

TOWN OF DENNING – TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks. Held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 (postponed from March 14, 2023 due to inclement weather) at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Paul Schoonmaker.

Absent: 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 Nos. 35 and 36 of 2023, the Budget vs. Actual through February 2023, and the Finalized Budget vs. Actual for 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all the Councilmen have read the Minutes and asks if there are any amendments. All respond that the Minutes have been read and there are no amendments.

Motion to adopt last months' minutes by Councilman Mike Dean, seconded by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. 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.

- Email received from Jenny Lee updating the Town Board on Broadband issues. Archtop Fiber out of Kingston, NY, an up-and-coming provider, is bringing underground service down Route 209.
- Letter received from Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead, NY relaying information about an aspect of Governor Hochul's proposed budget regarding NY Housing Compact for the State to be able to ignore local zoning authority in the Hochul's push for increased housing. Municipal response going to Albany on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to protest. The letter will be posted under the Resident News Link on the Denning town website.
- Donation received from Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$10,414.00 for March 2023. The Denning Town Board expresses its ongoing thanks to the Frost Valley YMCA for their continued support.
- Email from Teri Lockhart, Town of Denning Auditor, confirming she has finalized and submitted the Town of Denning 2022 Annual Report to New York State. Discussion follows. A copy of the Report for public viewing is available at the Town Hall during business hours.
- Letter received from the New York State Unified Court System confirming that all documentation for the 2021/2022 J-Cap Grant has been received and the matter has been satisfied.
- Email from Denning Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Karl Von Hassel regarding change in the Building Department Fee Schedule. The only change being that if construction is started prior to obtaining a permit, fees will be doubled. The Board unanimously agrees.
- Email received from Ulster County Comptroller's Office containing press release regarding recent resignation of Burt Gulnik, former Ulster County Dept. of Finance Commissioner.
- Payment received from Ulster County Dept. of Finance in the amount of \$11,095.24 in payment of sales tax for the period 10/22 to 2/23. It is noted that online shopping has increased the amounts payable to individual towns.

Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers is absent.

- Supervisor David Brooks gives an abbreviated update on the Ford 550 which was back from repair on Friday and broke again on Friday night. The shift cable was repaired by Zanetti's Service Station before the storm.

- No other Highway matters to report on at this time.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith

- No New Business before the Planning Board. The meeting was spent reviewing prior meeting minutes with no other matters brought before the Board.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.  
(See Warrant #3 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 6 - 10)

<b>Health Care Reimbursement Account</b>	<b>3PP-6</b>	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-2,500.00
<b>MVP Health Care, Inc.</b>	<b>3PP-7</b>	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-11,160.30
<b>ShelterPoint Life Insurance Co.</b>	<b>3PP-8</b>	DA90558 · Disability Ins.	-160.00
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>3PP-9</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-770.90
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>3PP-10</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-1,111.45
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-15,702.65</b>

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.  
(See Warrant #3, Vouchers Nos 18 - 28)

<b>All Gas &amp; Welding</b>	<b>18</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-204.67
<b>Apalachee Marine</b>	<b>19</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-3,819.86
<b>Arkel Motors</b>	<b>20</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-444.28
<b>Bottini Fuel Corporation</b>	<b>21</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-4,814.40
<b>FleetPride</b>	<b>22</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-91.66
<b>Hudson River Truck &amp; Trailer</b>	<b>23</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-111.94
<b>Liberty Trading Post</b>	<b>24</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-39.94
<b>Mombaccus Excavating, Inc.</b>	<b>25</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-10,215.00
<b>North East Parts Group</b>	<b>26</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-281.05
<b>Robert Green Auto &amp; Truck Inc.</b>	<b>27</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-394.96
<b>Romeo Ford</b>	<b>28</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-8,348.19
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-28,765.95</b>

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #3 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 15 - 26)

