

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.  
Held on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks  
Councilmen: Kevin Smith, Paul Schoonmaker, and Gregory Vurckio  
Highway Superintendent Daniel Van Sadlers.

Absent: Councilman Mike Dean

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. 42 thru 43 of 2022, as well as the Budget vs. Actual through May 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to adopt last months' minutes as presented by Town Clerk Nancy Parrow made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	Absent	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

- Received request from the Daniel Pierce Library Giant Pumpkin Party for an advertisement from the Town of Denning. Supervisor Brooks asked for a Motion to participate with a \$45.00 quarter page ad. Motion to pay for ad made by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Gregory Vurckio

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

- Received Ulster County Check for Mortgage Tax 10-1-21 to 3-31-22 in the amount of \$8,800.94.
- Received Ulster County Check for Sales Tax January to March 2022 – collected March to May 2022 in the amount of \$10,469.76.
- Received multiple emails regarding agreement with Ulster County that sales tax overage of 1% would be paid over to the Towns. Discussion regarding legislator(s) trying to tie the overage payment to the Towns to use regarding housing. Most Towns contacting their legislators to make the payment without “strings attached”.
- Received Certificate from Unified Court System of the State of New York for Continuing Clerk Education Program that Tammy Beck completed for 2022.
- Reviewed scam emails regarding Payroll and updated Town Board members regarding the numerous scam emails received at Town Hall.
- Received letter from the Ulster County Board of Elections regarding Polling Site Access / Voting System Set-up for Primary Election on Tuesday June 28, 2022 and an Additional Election on Tuesday August 23, 2022. Councilman Kevin Smith will be available to open and close the Polling Site on the requested dates.

Highway Report: by Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers reports:

- The Tractor is back after it was out for repair for many months and is working well. Working on grading in Sundown, on Wildcat, on Wild Meadow and Basily Roads. Also doing miscellaneous touchups throughout Town.
- The Ford 550 is still waiting for service as parts are currently unavailable.
- The 2002 Paystar is having front end work done at Darren & Sons in Montgomery, NY. The Paystar needs repairs to limp through until Denning gets the new truck, which could possibly not be until next May.

- The Roller is working fine.
- The Town is observing June 20<sup>th</sup> Monday as a federal Holiday so Town Hall and Highway Department will be closed. Handbook will be updated with Supervisor Brooks.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders confirms that culvert work is on the schedule for the other side of Basily Road. Discussion follows.
- There is a call in to Eben Ackerley, Denning IT, regarding cameras not working at the R&R Station possibly due to rain/wind. Eben is scheduled to come and have a look on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Ulster County has the paver at the Sundown garage so it is expected that they will begin work on Peekamoose Road soon.
- NYMIR is coming next week on Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will review and check up on everything beforehand.
- Councilman Vurckio questions Highway Superintendent Van Saders about the pressure washer and cleaning trucks and equipment outside during the colder weather. Is there a way to move the pressure washer outside and close the bay door to lessen the waste of heat through the open bay door during the winter months? Discussion follows regarding where the pressure washing needs to be plugged in and have access to the water while also being exhausted outside. Discussion continues regarding pressure washer which is serviced by Eldred Power Equipment in Eldred, NY. It is confirmed that the bay door remotes save time and energy and maintenance of door seals and winterizing should be done now in the good weather.
- It is confirmed that the lunchroom is sealed up again after the raccoon invasion. However, the raccoons also ripped a wire down in a new area so that is being inspected and fixed. The track is OK for the drop ceiling in the lunchroom and 92 tiles are needed to put the ceiling back in. the ceiling tiles will be priced out through Home Depot.
- Highway Superintendent Van Saders suggests looking into a waste oil burner for one of the farther bays. He believes that Northern sells them. Town would use its own clean truck oil instead of taking it to Zanetti's Garage for recycling. Highway Superintendent Van Saders will research cost effectiveness for this type of supplemental heat.
- Supervisor Brooks opens discussion regarding the specs for new truck pricing and ordering. Highway Superintendent Van Saders states that there are two slots available for October which would mean the Town could possibly see the new truck in January. Discussion follows regarding the truck specifications, costs, etc. Supervisor Brooks confirmed he spoke with Councilman Mike Dean prior to the meeting and he is on board with ordering the truck and the price is within the parameters set by the Town Board during previous discussions. Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to accept the price and move forward on ordering and purchasing the truck.  
 Motion to accept and approve made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio,  
 and seconded by Councilman Kevin Smith.  
 Roll call vote:  
 Councilman Kevin Smith AYE                      Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE  
 Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE              Councilman Mike Dean Absent  
 Supervisor David Brooks AYE  
 Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith

