilman Kevin Smith had no comments.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment: There is none.

Supervisor Brooks call for any further comments or discussion.

- General discussion is held regarding emerging clean energy issues as noted in a recent article in the Shawangunk Journal regarding wood stoves.

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, February 14, 2022.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.