

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, July 12th, 2022 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks

Councilmen: Kevin Smith, Paul Schoonmaker, Mike Dean and Gregory Vurckio
Highway Superintendent Daniel 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 Resolution No. 44. The Budget vs. Actual through June 2022 was not available at the time of the meeting and will be distributed when received.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to adopt last months' minutes as presented by Town Clerk Nancy Parrow made by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, and seconded 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

- Received email from Frost Valley YMCA postponing the Hall of Fame induction ceremony honoring Jerry Huncosky on August 13, 2022 until next summer.
- Received donation check to the Town from the Frost Valley YMCA. A sincere thank you to Jerry Huncosky and the Frost Valley Board.
- Received email from the Town of Neversink regarding Keriland Project Public Comment and Town Board Meeting to be held this evening, July 12, 2022 at 7 pm at the Claryville Fire Department. Supervisor Brooks and Deputy Supervisor Vurckio are planning to attend at the conclusion of this Town Board Meeting.
- Received email correspondence for NYS Division of Budget regarding second 50% ARPA Funds payment to the Town of Denning advising that the funds would be distributed shortly. This final payment will be in the amount of \$27,435.80. It is anticipated that Denning will receive this payment by the end of July, 2022.
- Received correspondence for MVP Healthcare regarding Notice of 11.9% Premium Rate Change for 2023. Supervisor Brooks states that these drastic yearly increases for health insurance make it exceedingly difficulty for Denning to stay under the tax cap.
- Received email correspondence from Marshall & Sterling regarding workshopping and finalizing Denning Health Insurance plans for 2023. Supervisor Brooks will be in contact with them regarding same.
- Received email with News Release from Central Hudson regarding New Electric & Gas Bill Relief Program Approved by State Regulators. This News Release will be posted on the Resident News Tab of the Denning Website and the Town Hall official public notice board for resident information.

Highway Report: by Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers reports:

- Two (2) miles of Peekamoose Road have been paved with the appreciated assistance of Ulster County in recent weeks. The increased summer traffic and congestion caused by the Peekamoose campgrounds, hiking trails and the visitors to Blue Hole made it interesting. Trucks and materials were able to come in from the Town of Olive side, which made it more manageable.
- The new Truck is officially On Order. October 11th is the build date. When completed it then goes to body manufacture. Hopefully the Town can take possession sometime in January or February of 2023.
- The Mower is back and has been in use around Town. No luck with Keil yet following up on some additional issues with it.

- Highway Building well is drilled and hook-up is scheduled for next week. Supervisor Brooks provided Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers with pictures and drawings from Jim Gillespie, Project Manager, Lamont Engineers, P.C. to help determine pipe location etc. Discussion follows regarding hook up for new well.
- 2002 Truck is back from Derrer & Sons.
- 2004 Truck is out for exhaust / manifold leak.
- Ford has been contacted about the 550. Denning now has a case number with Ford for this vehicle so contact info for updates can hopefully push this along.
- Shared services – Ulster County has been mowing on the Peekamoose Road, so Denning has been sweeping on the County road – Greenville Road.
- 2.3 miles are left to be paved on the Peekamoose Road. Ulster County said hopefully next year that will be done. The work done this year should hold up for quite some time. It is stated that the lines will be painted this year.
- Supervisor Brooks thanks the Highway Department for the cleanup work and lawn maintenance work they did at the Town Hall as a result of the new well being dug and hooked up.
- Supervisor Brooks asks about upcoming road work. Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers stated that the plan is to tar and chip New Road Hill, Wildcat and Taylor Road. He will reach out to Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly at Neversink shortly.
- Councilman Gregory Vurckio asked Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers if he knew what material the County of Sullivan contractors had used on the Claryville Road. It was tar and chipped but with a “fog sealer”, which is a light coat of oil on top to lock in the stones.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith

- Councilman Smith reports that there was no new business before the Board.
- The Planning Board received correspondence from Campanelli & Associates offering review services regarding preventing irresponsible placement of 5G wireless facilities on, or close to, private properties.
- The Planning Board received a notification that Stone Ridge Excavating application for logging work was contingent on NYC DEP easement before proceeding on the David White property at 64 Round Pond Road.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks:
(see Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, voucher #'s 23-25)

12068	MVP Health Care, Inc.	7PP-23	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-10,595.68
12070	Trust & Agency Account - FICA	7PP-24	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-800.99
12072	Trust & Agency Account - FICA	7PP-25	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-875.72
			Grand Total	-12,272.39

