

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

July 9th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks. Held on Tuesday, July 9th, 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: Judge J. Follender and Paul Hnatiw

Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the Agenda and Resolution Nos. 44 through 45 of 2024, and the Budget vs. Actual through June 2024.

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all the Councilmen have read the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on June 11th, 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.

Judge Follender is present to review with the current Town Board the situation regarding his NYSLRS pension. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks and the Board are aware of the pension situation and advise the Judge to proceed with the matter and keep the Board updated. Judge Follender also advises the Board that the 24-25 JCAP Grant is open. He raises the matter of regulations regarding residential rentals and camping in regard to the Court. He advises the Board that Cap Court is up and running in Kingston. Discussion follows.

Correspondence:

- Check received from Ulster County for payment to make the Town whole for 2024 tax collection. Check received was in the wrong amount. After review and correction by the County, the Tax Collector made a trip to Kingston to exchange incorrect check with correct one in the amount of \$538,445.02 on 7-5-24.
- Email received from Sal Salamone requesting No Parking signs for roadway near Biscuit Brook parking area on Frost Valley Road. Board members request information on exactly who owns the properties involved, if it is State owned property the NYSDEC is responsible for signage. Discussion follows. Councilman Mike Dean will ride up and review the situation and report back to the Supervisor and Board.
- Email received from Jenny Lee explaining that the USDA grant is not available for broadband build out and only for pre-construction funding. She also reports the Frost Valley fireworks display was scaled back from previous years. Councilman Mike Dean asks about the Frost Valley donation for June. The Town Clerk reports that it has not been received.
- Email received from NYMIR regarding sexual harassment training webinar dates. Councilman Kevin Smith will coordinate Town participation.
- Letter received from MVP regarding 11.2% increase for next year's health insurance. Supervisor Brooks reports that type of increase will make it virtually

impossible to stay under the tax cap. He has an upcoming appointment to discuss next year's renewal with Marshall and Sterling. Discussion follows.

- Letter received from UCBOE regarding even-year elections. Letter is distributed to all Councilmen. Discussion follows.
- Check in the amount of \$13,170.00 received today from Auctions International for sale of tractor.

Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Raccoon and fisher issue is concerning regarding the R&R Center, the Highway Dept. break room, and the trucks. Superintendent Johnson will check with Ulster County to get the name of the exterminators they use and will have them bait for mice and squirrels at Town Hall and take care of all rodent issues at the Highway Dept. In-house repair taken care of regarding insulation replacement in truck damaged by racoons.
- Superintendent Johnson asks for Board approval to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Fallsburg. He receives Board approval.
- Tool box and radio being installed in new Tractor.
- Denning Road brush and grass cutting completed. Working on Round Pond Road and Black Bear. Councilman Mike Dean reports that the grass and brush cutting is going well and asks Superintendent Johnson to compliment Tyler Brooks on the great job he is doing.
- Graded Wild Cat, Black Bear and Dinch Roads.
- Storm repairs including tree cutting and sweeping done on Peekamoose, Brooks Hill and White House Roads.
- Removed all chip seal signs from recent work.
- Installed pipe on Sugar Loaf Road by Beck and cleaned ditch.
- New Tractor lease is finalized by John Deere and is being emailed on Wednesday.
- New Truck is in the shop being assembled. Superintendent Johnson is going up to check on it next week. He will have them drain DEF and refill before accepting. All systems to be purged before Denning takes possession.
- Purchased Blue DEF @\$21.99 a gallon - bought a pallet. Savings of \$5.00/gallon. Discussion follows.

Planning Board report from Kevin Smith:

- June Planning Board meeting included two applications for short-term rental special use permits. 1. Samim Yaquby @ 4 Woodfield Road; and 2. Frank Nicoletti @ 16 Kawlija Road. Public Hearings on these 2 matters will be held before the July 18, 2024 Planning Board meeting.
- Frank Nicoletti advised that he will have an additional STR application shortly as well.
- No other business before the Planning Board.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 18 - 20)

Deere Credit Inc.	7PP-18	DA97856 · Installment Purchase Debt	-35,718.76
		DA97857 · Install. Lease Debt - Interest	-293.38
		Total Deer Credit:	-36,012.14
MVP Health Care, Inc.	7PP-19	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-10,196.78
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	7PP-20	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-810.97
		Grand Total:	(47,019.89)

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #7, Vouchers Nos. 66 - 73)

Bottini Fuel Corporation	66	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-1,185.49
		DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-553.08
		DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-563.84
		Total Bottini:	-2,302.41
FleetPride	67	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,778.07
Health Care Reimbursement Account	68	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-2,500.00
Mombaccus Excavating, Inc.	70	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets – Contr	-1,081.50
North East Parts Group	71	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,782.90
Suit-Kote Corporation	72	DA51122 · Perm Improv-HW Equip,Cap Outlay	-122,113.59
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	73	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-223.83
		Grand Total:	-131,782.30

