

# TOWN OF DENNING – TOWN BOARD MEETING

## October 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio. Held on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio  
Councilmen: Kevin Smith, Scott Mickelson, Mike Dean  
Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson  
Absent: Supervisor David Brooks  
Public Present: None

The Town Clerk provided all Board members with a copy of the Agenda and Resolution No. 54, and the Budget vs. Actual through September 2024. The Board members were also provided with a copy of the Tentative 2025 Budget.

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the meeting commencement. Motion to adopt last months' minutes as presented by Town Clerk Nancy Parrow made by Councilman Scott Mickelson, and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Correspondence – by Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio:

- Email received from Ulster County Emergency Services regarding upcoming training 8 am to 12 pm on October 15<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration deadline has been extended to October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Email received from Yulitza Franklin at the NYS Dept. of Financial Services regarding the proposed Banking Development District matter with Catskill Hudson Bank/Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union to schedule a site-visit. Discussion follows.
- Note from Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, regarding her follow-up phone call with Mark Morano of the NYS DOT Region 8 on 10-7-24 at 2:50 pm requesting status on the speed limit reduction application for the Frost Valley Road which was sent to Mr. Morano by the Ulster County DPW on 12-5-23. Mr. Morano stated that all documentation was received and Ulster County and the Town of Denning will be notified when a determination is made by the State DOT on the matter.
- Email from Jenny Lee regarding status of Broadband Technical Assistance Grant application. Cambria Tallman of MTC reports that the Grant is submitted and she hopes to have a response on the application by the end of this year.
- Letter received from NYS DOS confirming Town of Denning Local Law #1 of 2024 was received and filed on 9-18-24.
- Email received from Office of Court Administration Division of Professional and Court Services Grants and Contracts Unit confirming receipt and acceptance of all required documentation to consider the Denning Justice Court's 2024-25 JCAP application.
- Check received from NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance for AIM in the amount of \$91,858.00.
- Check received from the Frost Valley YMCA for the August 2024 donation in the amount of \$11,415.00. The Town Board members express their thanks to CEO Riel Peerbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their continued support.
- Check received from Ulster County for sales tax collection April to June 2024 in the amount of \$15,326.48.

Highway Report - Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Brush and grass cutting continues in Sundown on the Peekamoose Road. All the Councilman praising the work done.
- Paving on Red Hill Road completed – approximately one mile. Thank you to Preston Kelly and the Town of Neversink for their assistance.
- Took possession of new International Truck. Got it registered and undercoated. Discussion follows.
- Installed pipe on Wildcat Road.
- Work continues in the Shop preparing Trucks for winter.
- Deputy Supervisor Vurckio asks about Highway personnel. Superintendent Johnson reports that one of the two new hires resigned recently. Resignation letter received. Discussion follows.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith:

- Councilman Smith reports that Laura Brock submitted subdivision application regarding Brock-Smith property on the West Branch Frost Valley Road – 42-1-36.1. Will subdivide and sell approx. 93 acres to Winton Waters Inc. Discussion follows.
- The Planning Board continued their discussions on Short Term Rentals.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.  
(See Warrant #10 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 28 - 30)

<b>MVP Health Care, Inc.</b>	<b>10PP-28</b>	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-13,545.76
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>10PP-29</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-863.92
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>10PP-30</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-676.50
		Grand Total	-15,086.18

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.  
(See Warrant #10, Vouchers Nos. 103 - 116)

<b>4X Heaven Inc.</b>	<b>103</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-312.00
<b>ALL GAS &amp; WELDING</b>	<b>104</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-48.60
<b>Big State Industrial Supply</b>	<b>105</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-99.80
<b>Bottini Fuel Corporation</b>	<b>106</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-1,758.08
<b>Callanan Industries, Inc.</b>	<b>107</b>	DA51122 · Perm Improv-HW Equip,Cap Outlay	-80,538.51
<b>Glenco Supply Inc.</b>	<b>108</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-657.00
<b>H.O. Penn Machinery Company Inc.</b>	<b>109</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-9.58
<b>Home Depot Credit Services</b>	<b>110</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-47.36
<b>Joe's Small Engine</b>	<b>111</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-79.91
<b>North East Parts Group</b>	<b>112</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-10.49
<b>Navistar Financial Corp</b>	<b>113</b>	DA51302 · Machinery Equipment	-269,281.09
<b>Partners In Safety, Inc.</b>	<b>114</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-315.00
<b>Strictly Fords, Inc.</b>	<b>115</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,797.75
<b>Tractor Supply Credit Plan</b>	<b>116</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-29.99
		Grand Total	-354,985.16

