

## TOWN OF DENNING – TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks. Held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks, Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Paul Schoonmaker, and Highway Superintendent Daniel Van Sadars.

Public Present: Leonard Johnson, Denning Resident

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. 42 and 43 of 2023, and the Budget vs. Actual through May 2023.

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 Gregory Vurckio. 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 NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance with notification that the State is dropping Denning's equalization rate from 14.35 to 12.81.
- Email received from Ian Dunn at NYS DEC regarding negative declaration for SEQR for Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor / Blue Hole. DEC Project should start in the coming months.
- Ulster County check received in the amount of \$3,806.11 for Mortgage Tax 10/1/22 to 3/31/23; and also Ulster County check received in the amount of \$9,310.82 for Sales Tax collected 1/23 to 3/23. Total sales tax collected for this period for Ulster County Towns was \$1,157,777.01
- Donation check received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$10,414.00. The Denning Town Board wishes to express their gratitude to CEO Riel Peerbooms and to the Frost Valley YMCA Board for their continued support.
- Notification received from NYMIR regarding mandatory Master Battery Disconnect Switches required on all medium and heavy-duty vehicles and equipment. NYMIR will seek written assurance of same. Discussion follows.
- Notification received from MVP Health Care regarding Proposed Premium Rate Increase of 9.1% for next year.
- Request for donation received from the Giant Pumpkin Party Committee for a donation and ¼ page ad space for \$45.00 in this year's program. Motion to approve payment made by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker and seconded by Kevin Smith. Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Highway Report: by Highway Superintendent Van Sadars:

- Ditch cleaning taking place now for Red Hill Road, Red Hill Knolls and Dymond Road.
- Freightliner is having brake issues. It is at TruckPro presently waiting on parts.
- 2002 has a stress crack in the frame. It is also at TruckPro for repair.
- 284 Agreement drafted covering Peekamoose and Dymond Roads. 2.1 miles on Peekamoose and 1.5 miles on Dymond. Hoping to do chip sealing also. Discussion follows. Motion to authorize Supervisor and Councilmen signatures and submission of 284 Agreement to Ulster County DPW made by

Mike Dean and seconded by Gregory Vurckio. Motion carried following unanimous roll call vote.

- Lawsuit is still pending for motorcycle accident on Round Pond Road. New court date is March 24, 2024.
- Bottini Fuel was awarded the County contract, except for propane.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith:

- Councilman Smith reports that there was no quorum at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting so no official business was conducted.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers.  
(See Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 19 - 24)

Health Care Reimbursement Account	6PP-19	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care, Inc.	6PP-20	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-11,160.19
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	6PP-21	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-652.33
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	6PP-22	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-38.25
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	6PP-23	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-711.63
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	6PP-24	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-652.33
		Grand Total	-15,714.73

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers.  
(See Warrant #6, Vouchers Nos. 62 - 69).

Advance Auto Parts	62	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-137.54
Bottini Fuel Corporation	63	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-4,859.51
Campbell Freightliner of Orange County	64	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-538.40
FleetPride	65	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-126.37
Home Depot Credit Services	66	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-159.13
Liberty Home & Garden	67	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-374.95
North East Parts Group	68	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-425.22
Romeo Ford	69	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-39.16
		Grand Total	-6,660.28

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 45 - 56).

Central Hudson	6PP-45	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-30.75
Central Hudson	6PP-46	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-469.35
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-316.07
		<b>CH Total this Payment 6PP-46</b>	<b>-785.42</b>
Central Hudson	6PP-47	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-148.28
Charter Communications	6PP-48	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-141.67
Charter Communications	6PP-49	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-182.64
Elan Financial Services	6PP-50	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-99.50
HealthCare Reimbursement Account	6PP-51	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	6PP-52	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-10,120.98
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	6PP-53	A9030.8 · Social Security	-273.86
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	6PP-54	A9030.8 · Social Security	-133.88
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	6PP-55	A9030.8 · Social Security	-736.00
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	6PP-56	A9030.8 · Social Security	-273.86
		Grand Total	-15,426.84

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #6, Voucher Nos. 76 - 87).