Highway Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks:
(see Warrant #7, voucher #'s 71-90)

1207				
3	Arkel Motors	71	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,723.52
1207				
4	Bottini Fuel Corporation	72	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-2,860.81
		73	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	<u>-3,435.94</u>
				-6,296.75
1207				
5	Callanan Industries, Inc.	74	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-773.03
1207				
6	Campbell Freightliner of Orange County	75	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-502.50
1207				
7	Case Tire Service Inc.	76	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-3,412.24
1207				
8	Derrer and Sons Repair Service Inc.	77	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-8,722.87
1207				
9	Eastern Materials LLC	78	DA51122 · Perm Improv-HW Equip,Cap Outlay	-98,021.43
1208				
0	FleetPride	79	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-12.73
		80	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	<u>-273.70</u>
				-286.43

1208				
1	Geo. W. Kinsman, Inc.	81	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-48.93
1208				
2	Hoffman Equipment	82	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-2,975.00
1208				
3	Keil Equipment Co., Inc.	83	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-6,883.35
1208				
4	Liberty Trading Post	84	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-109.27
1208			DA51122 · Perm Improv-HW Equip,Cap	
5	Monticello Black Top Corp.	85	Outlay	-1,519.20
1208				
6	North East Parts Group	86	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-50.68
1208				
7	Sarjo Industries	87	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-82.20
1208	Tolls by Mail Payment Processing			
8	Center	88	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-7.88
1208				
9	Tractor Supply Credit Plan	89	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-113.96
1209				
0	Woods Repair Service	90	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-32.00
			Grand Total	-131,561.24

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks:
(see Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, voucher #'s 48- 59)

19104				
8	Cardmember Service	7PP-48	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-41.95
			A1110.2 · Town Justice - Equipment	-145.77
			A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	<u>-157.79</u>
				-345.51
19104				
9	Central Hudson	7PP-49	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-47.82
19105				
5	Central Hudson	7PP-50	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-139.53
		7PP-51	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	<u>-278.72</u>
				-418.25
19105				
9	Central Hudson	7PP-52	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-141.01
19105				
6	Charter Communications	7PP-53	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-182.32
19105				
0	Daniel Pierce Library	7PP-54	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-45.00
19105				
1	MVP Health Care Inc.	7PP-55	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-9,609.04
19105				
3	TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-56	A9030.8 · Social Security	-321.53
19104				
7	TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-57	A9030.8 · Social Security	-748.48
19105				
8	TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-58	A9030.8 · Social Security	-268.49
19105				
4	United States Treasury	7PP-59	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-33.48
			Grand Total	-12,160.93

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks:
(see Warrant #7, voucher #'s 96- 111)

19106				
0	Charter Communications	96	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-142.93
19106				
1	Eagle Fire & Safety	97	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-380.75
19106				
3	Jonathan Follender, Reim.	98	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-9.00
		99	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-333.50
		100	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	<u>-494.00</u>
				-836.50
19106				
2	Grahamsville First Aid Squad	101	A4540.4 · Emergency Services-Contractual	-2,405.75
19106				
5	MVP Select Care Inc.	102	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-30.00
19106				
7	NYS Town Clerks Association	103	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-85.00
19106				
6	Nancy Parrow	104	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-146.02
19106				
8	QUILL CORP	105	A1110.2 · Town Justice - Equipment	-1,272.98
		106	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-48.99
		106	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	<u>-15.79</u>
				-1,337.76
19106				
9	Titan Drilling Corp	107	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-6,350.00
		108	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-11,175.00

		109	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-2,564.55
				-20,089.55
19107				
0	UCRRA	110	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-2,947.51
19106				
4	Karl Von Hassel	111	A3620.4 · Safety Insp. - Contractual	-407.00
			Grand Total	-28,808.77

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks:
(see Warrant No. 7 voucher No. 3)

19107				
1	Wind River Environmental	3	A8130.2 · Sew Treat & Disp/Capital Outlay	-11,502.34

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

Resolution No. 44 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. 7PP voucher Nos. 23 - 25.
- Highway Fund Warrant No. 7 voucher Nos. 71 - 90.
- General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 7 PP voucher Nos. 48 - 59.
- General Fund Warrant No. 7 voucher Nos. 96 - 111.
- Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 6 voucher No. 3.

