

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

## June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks. Held on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall.

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

Public Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the Agenda and Resolution Nos. 41 through 43 of 2024, and the Budget vs. Actual through May 2024.

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all the Councilmen have read the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and the Town Board Special Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Correspondence:

- Letter received May 14, 2024 from Shelly Curry resigning as a member of the Town of Denning Planning Board due to her inability to attend meetings. The Town Board thanks Shelly for her service.
- Email dated May 15, 2024 received from Mark Boncek resigning as Chairman of the Town of Denning Zoning Board of Appeals as he has moved to Florida. The Town Board thanks Mark for his service.
- Letter received from Coalition of Watershed Towns with the 2024 Executive Committee Election Results. Ulster County winners are Gregory Vurckio, Dave Edinger and alternates Mary Ann Van Benschoten and Peter DiSclafani.
- Check received from Ulster County for mortgage tax collected 10-1-2023 to 3-31-2024 in the amount of \$1,394.02.
- Letter received from the Daniel Pierce Library 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Giant Pumpkin Party for advertising sponsorship. Motion to approve \$45.00 Town of Denning ¼-page ad/message made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor.
- Letter of interest in joining the Planning Board received from Amanda Geelan on June 4, 2024.
- Letter of interest in joining the Zoning Board of Appeals received from Paul Schoonmaker on June 6, 2024.
- Email reminder received from NYSLRS regarding required reporting. Discussion follows.
- Donation check received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$9,475.00 for the month of May 2024. Supervisor Brooks and the Denning Town Board

express their thanks to Riel Pierbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their continued support.

- Ulster County press release received June 5, 2024 regarding County Clerk and County Comptroller Report on Long-Standing Mortgage Recording Tax Receipts Distribution Errors. Funds mistakenly distributed to Villages that should have gone to Towns. "simple mistakes resulted in sizable financial misallocations. A redistribution back to the adoption of mortgage recording tax would be an insurmountable burden to our villages, two of which are facing severe financial challenges." Supervisor Brooks notes Ulster County continues to be a hot mess.
- Email received from Ulster County regarding Ulster County Transportation Council on the UCAT Route Optimization Plan. Transit survey is now open. Town of Denning has posted the information and link to survey on the website and Town Notice Board.

Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Repair work on sweeper completed.
- Swept Peekamoose, Whitehouse and Dymond Roads.
- Tar and Chipping on Peekamoose, Whitehouse and Dymond Roads completed today.
- Patched holes on Red Hill Road and Denning Road.
- Cleaned and trimmed around bridges and road signs with weed/grass trimmers.
- Maintenance and cleaning of Town Trucks and Town Barn.
- Researching and viewing tractor purchase/lease with different companies. Discussion follows.
- Highway Superintendent Johnson reports attending Highway School in Ithaca last week.
- Reviewed auction information results. Tractor bid for \$13,200.00 and Truck bid for \$5,500.00. Discussion follows regarding accepting tractor bid and not accepting truck bid. It is agreed that truck should get at least \$15,000.00 due to condition and recent repairs, etc. Discussion follows.
- Superintendent Johnson wishes to thank the Town of Neversink Highway Dept. and Superintendent Preston Kelly; and the Ulster County DPW for all their help with Denning's recent tar and chipping. The Denning Town Board adds their appreciation as well.
- Councilman Gregory Vurckio asks how the two new hires are working out. Superintendent Johnson reports they are doing well and the whole crew is working well as a team.
- It is also reported that there is additional stone after the tar and chipping was completed. Further discussion regarding doing other roads in August.

Planning Board report from Kevin Smith:

- May Planning Board meeting included two Public Hearings for short-term rental special use permits. 1. 2284 Denning Road – Brenden and Mary Plank; and 2. 7 Taylor Road – Steve Ellis and Christine Leas.
- No other new business or old business noted.

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

MVP Health Care, Inc.	6PP-13	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-16,894.74
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<b>ShelterPoint Life Insurance Co.</b>	<b>6PP-14</b>	DA90558 · Disability Ins.	-160.00
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-15</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-38.25
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-16</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-917.26
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-17</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-764.38
		Grand Total	-18,774.63

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.  
(See Warrant #6, Vouchers Nos.)

<b>Arkel Motors</b>	<b>65</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-736.73
<b>Bottini Fuel Corporation</b>	<b>66</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-3,324.96
<b>Callanan Industries, Inc.</b>	<b>67</b>	DA51122 · Perm Improv-HW Equip,Cap Outlay	-32,454.69
	<b>68</b>	DA51122 · Perm Improv-HW Equip,Cap Outlay	-21,858.05
	<b>69</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-1,328.98
	<b>70</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-1,038.95
		Total Callanan:	-56,680.67
<b>FleetPride</b>	<b>72</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,576.38
<b>Hoffman Equipment</b>	<b>74</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-677.68
<b>Home Depot Credit Services</b>	<b>75</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-123.05
<b>North East Parts Group</b>	<b>76</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-218.52
<b>Partners In Safety, Inc.</b>	<b>77</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-98.00
<b>Tractor Supply Credit Plan</b>	<b>78</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-77.97
<b>Zanetti's Service Center</b>	<b>79</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-26.00
		Grand Total:	(63,539.96)

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

<b>Central Hudson</b>	<b>6PP-38</b>	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-51.98
<b>Central Hudson</b>	<b>6PP-39</b>	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-565.15
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-303.96
		Total Central Huson:	-869.11
<b>Charter Communications</b>	<b>6PP-40</b>	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-171.11
<b>Elan Financial Services</b>	<b>6PP-41</b>	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-99.50
<b>MVP Health Care Inc.</b>	<b>6PP-42</b>	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-9,810.18
<b>Claryville Postmaster</b>	<b>6PP-43</b>	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-680.00
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-44</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-76.50
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-45</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-748.98
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-46</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-279.34
		Grand Total	(12,786.70)

