

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting
Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks
Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Scott Mickelson.
Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.
Public Present: Paul Hnatiw and William Leudemann

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the meeting commencement.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the Agenda and Resolution Nos. 43 of 2025 and Budget vs. Actual January through May 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all Councilmen have read the May 2025 Minutes and asks if there are any amendments. All respond that the Minutes have been read and that there are no amendments.

Motion to adopt last months’ minutes by Councilman Scott Mickelson, 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 – by Supervisor David Brooks.

- Email received from Shandaken Supervisor Peter DiSclafani confirming he has heard that his Town’s application for a speed reduction on the Frost Valley Road is still in process with New York State. Denning’s application has not been addressed by NYS at this time. Ulster County DPW has no record of an answer from the State on this matter. Supervisor Brooks will contact the Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa about the possibility of getting a speed sled posted.
- Received May donation check to the Town from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$8,300.00. Supervisor Brooks and the Denning Town Board express their gratitude to CEO Riel Pierbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their ongoing support.
- Received check from Ulster County in the amount of \$12,008.68 for Sales tax collected January to March 2025.
- Received mailing from the Daniel Pierce Library Giant Pumpkin Party for requested yearly donation. A \$45.00 donation is approved by motion from Kevin Smith and seconded by Scott Mickelson. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Highway Report: by Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.

- Worked on and completed dirt road grading in Sundown. Started dirt road grading in Claryville.
- Ditched Brooks Hill Road, Whitehouse Road, Balace Road, and Raymond George Road.
- Mowed sides of Taylor Road, Wildcat Mtn. Road and Denning Road.
- Worked at the shop on truck maintenance and weed maintenance in the yard.
- New Truck issues – Crew Cab will be done first hopefully this coming week. The other truck is expected in July.
- Supervisor Brooks requests update on auction of other trucks. Highway Superintendent Johnson states that he will set up auction of other trucks at the end of July. Discussion follows.
- Parts arrived for the International. They are coming here to fix it under warranty. Discussion follows.

- Superintendent Johnson met with Brendan Wagner from the Rondout Neversink Stream Program regarding the project on Denning Road. It is being put off until next year due to the long-eared bat issue, although the pipe can be put in now. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if Steve Poley of the YMCA was contacted regarding stockpiling materials on the YMCA property in that area for the project. Superintendent Johnson states that he was contacted and agreed.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith.

- Councilman Smith reports that Planning Board discussion continued regarding the Carrera property on Greenville Road. Waiting to review engineering reports, etc.
- Councilman Smith notified the Planning Board that the Town Board did agree to the cap of 40 for the total number of Short-Term Rentals for the Town.
- The Planning Board reviewed and approved previous minutes.
- The next Planning Board meeting is this Thursday June 19, 2025. Town Board discussion follows regarding these matters.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 17 - 19)

Trust & Agency Account - FICA	6PP-17	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-642.42
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	6PP-18	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-706.66
MVP Health Care, Inc.	6PP-19	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-12,701.87
		Grand Total	-14,050.95

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(See Warrant #6, Vouchers Nos. 61 - 71)

Advance Auto Parts	61	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-457.00
Bottini Fuel Corporation	62	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-2,063.43
Case Tire Service Inc.	63	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-2,383.14
FleetPride	64	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-790.42
Deere Credit Inc.	65	DA97856 · Installment Purchase Debt	-35,718.76
		DA97857 · Install. Lease Debt - Interest	-293.38
		Total Deere Credit Inc.	-36,012.14
Hoffman Equipment	66	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-255.57
Liberty Iron Works	67	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-975.00
North East Parts Group	68	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-62.91
Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc.	69	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-1,717.42
Superior Building Supply	70	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-32.09
Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc.	71	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-315.00
		Grand Total	(45,064.12)

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 37 - 45)

Central Hudson	6PP-37	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-59.82
Central Hudson	6PP-38	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-435.34
	6PP-39	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-285.01
		Total Central Hudson	-720.35
Charter Communications	6PP-40	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-235.15
Elan Financial Services	6PP-41	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-99.50

- Advises the Board regarding the “2024 Real Property Data Report” from Ulster County. Discussion continues regarding large amount of acreage owned in Denning by New York City and New York State. Denning is rated 11th out of 22 towns regarding overall taxes being paid, a good place to be right in the middle. Discussion follows.
- Reports that he has FOILED Ulster County to get the official report on the Sundown-Whitehouse Fire. Nothing has been received to date.
- Reports that the Town Hall generator is having electrical issues.
- Reports that the Sundown Stream Project contract has been signed and sent back. Waiting for fully signed documents.

Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports that there was no CWT meeting last week.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports that the speeding ticket matter before the Court was postponed until July. Councilman Mickelson hasn’t heard of any problems or tickets regarding the Blue Hole / Peekamoose area. The NYS DEC parking area and walkway to Blue Hole are not completed at this time.
- Councilman Mike Dean asks Supervisor Brooks how his meeting with the Frost Valley YMCA went. Supervisor Brooks reports that the meeting has been postponed to June 18th at 11 am. Councilman Dean requests that Highway Superintendent Johnson meet with him to show him where the pipe on Denning Road will be going.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no further comments.

Public Comments:

- Paul Hnatiw reports that an additional pick-up truck has been brought up to the Van Wagner property and feels that it is too close to the road. It arrived last month. Mr. Hnatiw points out that it has now been seven years since he has been commenting on the issues regarding the Van Wagner property.
- Paul Hnatiw also notes that there are issues at the Harrison house as well with farm animals (chickens, pigs and dogs) in the road. Also, that there are children playing in the road at that address as well. He reports that he believes that the pigs got loose and wrecked the neighbor’s lawn as well. Discussion continues regarding if any additional structures have been erected on the property and if there is a water course there. Mr. Hnatiw reports there is. Supervisor Brooks reports that he will do a site visit.
- William Leudemann is present to observe and has no further comments.

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

Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 6:46 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, June 16, 2025.

The next Town Board Meeting and Town Business Meeting to be held at the Denning Town Hall on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 scheduled to begin at 6pm.