

## TOWN OF DENNING – TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks. Held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks, Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Paul Schoonmaker

Absent: Highway Superintendent Daniel Van Sadlers.

Public Present: Leonard Johnson and Paul Hnatiw, Denning Residents; and Riel Peerbooms, CEO Frost Valley YMCA

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 No. 44 of 2023, and the Budget vs. Actual through June 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.

Riel Peerbooms, CEO of Frost Valley YMCA, is welcomed to the Denning community by the Town Board. He explains that he is in his fourth month here now and his family has joined him. He does have to commute back and forth to the City quite frequently, but he is immersing himself here. He would like the Board to know that he is easily reached at the YMCA Campus and to please call if anything is needed. He also explains that things are changing at Frost Valley after COVID and he is here to guide the FV YMCA forward. He is Dutch and came to America to camp as a child. He has made long-term commitments in his previous employments and he is committed to the YMCA and to the area in the same way – for the long-term. Supervisor Brooks and the Town Board welcome him and thank him and the Frost Valley Board for their monthly donation to the Town of Denning.

Supervisor Brooks then discusses with Mr. Peerbooms that the Ulster County Emergency Management Plan is the next important matter for the County, Denning and Frost Valley. There will be an emergency tower system set up and cooperation to bring this matter to fruition is very greatly appreciated.

Correspondence – by Supervisor David Brooks:

- Emails received from Marshall & Sterling regarding health insurance renewal received. Supervisor Brooks reviewed all the documentation provided regarding many different companies, plans and pricing. He feels that sticking with the same plan and provider – MVP, is in the Town's best interest as it provides the best coverage for the best price. The increase will be \$24,665.38 from last year. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to approve going forward on the renewal with MVP beginning November 1, 2023. Motion made by Councilman Mike Dean and seconded by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. All in Favor. Supervisor Brooks will contact Marshall & Sterling to proceed with renewal.
- Ulster County Dept. of Finance check received in the amount of \$223,802.49 as final settlement of the 2023 County/Town taxes making Denning whole. Supervisor Brooks states that he is planning discussions with the County regarding how and when Denning is made whole going forward. The County is a "Hot Mess" and this issue is going to have to be resolved for next tax collection season as Denning's NYS land assessment has been increased. Denning will not be able to wait until July for this increased payment from the County to fund the Town Budget.

- Donation check received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$9,475.00. The Denning Town Board thanks the CEO, Riel Peerbooms, and the Frost Valley YMCA Board for their continued support.
- Supervisor Brooks received confirmation from Catskill Hudson Bank that the account for the Denning/Claryville Septic Maintenance District funds interest rate has been increased from .2% to 4.95%. He is looking into updating other Denning accounts as well. He reports that many municipalities have been switching over to NYClass, which was offering much better interest rates. He discussed the matter with the bank and Catskill Hudson has agreed to match the competitions interest rates. Denning of course prefers to support our local banking institution so this is a win/win.

Highway Report: by Highway Superintendent Van Sadars:

- There is no Highway Report as Superintendent Van Sadars is Absent.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith:

- Councilman Smith reports that Aldora Farfalla appeared before the Planning Board with an Application for a Bed and Breakfast permit for her property at 71 Taylor Road. The initial proposal is for 2 rooms / 2 guests per room. The Planning Board reviewed the proposal and it was determined that a Public Hearing would be held prior to the next regular Planning Board meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. All adjoining property owners will be notified by certified mail and the Notice of Public Hearing would be published in the Townsman and on the Denning website.
- The Planning Board members noted that a recent bicycle rally organization painted course directions directly on Denning roadways which is not allowed. Also, an application and a certificate of liability needs to be submitted to the Town Board with notification to the Planning Board for such rallies. Supervisor Brooks advises that he is aware of this problem, as it has occurred in previous years, but since no one witnessed anyone painting on the roads he has no information on who or what organization actually did it.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Sadars.  
(See Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 25 - 27)

Health Care Reimbursement Account	7PP-25	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care, Inc.	7PP-26	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-11,160.19
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	7PP-27	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-658.32
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>-14,318.51</b>

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Sadars.  
(See Warrant #7, Vouchers Nos. 70 - 75).

Callanan Industries, Inc.	70	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-407.78
Mombaccus Excavating, Inc.	71	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-496.57
Romeo Ford	72	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-602.14
Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc.	73	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-269.33
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	74	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-32.00
Truck Pro	75	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-2,894.65
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>-4,702.47</b>

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 57 - 66).