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

<b>Erica Benvenuto, Petty Cash</b>	<b>72</b>	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-62.00
<b>Erica Mae Benvenuto</b>	<b>73</b>	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-24.18
<b>Central Hudson</b>	<b>74</b>	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-155.43
<b>Daniel Pierce Library</b>	<b>76</b>	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-45.00
<b>e-Nable Business Solutions</b>	<b>77</b>	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-380.00
<b>ES11, LLC</b>	<b>78</b>	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-415.00
<b>Jonathan Follender, Reim.</b>	<b>79</b>	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-557.10
<b>William Geelan</b>	<b>80</b>	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
<b>Jon Parrow</b>	<b>81</b>	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
<b>QUILL CORP</b>	<b>82</b>	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-31.18
	<b>83</b>	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-69.99
		Quill Total:	-101.17
<b>Judith A. Sorice</b>	<b>84</b>	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00

UCRRA	85	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-2,333.95
YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN	86	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-50.00
Glenco Supply Inc.	87	A3310.4 · Traffic Control - Contractual	-579.00
Leonard Johnson	88	A5010.4 · Supt. Highway-Contractual	-417.00
		Grand Total:	(5,344.83)

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #6, 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. 41 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. 6PP voucher Nos. 13 - 17.
- Highway Fund Warrant No. 6 Voucher Nos. 65 - 79.
- General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 6PP Voucher Nos. 38 - 46.
- General Fund Warrant No. 6 Voucher Nos. 72 - 88.
- Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 6 vouchers - None.

**WHEREUPON** the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows: Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith 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.

**Resolution No. 42 of 2024**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law § 271 authorizes the Town board to appoint members to the Planning Board, and

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law §64 Subdivision 5 confers specific authority on Town Boards to fill vacancies in Town Offices, and

**WHEREAS** Shelly Curry has submitted her resignation as a Planning Board member as of May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 and the Town of Denning Town Board seeks to fill the vacancy created, **THEREBY** maintaining a full Planning Board membership.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that upon receiving a Letter of Interest to become a member of the Planning Board, Amanda Geelan is **HEREBY** appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board for a remainder of term appointment ending 12-31-2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** a Constitutional Oath of Office is to be filed with the Denning Town Clerk.

**WHEREUPON** the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows: Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio

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.

**Resolution No. 43 of 2024**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law § 267 authorizes the Town board to appoint members to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law §64 Subdivision 5 confers specific authority on Town Boards to fill vacancies in Town Offices, and

**WHEREAS** Mark Boncek has submitted his resignation as a Zoning Board of Appeals member as of May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 and the Town of Denning Town Board seeks to fill the vacancy created, **THEREBY** maintaining a full ZBA membership.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that upon receiving a Letter of Interest to become a member of the ZBA, Paul Schoonmaker is **HEREBY** appointed to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a remainder of term appointment ending 12-31-2027.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** a Constitutional Oath of Office is to be filed with the Denning Town Clerk.

**WHEREUPON** the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows: Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

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.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks reports that he stopped in at the Board of Assessment Review meeting on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and spoke with Patricia Masterson the Assessor. She reported that she recently went online to access the County records for a Denning matter and she was locked out. She called the Ulster County Clerk's Office to ask why. They reported that they found out she left Gardiner. She reported that she is still the Assessor in Denning and she was told that the Town must be in Ulster County! Ms. Masterson assured the County Clerk's Office that Denning was, in fact, in Ulster County and she was reinstated. Supervisor Brooks said his opinion of the County is confirmed.
- Supervisor Brooks reports on ongoing search for Tractor. John Deere is on State Bid. Discussion on leasing versus purchase with the knowledge that the new truck should be ready soon and that needs to be paid for as well. Superintendent Johnson has gone and will be going to view and test drive a few models. Will take Tyler Brooks with him as he is the one who will be using it. Councilman Mike Dean offers the Town the use of his tractor for no charge to the Town if the we can't acquire one in a reasonable amount of time. Discussion follows. The Board gives its approval for Superintendent Johnson to move forward on this matter.
- Supervisor Brooks requests Board approval for Highway personnel boot allowance. The Board agrees to a \$200.00 per year / per employee allowance that will be reimbursed with proof of purchase receipt with a highway voucher submitted for reimbursement.
- The Highway personnel uniform issue is also discussed and abandoned. Superintendent Johnson will order the shirts for the year.

- Supervisor Brooks attended a meeting at the YMCA and reports that the emergency towers at Frost Valley are in the works. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks also reports that the Town of Neversink is now on board with the banking development district in regard to the Catskill Hudson Bank – Hudson Valley Credit Union merger. Discussion follows.

Councilmen Reports:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports no CWT meeting in the month of May 2024.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports 2 court cases, one settled and one (speeding in Peekamoose) put forward to next court date.
- Councilman Mike Dean asks Highway Superintendent Johnson about the steel plate on the bridge by the Scofield residence. Mr. Johnson's information from Ulster County is that is the fix for now. The bridge needs a new deck.
- Councilman Dean asks if there is any updated information on the Frost Valley Road speed reduction request. It is reported that the matter has been forwarded to NYS by Ulster County DPW.
- Councilman Dean asks if any Board Members are attending the Mycelial Streams: Watershed Regeneration Confluence Event at the Claryville Events Center on Friday 6/14/24 Noon to 7 pm. Discussion follows.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no further comments.

Public Comments:

- There is no public comment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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