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 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 reports that there is only one septic remaining to be inspected and pumped in the Claryville /Denning Septic District. The owner had inadvertently put a parking area over the tank. As the property is a short-term rental it was agreed that when the rental period is done the tank can be located and dug up for inspection and pumping. All the other septic in the district have been completed. Risers have been installed on those that needed them and all have been mapped for easy location and access for future inspections and pumping when necessary.
- The Ulster County Comptroller’s office provided Denning with a Broadband map and has requested that we notify them regarding any areas where buildout is needed. The map will remain in the Town Hall until 7/30/22. Residents who do not have broadband should notify the Town Hall. Ulster County has ARPA fund monies for underserved areas.
- Supervisor Brooks and Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio met with DEC officials and Rangers for approximately 2 hours at Peekamoose/Blue Hole regarding ongoing issues. Discussed centralized parking, limiting camping areas, 70 permits a day (6 people per permit), increased number of stewards and increased police/ranger presence. DEC will review and come up with a new plan for the long term. Discussion followed.
- Ongoing issues at the Blue Hole and the entire Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor have been reported now that we are into summer. Those who are turned away from the Blue Hole area

for swimming because they don't have permits are just parking farther away up and down the valley and trying to swim wherever they can get into the water. 30 tickets were issued at the Rondout Reservoir on the July 4th weekend for trespassing and illegal swimming in that area.

- The Sundown Bridge Project is progressing well, the temporary bridge is about halfway done and should be finished within the next week. Project is on schedule at this time.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports further on the meeting at Peekamoose Blue Hole regarding proposal of one centralized large parking area and the lower campground parking will be for camping only. The changes will make parking easier to oversee and control. The trailer field will be gated and used only for parking. Other smaller lots along the road will be closed. They will be keeping the permit system to help control the number of visitors for those who need parking for permitted camping and those who have day permits. Portable toilets and dumpsters will be centralized also. Further discussion regarding limiting numbers of visitors. Last year we had a lot of rainy weekends and it didn't seem as bad. This year the good weather on the weekends hasn't helped the issues.
- Councilman Vurckio reported that the CWT comment period ended July 1, 2022. Last month's meeting was in-person and they just made a quorum. The next meeting is Monday 7/18/22 and is in-person.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker reported on the Justice Court. Ronald Martinez plea deal for 2-year order of protection and anger management class. Mr. Martinez was a no-show and Judge Follender issued a bench warrant. Frost Valley YMCA vs. Tish - \$138,378.00. Mr. Tish was a no show at the Ulster County Court. He resides at Delray Beach, Florida. His attorney telephoned the Denning Justice Court on July 8th. Judge Follender issued a warning and wants Mr. Tish present to be arraigned here on July 20, 2022. Over 30 tickets were issued for the Peekamoose / Blue Hole area for July 8th. Only one defendant was present. The next court date is July 20th, 2022.
- Councilman Mike Dean commented on the great mowing job being done by Tyler Brooks for the Highway Dept. Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders agrees that the department's newest hire is doing great. Councilman Dean questions whether Jim Sheeley of Sheeley Oil and Excavating got paid after ongoing CWC/resident septic issues. Supervisor Brooks reported that he did.
- Councilman Kevin Smith reports he has been in contact with Mike Madison at Ulster County regarding ongoing Emergency Management / Disaster Preparedness training for Town officials. Discussion followed regarding group training opportunities for mandatory trainings. Supervisor Brooks agrees to revisit the issue for ease of scheduling for presenters and attendees when mandatory trainings are required.

Supervisor Brooks call for Public Comment:

- Paul Hnatiw states there was a Mini Cooper Rally running through Peekamoose/Sundown this past Sunday from approximately 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. He stated that there seemed to be no speeding due to all the other traffic from the campgrounds and Blue Hole. Mr. Hnatiw also witnessed an incident at Blue Hole on Monday 7/11/22 at around 3:30 pm with cars blocking one lane and visitors walking blocking the other lane on the Peekamoose Road. There appeared to be a screaming match going on between visitors and a truck driver who was trying to maneuver to either service the portable toilets or clean out the dumpster at that location. Mr. Hnatiw reported that there were no Stewards, Rangers or other police presence at that time. He later heard that the incident did get called in and a NYS Trooper did arrive. Mr. Hnatiw also reports that weekday crowding is now an issue with local residents regarding speeding, trespassing, someone's dog got hit by a car, and horseback riding. Residents are trying to slow traffic with signs, etc. Discussion follows.
- Paul Hnatiw states that it has been 49 months in regard to his issues with Mr. VanWagner. There is now an unlicensed vehicle sitting at Gladys VanWagner's house on the Peekamoose Road. Supervisor Brooks asks if any of the vehicles are on the road. Mr. Hnatiw reports that they are not.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, July 18, 2022.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.