Central Hudson	7PP-57	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-266.13
	7PP-58	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-376.27
	7PP-59	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-68.10
<b>Total Central Hudson</b>			<b>-710.50</b>
Charter Communications	7PP-60	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-182.64
Daniel Pierce Library	7PP-61	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-45.00
Elan Financial Services	7PP-62	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-786.24
HealthCare Reimbursement Account	7PP-63	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	7PP-64	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-10,120.98
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-65	A9030.8 · Social Security	-721.54
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-66	A9030.8 · Social Security	-327.95
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>-15,394.85</b>

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #7, Voucher Nos. 88 - 106).

Erica Mae Benvenuto	88	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-52.86
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	89	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-841.10
Garigliano Contracting LLC	90	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-460.00
Language Line Services	91	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-24.00
Lawyers Diary & Manual	92	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-135.25
Richard Lowe	93	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-563.71
MVP Select Care Inc.	94	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-30.00
New York State Town Clerks Association	95	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-85.00
Nancy Parrow	96	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-139.59
Nancy Parrow - Petty Cash	97	A8020.4 · Planning-Contractual	-48.78
QUILL CORP	98	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-464.57
	98	A3620.4 · Safety Insp. - Contractual	-80.36
	99	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-17.18
	100	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-1,086.74
	101	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-39.99
	102	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-47.98
	103	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-69.99
		<b>Total Quill Corp.</b>	<b>-1,806.81</b>
River Valley Radio	104	A1650.4 · Central Comm System, Contr	-304.00
UCRRA	105	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-1,891.88
Karl Von Hassel	106	A3620.4 · Safety Insp. - Contractual	-780.00
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>- 7,162.98</b>

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #7, Voucher No. NONE).

### Resolution No. 44 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. 7PP voucher Nos. 25-27.

Highway Fund Warrant No. 7 voucher Nos. 70-75.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 7PP voucher Nos. 57-66.

General Fund Warrant No. 7 voucher Nos. 88-106.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 7 voucher - NONE.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith, seconded by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

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 reports that the Governor signed off on the changes for camping, etc. at Blue Hole/Peekamoose but it has to be posted for two weeks before the work can start so we are looking at probably beginning of August. The work will have to be coordinated with the Town paving of Peekamoose Road.
- It has been reported that attendance at Blue Hole is down probably due to weather issues on the weekends, and camping is down. The good news seems to be that the visitors to Blue Hole and Peekamoose seem to be more family oriented and seem to be following rules and regulations. Parking tickets and other violations are also down from previous years.
- In regard to the Broadband issues in Denning, Supervisor Brooks has been in talks with Margaretville Telephone - which has an excellent reputation and is interested in running up through the Frost Valley area. Discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Gregory Vurckio reports that this month's CWT meeting was cancelled and will probably be rescheduled in August. The previous meeting discussions were regarding the Land Acquisition Program and land swapping, which is still under discussion with workshop meetings, etc.
- Paul Schoonmaker reports on the Justice Court. June 21st date and July 5<sup>th</sup> date. Only one matter before the Court and the State Trooper was a no show. The Judge dismissed the case. Most recent tickets are for No Permit for the Blue Hole/Peekamoose area. The Judge would like information on regulations regarding short term rentals in Denning. Supervisor Brooks also confirmed that these matters are being discussed at recent Ulster County Supervisor's meetings. Most Towns are postponing action while gathering information. Supervisor Brooks stated that he had discussed this matter with the Judge directly in recent days. Judge Follender states that he has been unable to get any information on the Jim Tisch situation. He suggested that a Board Member or Town resident call the Ulster County ADA's office and request updated information on the case.
- Mike Dean has no further comments.
- Kevin Smith has no further comments.

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

Supervisor Brooks calls for any Public Comment.

- Paul Hnatiw asks if Spectrum can be contacted about backup batteries for internet. Supervisor Brooks confirms that he will talk with Spectrum. Mr. Hnatiw also reports that the Verizon public telephone located outside his store in Peekamoose is now working. He has notified the Blue Hole/Peekamoose stewards and the Forest Rangers. It has been acknowledged that this is probably one of the only working pay phones in the County! Mr. Hnatiw asks Supervisor Brooks if there have been any revisions in the Denning Code regarding junk cars. Mr. Hnatiw states that it is now 61 months since the matter was heard in the Justice Court. Supervisor Brooks asks if there are any cars on the road. Mr. Hnatiw states there are none on the road.
- Lenny Johnson is in attendance to observe the Town Board meeting. Supervisor Brooks notifies him that Denning received a 60-day notice from the DMV regarding his medical update. Mr. Johnson states he is aware that it is due in September.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall, Claryville, NY.