

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

## March 12, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks. Held on Thursday, February 13, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks; Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Scott Mickelson, Mike Dean, Kevin Smith, Town Clerk Nancy Parrow, and Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.

Public Present: Joy Monforte, Dorothy Monforte, Dan Van Saders and Paul Schoonmaker

Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the Agenda and Resolution Nos. 32 and 33 of 2024, and the Budget vs. Actual through February 2024.

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all the Councilmen have read the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on February 13, 2024 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 Scott Mickelson	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE		

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Retirement Plaque Presentation for recent Town of Denning Retirees Joy Ann Monforte, Dan Van Saders and Paul Schoonmaker. Supervisor Brooks and the Denning Town Board Members expressed their deepest appreciation for the time, effort and dedication to the Town of Denning by the retirees.

Correspondence:

- Letter received from the Ulster County Board of Elections regarding the Primary Vote scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.
- Received email with information on the proposed Ulster County Tax Program Update with confirmation from the Deputy Commissioner of Finance that the County is moving forward with paying for the licenses for the Towns to join TCS (Total Collection Solutions). Demonstration of the program will be provided to UC Tax Collectors in May/June of this year with proposed training in October.
- Donation received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$9,475.00 for the month of February. Supervisor Brooks and the Town Board would like to thank Riel Pierbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their continued support.
- Letter received from the State of New York Unified Court System that the Denning Justice Court has been awarded a grant under the 2023-24 cycle of the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) in the amount of \$ 3,543.85.
- Letter received from UCCRA regarding Denning's Annual R&R Transfer Station report. Letter states cardboard and paper disposal can be improved, but Denning is achieving "very good efficiencies". Supervisor Brooks and the Board thank Manager Rich Lowe for doing a good job.
- Denning portion of Ulster County Sales Tax (October 2023 to January 2024) check received in the amount of \$11,131.92. County-wide amount \$ \$1,305,234.10.

- Email received from Adam L. Rodd of Drake Loeb Attorneys At Law stating agreement reached with the plaintiff and NYMR regarding the Round Pond motorcycle accident matter and the scheduled trial has been cancelled. This matter was believed to have been about 8 years old.
- Packets of information for all Town Board members and Supervisor Brooks regarding the Red Horse Hunting Club conservation easement looking for Town input. Property is on Wild Meadow Road (formerly Black Bear). Discussion follows.

Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Case Tractor was working but broke down again (mower head) parts were ordered and should be in shortly.
- In-house repair work on the grader is almost complete. Rob Totten stepped up and brought his own welder in after Superintendent Johnson reached out to 5 companies to do the work with no takers. Superintendent Johnson asks if there is a way to compensate Rob Totten for this work. Supervisor Brooks will take that under advisement.
- Brush cut on Wildcat and part of Denning Road until tractor broke down.
- Superintendent Johnson visited Viking and viewed the new truck and advises the Board that it should be here by June. He will see it one more time before it goes to Arkel. He has requested new batteries be put in before we accept delivery.
- Worked on obtaining quotes regarding a roller. Renting vs. buying. There is a roller for sale in Saugerties 2,700 hours 10-ton double drum asphalt roller. \$32,000.00. Not a Caterpillar. Cat has rentals for less but would be more expensive to purchase as they are approximately \$80,000.00. Discussion follows.
- Plowing and sanding for the few weather events has been going well. Denning hauled sand with the Freightliner.
- Most of the equipment for Spring/Summer season is ready to go.

Planning Board report from Kevin Smith:

- February Planning Board Meeting canceled due to expected inclement weather. Next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024. No further business.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.  
(See Warrant #3 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 6 to 7)

<b>MVP Health Care, Inc.</b>	<b>3PP-6</b>	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-10,196.78
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>3PP-7</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-554.98
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-10,751.76</b>

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.  
(See Warrant #3, Vouchers Nos. 26 - 41)

<b>209 Materials, LLC</b>	<b>26</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-887.55
	<b>27</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-162.60
		Total 209 Materials LLC:	-1,050.15
<b>ALL GAS &amp; WELDING</b>	<b>28</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-105.75
<b>Bottini Fuel Corporation</b>	<b>29</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-2,209.00
<b>Cargill Inc.</b>	<b>30</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-6,685.49
<b>Geo. W. Kinsman, Inc.</b>	<b>32</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-91.00
<b>Hoffman Equipment</b>	<b>33</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-862.39
<b>Kimball Midwest</b>	<b>34</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-99.20
<b>Liberty Iron Works</b>	<b>35</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-30.00

