

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

April 9th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks. Held on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall.

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

Public Present: David Donovan and Michael Vandenberg

Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the Agenda and Resolution Nos. 34 and 35 of 2024, and the Budget vs. Actual through March 2024, together with Highway Material Bids Worksheet.

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all the Councilmen have read the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on March 12th, 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 Scott Mickelson, seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. 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.

Correspondence:

- Check from New York State Dept. of Finance for the JCAP Grant Funds for 2023/2024 received in the amount of \$3,543.85.
- Donation received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$9,475.00 for the month of March 2024. Supervisor Brooks and the Town Board express their appreciation and thanks to Riel Pierbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their continued support.
- Email received from Kevin McLaren at Catskill Hudson Bank regarding the bank's anticipated merger in the 3rd or 4th quarter of this year and CHB remains hopeful that they can continue to service the Town of Denning accounts. Mr. McLaren states he will reach out again later this month with information.
- Email received from Town of Denning Assessor Patricia Masterson regarding establishing the Town equalization rate at 16.5, and NYS-owned land in the Town of Denning assessment rate changes going forward.
- Email received from Jenny Lee regarding updated information about the Ulster County Broadband Commission and status.

Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- The Case Tractor was serviced in house and was in use. It then had other issues and the frame was welded, and then there were bolt failures. Supervisor Brooks states that the Paystar and the Tractor should be cleaned up and serviced and put out to bid. Discussion follows. The Board agrees and Superintendent Johnson is advised to contact Auctions International.
- Road sweeping is ongoing at this time.

- Deputy Supervisor Totten's truck has been turned over for the season and all big trucks have been turned over as well.
- Plowed and sanded for weather event just this past week. Hopeful that it is the last one of the season.
- Attempted some road grading on Rudolph Road but it is still too wet.

Planning Board report from Kevin Smith:

- Application received from Steve Ellis and Christine Leas for short-term rental special use permit for 7 Taylor Road. Public Hearing to be scheduled.
- Logging Notification received for 70 Barnes Road. Lone Pine Rod and Gun-Owner. Mootz and Son Logging-Contractor.
- Town Board approves in-house review of Denning's current subdivision and zoning laws for Planning Board and ZBA members to meet mandatory training requirements of those boards.
- Discussion regarding new Claryville Firehouse sign. Display is too bright. Planning Board Chairman will reach out to fire dept. personnel regarding solution.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #4 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 8 to 11)

Health Care Reimbursement Account	4PP-8	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care, Inc.	4PP-9	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-10,196.78
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	4PP-10	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-521.62
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	4PP-11	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-547.38
		Grand Total	-13,765.78

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #4, Vouchers Nos. 42 to 54)

209 Materials, LLC	42	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-243.75
ALL GAS & WELDING	43	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-71.35
Big State Industrial Supply	44	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-99.90
Bottini Fuel Corporation	45	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-3,037.86
Cargill Inc.	46	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-5,437.60
Hoffman Equipment	47	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-493.74
Home Depot Credit Services	48	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-54.93
Liberty Trading Post	49	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-106.22
Montage Enterprises, Inc.	50	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-7,299.37
North East Parts Group	51	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,685.07
Old Dominion Brush	52	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,806.12
Prestige Towing & Recovery, Inc.	53	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-200.00
RG Group	54	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-475.00
		Grand Total	-21,010.91

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #4 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos.19 to 26)

Central Hudson	4PP-19	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-66.32
	4PP-20	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-615.51
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-386.32
		Total Central Hudson 4PP-20	-1,068.15
Charter Communications	4PP-21	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-184.88
HealthCare Reimbursement Account	4PP-22	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	4PP-23	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-9,810.18
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	4PP-24	A9030.8 · Social Security	-279.34
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	4PP-25	A9030.8 · Social Security	-723.26
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	4PP-26	A9030.8 · Social Security	-321.37
		Grand Total	-14,887.18

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #4, Voucher Nos. 48 to 57)

Appraisal Affiliates, Inc.	48	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-800.00
Blue360 Media, LLC	49	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-61.85
	49	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-61.84
	50	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-31.32
		Total Blue 360 Media	-155.01
Bottini Fuel	51	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-330.87
Central Hudson	52	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-163.69
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	53	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-233.94
	54	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-557.10
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		Total Judge Follender Reimb.	-1,348.14
QUILL CORP	56	A5010.4 · Supt. Highway-Contractual	-14.49
UCRRA	57	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-1,362.30
		Grand Total	(4,174.50)

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #4, 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. 34 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. 4PP Voucher Nos. 8 - 11.
- Highway Fund Warrant No. 4 Voucher Nos. 42 - 54.
- General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 4PP Voucher Nos. 19 - 26.
- General Fund Warrant No. 4 Voucher Nos. 48 - 57.
- Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 4 None.