Bottini Fuel	69	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-1,244.90
Charter Communications	70	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-141.67
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	71	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-841.10
William Geelan	72	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
Richard Lowe	73	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-72.28
MVP Select Care Inc.	74	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-30.00
	75	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-30.00
		<b>MVP Select Care Inc. Total: 74 &amp; 75:</b>	<b>-60.00</b>

Office of the State Comptroller	76	A690 · Overpayment & Clearing Account	-772.50
Jon Parrow	77	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
Nancy Parrow - Petty Cash	78	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-50.00
Power Generator Service, LLC	79	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-199.59
QUILL CORP	80	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-52.66
	81	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-11.29
		<b>Quill Total 80 &amp; 81:</b>	<b>-63.95</b>
Judith A. Sorice	82	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
UCRRA	83	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-2,909.16
Williamson Law Book Company	84	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-98.45
YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN	85	A5010.4 · Supt. Highway-Contractual	-30.00
		A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-40.00
		A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-180.00
		<b>TV Townsman Total 85:</b>	<b>-250.00</b>
Grahamsville First Aid Squad	86	A4540.4 · Emergency Services-Contractual	-2,405.75
Cindy Mickelson, Reim.	87	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-63.00
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-9,397.35</b>

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #6, Voucher No. 2).

Wind River Environmental	2	A8130.2 · Sew Treat & Disp/Capital Outlay	-2,647.80
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-2,647.80</b>

### Resolution No. 42 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. 6PP voucher Nos. 19 - 24.

Highway Fund Warrant No. 6 voucher Nos. 62 - 69.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 6PP voucher Nos. 45 - 56.

General Fund Warrant No. 6 voucher Nos. 69 - 87.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 6 voucher No. 2.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith, 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.

### Resolution No. 43 of 2023

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Denning has been notified that the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding from the NYSDoT for the fiscal year 2023 will be in the amount of \$190,485.61 and the PAVENY Apportionment will be \$44,753.36; and the EWR, (Extreme Winter Recovery) apportionment will be 37,360.54; together with POP (Patch Our Potholes) apportionment will be \$29,835.57 making the total funding amount \$302,435.08 for the year 2023. And as

The 2023 Budget has appropriated \$200,000.00, an additional \$102,435.08 needs to be appropriated to the 2023 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 \$102,435.08.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, seconded 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 David Brooks Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks met with UCCRA at the Refuse and Recycling Center two weeks ago. Denning is trying to get two compactors. UCCRA is currently in chaos. Discussed Town of Denning paying actual cost for shipping the units but nothing else. Getting the compactors will save on the number of pickups that Denning is charged for by UCCRA. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks will be meeting with the new CEO of Frost Valley YMCA, Riel Peerbooms, tomorrow at Town Hall.
- Supervisor Brooks spoke with Jenny Lee regarding Broadband issues. Archtop is definitely coming and upgrading, but the timing is uncertain yet.
- Ulster County HMP is in progress. Discussion follows.
- New State Land Assessment for Denning should be reflected in the September 2023 school tax bills.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Gregory Vurckio reports that there was a CWT work group meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> and there was a full meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Vurckio received a 44-page report regarding LAP yesterday but did not have time to review it before this meeting. Next week's meeting will review results of the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. CWT is still working on conservation easements between the City and the State. Information is that Neversink is working on a land swap. Discussion follows.
- Paul Schoonmaker reports on the Justice Court. June 7<sup>th</sup> date. The Shandaken matter was settled out of Court. There was a no show for a Peekamoose ticket, which was a 2<sup>nd</sup> no show. There was a ticket for glass at Blue Hole and a few parking tickets. Judge Follender had a discussion with Ranger Quinones regarding the definition of Riparian Corridor regarding Peekamoose. The next Court date is Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 10 am.
- Mike Dean asks what has become of the Jim Tische – Frost Valley YMCA case. Discussion follows. Councilman Schoonmaker will inquire at the next Court date.
- Kevin Smith has no comments.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that he has been in contact with Ulster County Department of Finance regarding getting Denning tax funds paid when NYS pays the County, which was in March of this year. The County doesn't make Denning whole until July each year. Next year it will be crucial to get NYS funds that are due to Denning paid as soon as possible to fund the Denning 2024 Budget.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if any others had heard information regarding Bottini Fuel filling tanks with gasoline instead of diesel at three different Ulster County substations a few days ago. Was it rumor or truth? Other councilmen had heard the same information. Discussion follows.

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

Supervisor Brooks calls for any Public Comment. There is none.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, June 20th, 2023.

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