Liberty Trading Post	36	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-272.64
Montage Enterprises, Inc.	37	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-530.06
	38	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-716.17
	39	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-444.18
		Total Montage Enterprises, Inc.:	-1,690.41
North East Parts Group	40	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-471.44
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	41	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-136.97
		Grand Total	(13,704.44)

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #3 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 12 to 18)

Central Hudson	3PP-12	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-169.68
Central Hudson	3PP-13	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-88.16
	3PP-14	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-634.43
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-394.49
		Total Central Hudson 14:	-1,117.08
Charter Communications	3PP-15	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-184.88
Elan Financial Services	3PP-16	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-256.99
MVP Health Care Inc.	3PP-17	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-9,810.18
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	3PP-18	A9030.8 · Social Security	-733.54
		Grand Total	(12,272.35)

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #3, Voucher Nos. 35 - 47)

Bottini Fuel	35	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-1,125.50
Central Hudson	36	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-164.20
Charter Communications	37	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-143.14
e-Nable Business Solutions	38	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-190.00
MATTHEW BENDER CO., INC.	39	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-382.98
MVP Select Care Inc.	40	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-27.50
NYSATRC Membership	41	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-25.00
Office of the State Comptroller	42	A690 · Overpayment & Clearing Account	-150.00
QUILL CORP	43	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-14.49
UCRRA	44	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-2,374.64
VEO Energy Systems	45	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-249.95
YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN	46	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-43.00
		A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-60.00
		Total Townsman 46:	-103.00
Cornell Local Roads Program	47	A5010.4 · Supt. Highway-Contractual	-60.00
		Grand Total	(\$5,010.40)

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

#### Resolution No. 32 of 2024

**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 – 7.

Highway Fund Warrant No. 3 Voucher Nos. 26 – 41.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 3PP Voucher Nos. 12 – 18.

General Fund Warrant No. 3 Voucher Nos. 35 – 46.

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 made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, seconded by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE	Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
Councilman Gregory Vurckio	AYE	Councilman Scott Mickelson	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE		

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 33 of 2024**

**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 regarding the five (5) septic systems to be inspected and pumped out in 2024; 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 2024 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 made 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 Scott Mickelson	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE		

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks and the Town Board review the Sundown Stream SLR Feasibility Study. It includes moving the power lines and armoring the banks. Landowner may have issues with some aspects. If the DEP doesn't approve it is not going to happen. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks requests a motion from the Board to go ahead with SLR recommendations. Motion made by Mike Dean and seconded by Scott Mickelson. All in Favor.
- Supervisor Brooks does not have a current update on the Peekamoose/Blue Hole DEC construction project. They continue to work up there but it seems to be slow going. Discussion follows.

Councilmen Reports:

- Gregory Vurckio reports on the CWT.
  - LAP/SAP negotiations are proceeding with all parties coming together on most of the issues.
  - DEP suggested a change to already agreed upon language which allows for the Towns/Villages to approve projects. Jeff Baker, the CWT attorney, believes it will not be an issue.
  - Conservation easement amendments are still in progress with the environmentalists.

- State wetlands regulations amendments are still in the works. The big change will be specifically on how to determine if land is a wetland. There will no longer be maps showing wetlands. Longer time frames because wetlands will have to be determined at location.
- Councilman Vurckio thanks Highway Superintendent Johnson for making the trip to take a look at the new truck.
- Scott Mickelson expressed his thanks again to the retirees present. There was no Justice Court session to report on.
- Councilman Mike Dean also expressed his thanks to the retirees. He has no further comments.
- Councilman Kevin Smith also expressed his thanks and had no further comments.

Public Comments:

- Former Councilman Paul Schoonmaker asked if there was any new information regarding the Jim Tisch / YMCA matter. Supervisor Brooks reports he does not have any new information but he believes that the monies are being repaid and he got a slap on the wrist. Discussion follows.
- Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson expressed his thanks to former Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars for his continued help in transitioning into the position.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, March 22, 2024.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.