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #10 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 62 - 69)

<b>Central Hudson-1</b>	<b>10PP-62</b>	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-44.23
<b>Central Hudson-2</b>	<b>10PP-64</b>	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-341.73
	<b>10PP-63</b>	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-389.99
		Total Central Hudson-2:	-731.72
<b>Charter Communications</b>	<b>10PP-65</b>	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-171.12
<b>MVP Health Care Inc.</b>	<b>10PP-66</b>	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-11,066.66
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA</b>	<b>10PP-67</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-334.55
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA</b>	<b>10PP-68</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-745.18
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA</b>	<b>10PP-69</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-279.34
		Grand Total	(13,372.80)

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
 (See Warrant #10, Voucher Nos. 129 - 136)

Central Hudson	129	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-179.53
Grahamsville First Aid Squad	130	A4540.4 · Emergency Services-Contractual	-2,405.75
Richard Lowe	131	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-300.00
MVP Select Care Inc.	132	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-35.00
Office of the State Comptroller	133	A690 · Overpayment & Clearing Account	-435.00
Nancy Parrow - Petty Cash	134	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-46.18
UCRRA	135	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-1,852.47
Claryville Postmaster	136	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-84.00
		Grand Total	-5,337.93

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
 (See Warrant #10, Voucher No. 4)

Wind River Environmental	4	A8130.2 · Sew Treat & Disp/Capital Outlay	-582.83
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Deputy Supervisor Vurckio inquires if the Councilman are satisfied with the audit of the Vouchers. The Councilmen respond in the affirmative.

**Resolution No. 54 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 Warrant No. 10 Prep-Pay Voucher Nos. 28 - 29.
- Highway Fund Warrant No. 10, Voucher Nos. 103 - 116.
- General Fund Warrant No. 10 Pre-Pay Voucher Nos. 62 - 68.
- General Fund Warrant No. 10 Voucher Nos. 129 - 136.
- Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant Voucher No. 4.

**WHEREUPON** the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows: Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments – Supervisor Brooks is Absent from tonight’s meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Vurckio calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Scott Mickelson has no further comments.
- Councilman Mike Dean questions whether the trees on Taylor Road are going to be taken down anytime soon. Highway Superintendent Johnson reports that the company working for Central Hudson on that matter have all been working down south helping with the hurricane issues but they will be back to take care of it.
- Deputy Supervisor Vurckio reports that there was no CWT meeting and that he has been ill for a number of weeks.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no further comments.

Deputy Supervisor Vurckio notes that there is no Public present for comments.

Deputy Supervisor Vurckio requests a Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting open the 2025 Budget Workshop. Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting and open the 2025 Budget Workshop is made at 6:25 pm by Councilman Scott Mickelson and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE                      Councilman Scott Mickelson AYE  
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE                  Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio AYE  
Supervisor David Brooks ABSENT  
Motion carried.

Supervisor Brooks reports in by phone at 6:26 pm for the 2025 Tentative Budget Workshop. A line-by-line review of the Budget commences.

- Personal service line is increased by 2%.
- Supervisor Brooks suggests that Highway employees receive an increase of \$1.00 per hour. Board members take vote on said increase. All In Favor. None Opposed.
- Discussion regarding dramatic increases in Health Insurance (6.41% increase) and NYS Retirement (15% increase), and Worker's Comp through Ulster County Self-Insurance (46.5% increase). Discussion follows. All Ulster County towns feeling the pain as discussed at recent Supervisor's meetings.
- Discussion regarding increased heating and electric costs.
- Review of the revenue section is also completed.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that he met with Governor Hochul's representative, Kelly Alegria, on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall regarding increases in Health Insurance, NYS Retirement, etc. which would put Denning at 3.14% over last year's budget. Also discussed NYS property tax which was increased for 2024 and the State since reducing that amount. Supervisor Brooks discussed with her that Denning wants it back. Ms. Alegria stated she would look into it. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks requests any suggestions or questions regarding the 2025 Tentative Budget as presented. Discussion regarding vacation and overtime pay for the Highway Dept. follows.
- Supervisor Brooks asks for any additional questions or comments on the 2025 Tentative Budget with the approved additional \$1.00 per hour for highway employees. There are none.
- Supervisor Brooks changes the 2025 Budget status to Preliminary with noted change. The Board is All In Favor with None Opposed.

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

There is no Public present for comments.

Motion to adjourn the 2025 Budget Workshop at 7:08 pm by Councilman Scott Mickelson and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor. Workshop Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 following the 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING starting at 6:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall, Claryville, NY