- Rachel Pereira came before the Planning Board with two non-conforming lots on Peekamoose Road. Each lot is 2.1 acres. She needs a new septic. The system she has now works but she wants to upgrade. The house she is living in is on one lot and the septic for that house is on the other lot. She was advised to reach out to the CWC in regard to going forward.
- The Planning Board received a logging notification from Frank Parslow, Stone Ridge Excavating and Logging, for 64 Round Pond Road – owned by David White.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks:  
 (see Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, voucher #'s 18 - 22)

Health Care Reimbursement Account	6PP-18	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care, Inc.	6PP-19	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-10,595.68
ShelterPoint Life Insurance Co.	6PP-20	DA90558 · Disability Ins.	-160.00

Trust & Agency Account - FICA	6PP-21	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-902.13
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	6PP-22	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-807.59
		Grand Total	-14,965.40

Highway Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks:  
(see Warrant #6, voucher #'s 58 - 70)

ALL GAS & WELDING	58	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-256.60
Arkel Motors	59	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-3,737.67
Bottini Fuel Corporation	60	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-3,195.05
Campbell Supply Company	61	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-155.82
Capital One Trade Credit	62	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-559.99
Case Tire Service Inc.	63	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,795.36
E. Tetz & Sons, Inc.	64	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-19,901.57
Empire Auto Radiator Co., Inc.	65	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-545.00
Hoffman Equipment	66	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-2,975.00
Liberty Trading Post	67	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-10.35
North East Parts Group	68	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-410.81
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	69	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-33.98
Woods Repair Service	70	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-32.00
		Grand Total	-33,609.20

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks:  
(see Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, voucher #'s 37 - 47)

Cardmember Service	6PP-37	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-166.10
Central Hudson	6PP-38	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-37.86
Central Hudson	6PP-39	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-291.24
	6PP-40	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-404.85
			-696.09
Central Hudson	6PP-41	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-152.20
Charter Communications	6PP-42	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-141.44
Charter Communications	6PP-43	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-185.31
HealthCare Reimbursement Account	6PP-44	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	6PP-45	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-9,609.04
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	6PP-46	A9030.8 · Social Security	-735.02
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	6PP-47	A9030.8 · Social Security	-268.49
		Grand Total	-4,491.55

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks:  
(see Warrant #4, voucher #'s 79 - 95)

Bottini Fuel	79	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-1,017.77
Charter Communications	80	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-141.44
Claryville Postmaster	81	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-580.00
e-Nable Business Solutions	82	A1670.4 · Central Data Process Contrac	-87.99
e-Nable Business Solutions	83	A1670.4 · Central Data Process Contrac	-225.00
William Geelan	84	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
Foamco Insulation	85	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-2,280.00
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	86	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-333.50
	87	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-494.00
			-827.50
International Code Council Inc.	88	A3620.4 · Safety Insp. - Contractual	-145.00
MVP Select Care Inc.	89	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-30.00
QUILL CORP	90	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-56.35
	91	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-69.99
	92	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-800.39
			-926.73
Judith A. Sorice	93	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN	94	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-157.00
		A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-82.50
			-239.50
UCRRA	95	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-2,332.54

Grand Total -8,983.47

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks:  
(see Warrant No. 6 voucher Nos. 1-2)

Nancy Parrow	1	A8130.2 · Sew Treat & Disp/Capital Outlay	-18.60
Wind River Environmental	2	A8130.2 · Sew Treat & Disp/Capital Outlay	-11,669.00
		Grand Total	-11,687.60

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

**Resolution No. 42 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. 6PP voucher Nos. 18 - 22 .
- Highway Fund Warrant No. 6 voucher Nos. 58 - 70.
- General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 6PP voucher Nos. 37 - 47.
- General Fund Warrant No. 6 voucher Nos. 79 - 95.
- Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 6 voucher Nos. 1-2.