<b>Central Hudson</b>	<b>3PP-15</b>	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contr.	-90.40
	<b>3PP-16</b>	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-623.28
	<b>3PP-17</b>	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-424.63
	<b>3PP-18</b>	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-162.62
		<b>Central Hudson Total:</b>	<b>-1,300.93</b>
<b>Charter Communications</b>	<b>3PP-19</b>	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-142.21
	<b>3PP-20</b>	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-183.47
		<b>Charter Communications Total:</b>	<b>-325.68</b>
<b>Commissioner of Taxation &amp; Finance</b>	<b>3PP-21</b>	A1110.2 · Town Justice - Equipment	-124.95
<b>HealthCare Remimbursement Account</b>	<b>3PP-22</b>	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-2,500.00
<b>MVP Health Care Inc.</b>	<b>3PP-23</b>	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-10,120.98
<b>National Flood Insurance Program</b>	<b>3PP-24</b>	A1910.4 · Unallocated Insurance	-4,016.00
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA</b>	<b>3PP-25</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-713.94
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA</b>	<b>3PP-26</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-273.86
		<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>(19,376.34)</b>

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #3, Voucher Nos. 28 - 41)

<b>Blue360 Media, LLC</b>	<b>28</b>	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-29.87
	<b>29</b>	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-29.87
	<b>30</b>	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-29.87
		<b>Blue360 Media LLC Total:</b>	<b>-89.61</b>
<b>Bottini Fuel</b>	<b>31</b>	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-986.43
<b>Charter Communications</b>	<b>32</b>	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-142.21

ES11, LLC	33	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-315.00
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	34	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-841.10
MVP Select Care Inc.	35	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-30.00
Cindy Mickelson, Reim.	36	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-72.48
Office of the State Comptroller	37	A690 · Overpayment & Clearing Account	-595.00
Sullivan Overhead Doors	38	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-1,876.75
UCRRA	39	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-1,155.47
Williamson Law Book Company	40	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-71.07
YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN	41	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-70.00
		A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-60.00
		<b>Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman Total:</b>	<b>-130.00</b>
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>(6,305.12)</b>

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #3, Voucher Nos. None.)

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

**Resolution No. 35 of 2023**

**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. 3PP Voucher Nos. 6 – 10.
- Highway Fund Warrant No. 3 Voucher Nos. 18 – 28.
- General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 3PP Voucher Nos. 15 – 26.
- General Fund Warrant No. 3 Voucher Nos. 28 - 41.
- Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 3 None.

**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 Kevin Smith AYE
- Supervisor David Brooks AYE
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE
- Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 36 of 2023**

**WHEREAS** The Town of Denning formed the Claryville Septic Maintenance District and intends to maintain and improve said septic systems; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Denning Town Board accepts the Catskill Watershed Corporation Estimate, dated March 15, 2023, to inspect the five (5) septic systems to be inspected and pumped out in 2023; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board authorizes Supervisor David Brooks to execute an agreement / contract with the Catskill Watershed Corporation to provide said inspection and pump out services for the Claryville Septic Maintenance District in 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

**WHEREUPON**, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows: Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, Seconded 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 Brooks requests a Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk to seek bids for highway material.

Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk to seek bids for highway material 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:

- The CWC has allocated \$20,000.00 for a feasibility study for the Sundown Stream Project.
- There has been no recent communication from the NYS DEC regarding Peekamoose/Blue Hole matters.
- Supervisor Brooks has discussed with Mitch Hull at the CWC the Denning/Claryville Septic District inspections and pump-outs scheduled for this Spring. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks would like to thank Dan Van Sadlers and the Highway Department Crew regarding the most recent storms. They are short staffed and they were down one truck and still managed to do an excellent job of keeping the roads clear and safe.
- Supervisor Brooks would also like to thank Ulster County DPW for helping Denning maintain the Frost Valley Road (plowing and sanding).

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Gregory Vurckio reports there was no CWT meeting last month. The next meeting is this coming Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Paul Schoonmaker reports that Justice Court scheduled for this morning, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am was cancelled due to the aftermath of the storm and cleanup.
- Mike Dean has no comments.
- Kevin Smith would like to reiterate his praise for Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers and the Denning Highway Department Crew for the excellent job they did over the past two storms. The entire Board agrees.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that the Ulster County Executive Office did not advise any Town Supervisors or Mayors regarding the State of Emergency and Travel Ban during the most recent storm. Discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks calls for any further Councilmen comments. There are none.

There is no Public present for Public comment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, March 21, 2023.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.