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 38- 44)

Central Hudson	7PP-38	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-44.08
Central Hudson	7PP-39	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-367.36
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-229.79
		Total Central Hudson 39:	-597.15
Charter Communications	7PP-40	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-171.12
MVP Health Care Inc.	7PP-41	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-12,999.70
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-42	A9030.8 · Social Security	-738.25
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-43	A9030.8 · Social Security	-330.16
United States Treasury	7PP-44	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-38.64
		Grand Total:	(14,919.10)

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #7, Voucher Nos 89 - 101.)

Central Hudson	89	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-149.63
e-Nable Business Solutions	90	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-332.50
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	91	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-557.10
Grahamsville First Aid Squad	92	A4540.4 · Emergency Services-Contractual	-2,405.75
HealthCare Reimbursement Account	93	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-2,500.00
Richard Lowe	94	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-300.00
Cindy Mickelson, Reim.	95	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-68.00
New York State Town Clerks Association	96	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-85.00
Office of the State Comptroller	97	A690 · Overpayment & Clearing Account	-123.00
Nancy Parrow	98	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-243.23
	99	A8020.4 · Planning-Contractual	-153.63
		Total Nancy Parrow:	-396.86
UCRRA	100	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-1,836.70
Karl Von Hassel	101	A3620.4 · Safety Insp. - Contractual	-376.00
Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas, PLLC	102	A1420.4 · Attorney - Contractual	-45.00
YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN	103	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-50.00
	103	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-15.00
	103	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-17.00
	103	A5010.4 · Supt. Highway-Contractual	-105.00
	103	A8020.4 · Planning-Contractual	-56.00
		Total Townsman:	-243.00
Association of Towns	104	A5010.4 · Supt. Highway-Contractual	-125.00
Mike Preis, Inc.	105	A1910.4 · Unallocated Insurance	-496.00
		Grand Total:	(10,039.54)

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.

- Ulster County landfill will possibly be located in Wawarsing. Contract with Seneca Falls runs out this year. UC is hoping for an extension but are moving forward in Wawarsing. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks has not yet re-applied for the Sundown Stream project. Discussion follows.
- Peekamoose/Blue Hole parking area is not completed yet. Visitors are parking up by the falls and walking down so parking and people in the road are issues. Howard Kreft is Senior Ranger for the area.
- Recent storm response is discussed. Also noted that there was an issue at the R&R Center due to power outage after the storm. No generator available. Discussion follows.

Councilmen Reports:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports on CWT matters:
 - CWT election results.
 - LAP/SAP – zones 1 and 2 continues stop zones 3 and 4. Notable change is that Town and Villages will have approval authority on any projects going forward.
 - License agreement changes are to help with understanding the conservation easements – moving away from fee-based acquisitions.
 - Valuation committee working to put values on the License Agreements. Licenses will not run with the land and if sold, the continuation will be determined by the new owner and the City. Easements will be a 10-year period and revocable by both parties and land holder retains the land.
 - 4th Side Agreement – include City to: Fund sewer treatment plants, funding INI, updating plants, funding septic programs.
 - CTW and City still waiting for NYS wet land regulations to be finalized before discussion continues.
 - CWC Report: Septic program, storm water program up and running. Shokan WWTP brought to the Board about the funding to be used for project.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports next Court date is tomorrow. Otherwise quiet.
- Councilman Mike Dean requests information if the JCAP Grant might be used to partially fund a new generator. Discussion follows.
- Councilman Kevin Smith reports that he will work on coordinating NYMIR sexual harassment training for Town.

Public Comments:

- Paul Hnatiw asks if Town Board meeting schedule will return to every other month in Sundown. Councilman Vurckio and Supervisor Brooks report that locating any meetings at the Church Hall in Sundown is inconvenient for Town officials regarding meeting preparation and attendance at meetings at that location due to the condition of the building not being acceptable regarding heating, cooling and set up for said meetings.
- Mr. Hnatiw reports it has been 61 months since the VanWagner matter was heard in Justice Court. It is reported that there are no cars in the roadway.
- Mr. Hnatiw reports that he spoke to a Ranger at Blue Hole this past Sunday who said the Rangers have a new Supervisor and there is different protocol for Peekamoose/Blue Hole enforcement. Discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks asks if there are any further Councilmen comments. There are none.

Supervisor Brooks asks if there are any further Public comments. There are none.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 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 17, 2024.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, August 13th, 2024 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.