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

Motion to adopt and approve made by Councilman Kevin Smith,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	Absent	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. 43 of 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Denning has been notified that the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding from the NYSDoT for the fiscal year 2022 will be in the amount of \$251,937.75 and the PAVENY Apportionment will be \$119,367.24; and the EWR, (Extreme Winter Recovery) apportionment will be 94,338.46, together with POP (Patch Our Potholes) apportionment will be \$29,840.62 making the total funding amount \$495,484.07 for the year 2022. And as

The 2022 Budget has appropriated \$200,000.00 and additional \$295,484.07 needs to be appropriated to the 2022 Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to increase State Aid (CHIPS) DA3501 and Appropriation Improvement of Roads, (CHIPS) DA5112.2 in the amount of \$295,484.07.

**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	Absent	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 reports that the work on the Sundown Bridge has commenced and they poured concrete at part of the abutment today.

Supervisor Brooks has met with Titan Drilling at the Denning Town Hall and Highway Department in regard to replacing the shallow gravel wells. He received estimates from Titan

for \$11,700.00 for the Town Hall well, and \$11,200.00 for the Highway Department well. Supervisor Brooks reports that ARPA funds are available and will cover these costs so now is the time to have the work done. The Town Hall well needs to be above the base flood elevation. Discussion follows regarding costs and savings, and it is hoped that the actual cost will be less, as it is felt that the wells will not have to be as deep as the estimates indicate. Continued discussion regarding location of new well at Highway Department. It will be up behind the R&R Station. The existing well will be sealed off. Wires and plumbing will be diverted, leaving the possibility of adding on to that end of the Town Barn.

- Supervisor Brooks asks for a Motion to proceed with the drilling of the wells. Motion to proceed made by Councilman Kevin Smith, and seconded by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	Absent	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 calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports that the CWT meeting will be held next Monday in person and through Zoom. It is noted that the CWT extended the time for public comment from June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker reported on the Justice Court. It is reported that Laura Roberts is the new ADA for Denning and the surrounding areas. There is also a new Public Defender for Denning. There was an arraignment of a resident and an order of protection requested for the wife in regard to a harassment / choking misdemeanor. Additional arraignment of owners of a hunting camp on Stone Cabin Brook Road. They were charged with disturbing ground and vegetation, etc. doing road work outside of the right of way to their camp on an abandoned road. Councilman Schoonmaker reports that Judge Follender was not going to rule on the case as he feels it is a civil matter. It was discussed that the right of way information would be contained in the hunting camp's deed. Judge Follender had suggested that the owners go to New Paltz and hash the matter out there. Discussion follows regarding abandoned roads and Supervisor Brooks states that the right of way information contained in their deed is the only real recourse they have.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no other business to report.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Paul Hnatiw states that it is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of his issue with Mr. VanWagner's junk cars and he provided pictures. It is noted that all vehicles are off the road but they are still there. Mr. Hnatiw states that now a Ford Ranger pickup with no plates is parked down at Mr. VanWagner's mother's property on Peekamoose Road also. Supervisor Brooks asks if the trailer is still there and Paul states it is, and the roof is caved in on it from the winter snow. Supervisor Brooks states that he will again reach out to Mr. VanWagner to discuss the issue. Discussion follows regarding what appears to be telephone or electric poles also at the edge of the property. Mr. Hnatiw states that the poles are there from when Central Hudson replaced the ones across the road. Supervisor Brooks states that he will give the pictures to Judge Follender for his information.
- Paul Hnatiw would again like to address the issue of the trees in the creek near the Balance Road bridge. Discussion follows regarding landowners cutting up the trees in case of severe weather creating a hazard.

Supervisor Brooks calls for any further comments or discussion. There are none.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, June 23, 2022.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.