WHEREUPON the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows: Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean.
Roll Call Vote:

- Councilman Mike Dean AYE
 - Councilman Kevin Smith AYE
 - Supervisor David Brooks AYE
 - Councilman Scott Mickelson AYE
 - Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE
- Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Seven sealed Bids are opened and read by Town Clerk Nancy Parrow for the Town of Denning 2024 Highway Material Bids. They are from: PD Donohue Trucking, 209 Sand & Gravel, Woodbourne Lawn & Garden, Callanan Industries, Mombaccus, Carver Companies and JKN Trucking.

Resolution No. 35 of 2024

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law section 103 requires municipalities to go to bid and accept the lowest bid price, And

WHEREAS the Town of Denning has formed an Audit Over Sight Committee to review and recommend the bids below, and

WHEREAS the Denning Town Board has voted to accept Said Committee recommendation

WHEREAS, following careful consideration by the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent and the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law § 103 (16) permits local governments to “piggy back” off of other municipal bids; for apparatus, materials, equipment supplies and to contract for additional services related to the aforementioned; off of any local, state, or federal government contract, so long as the contract was in a manner that is consistent with competitive bidding laws, and

WHEREAS, Town Law section § 5-36 E-1 authorizes Town Boards to waive Said Bid if it is in the Town’s best interest and accept the next lowest bid, And

NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED The Town of Denning **HEREBY** accepts the following bids and the Town and any other municipality may “piggy back” on any Town of Denning bid or from any other municipal or other branches of government.

Rte 209 Sand & Gravel/Woodbourne Lawn & Garden: Bank Run (Ton)*

Mombaccus: Abrasive Sand (Ton)*, Crusher run (Ton) Tail Gate Spread*, Crusher Run (Ton)*, Flat Bed Rip Rap (Ton)*

Callanan: Screenings (Ton)*, Item #4 (Ton) – Ledge Rock*, Blacktop Hot Mix Type 6 FOB, Blacktop Hot Mix Type 7 FOB

Donohue: Sand-Snow & Ice (Ton) – No Clay*, Cold Patch (Ton)*

Carver: Quarry Rubble (Ton)*, Gabions (Ton)*, #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion*, Crusher Run (Ton)*, Stackable Rock (Ton)*

JKN Trucking: #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion*, Dumped Rip Rap (Ton)*

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor was in discussion with Rich Lowe regarding cleaning and staining of the R&R Center buildings. It is noted that 78 boards need to be replaced due to wood rot. Asks for Board member opinions regarding possible vinyl or metal siding instead. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks will call to obtain pricing, etc.
- Drop off and pick up of UCCRA containers is causing damage to the R&R Center structure. Supervisor Brooks to call UCCRA and discuss the problem.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that the CWC Annual Report has not been received as of this date.
- Supervisor was notified that DEC is purchasing a 45-acre land locked parcel on Spencer Road to add to the Sundown Wild Forest.
- Supervisor attended CWC meeting. Supervisor nominated Gregory Vurckio for CWT Executive Board to continue his work on that Board. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that DEC continues slow work at Blue Hole. The walking bridge is completed but the new parking lot is not. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks states that he has been in discussion with Lenny Johnson, Highway Superintendent, regarding boot allowance and possible highway uniforms with a cleaning service. It is confirmed that the highway employees already receive long and short sleeve tee shirts and sweatshirts. Superintendent

Johnson is asked to check pricing and availability and report back to the Board on these matters.

Councilmen Reports:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio has no further comments.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson has no further comments.
- Councilman Mike Dean suggests opening a few small accounts with the new bank so Denning would be established before the proposed Catskill Hudson Bank merger happens in the later part of the year. Discussion follows.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no further comments.

Motion to Enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters is made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor.

The Town Board members unanimously agree to the two new hires for the two vacant Highway Employee positions.

Motion to End Executive Session made by Councilman Scott Mickelson and seconded by Councilman Kevin Smith. All In Favor.

Public Comments:

- There is no public comment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm made by Councilman Mike Dean and seconded by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, April 17, 2024.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.