

TOWN OF DENNING – TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio. Held on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 at the Denning Town Hall.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Clerk provided all Board members with a copy of the Agenda and Resolutions No. 52 and 53, and the Budget vs. Actual through September 2025. The Board members were also provided with a copy of the Tentative 2026 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 Kevin Smith.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Correspondence – by Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio:

- Email quote received from Mark Moore at Moore Electric for the generator repair – transfer switch. Two payments of \$1,800.00 each. Discussion follows.
- Letter from NYS DOT regarding request for local highway inventory. Highway Superintendent Lenny Johnson received the request and will complete the document and mail it out by end of week.
- Press Release from Ulster County regarding approximately \$21 million in federal funding to expand broadband services to unserved areas. In addition is a \$40,938,790.00 match committed by Verizon to the project. The Town Board would like to thank Jenny Lee for all her hard work in spearheading the County committee on these matters.
- Email from Ulster County with the 2025 Short-Term Rental Report. It is noted that the Town of Denning is in the 2nd highest bracket of percentage of STRs to available housing units. Discussion follows.
- Check received from NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance for AIM in the amount of \$91,858.00.
- Checks received from the Frost Valley YMCA for the July, August and September donations in the amount of \$8,300.00 per month. The Town Board members express their thanks to CEO Riel Peerbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their continued support.
- Letter received from the Ulster County Board of Elections outlining Polling site access/voting system setup. Councilman Kevin Smith will be available on November 4th at 5:15 am to greet Inspectors and open the polling site in Claryville and close up after voting is completed at 9:00 pm. John Barnum will do the same at the Sundown Church Hall polling site.

Highway Report - Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Brush and grass cutting completed on Peekamoose and Dymond cross road, Brooks Hill, White House and Balace roads. Leaf debris and clutter being blown off the roads as well.
- Grading and ditching completed on Spencer Road.
- Work continues in the Shop preparing Trucks for winter.
- Contacted Robert Green to find out status of 5500 Dodge. Awaiting reply.
- Deputy Superintendent's truck sent to Russell's garage for front end work and the misfire.

- Superintendent’s truck sent to Liberty Iron Works for frame repair.
- Reports new truck is working very well.
- Past weekend storm status: Claryville was very windy but no issues. Sundown had trees down and power outages.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith:

- Councilman Smith reports that Honzo Haven has submitted plans regarding property on the Greenville Road. Discussion follows.
- The Planning Board continued their discussions on Short Term Rentals and advises the Town Board that they request to lower the number of operating STR’s in Town from 40 to 35. Discussion follows.
- Received a request for a lot line adjustment for 29 Sawmill Road. This matter on hold for more complete information.
- Jennifer Grimes submitted two special use permit applications for STRs. This matter is on hold during the Moratorium.
- Planning Board is continuing training requirements.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #10 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 31-34)

Health Care Reimbursement Account	10PP-31	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-5,000.00
MVP Health Care, Inc.	10PP-32	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-12,701.87
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	10PP-33	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-756.89
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	10PP-34	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-706.66
		Grand Total	-19,165.42

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #10, Vouchers Nos. 106-114)

A. Montano Co., Inc.	106	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-1,350.00
Advance Auto Parts	107	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-156.68
Bottini Fuel Corporation	108	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-4,101.38
Callanan Industries, Inc.	109	DA51122 · Perm Improv-HW Equip,Cap Outlay	-83,116.77
Liberty Home & Garden	110	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-199.98
NY Labor Law Poster Service	111	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-109.50
Town of Neversink	112	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-5,658.79
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	113	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-15.99
Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc.	114	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,856.00
		Grand Total	-96,565.09

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #10 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 72-83)

Central Hudson-1	10PP-72	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-49.66
	10PP-73	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-266.14
	10PP-74	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-442.12
		Central Hudson-1 Total:	-757.92
Central Hudson-2	10PP-75	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-181.13
Charter Communications	10PP-76	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-235.13
Charter Communications	10PP-77	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-133.97
Elan Financial Services	10PP-78	A80104 · Zoning - Contractual Exp.	-100.00
	10PP-78	A8020.4 · Planning-Contractual	-100.00
		Elan Financial Services Total:	-200.00
HealthCare Reimbursement Account	10PP-79	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-5,000.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	10PP-80	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-11,776.21
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	10PP-81	A9030.8 · Social Security	-765.25
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	10PP-82	A9030.8 · Social Security	-341.23
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	10PP-83	A9030.8 · Social Security	-284.91
		Grand Total:	(19,675.75)

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.

(See Warrant #10, Voucher Nos. 118-130)

Alleymor Inc. DBA Pestmaster Services	118	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-85.00
Charter Communications	119	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-133.97
ES11, LLC	120	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-215.00
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	121	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-1,076.95
Richard Lowe	122	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-700.00
MVP Select Care Inc.	123	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-35.00
Office of the State Comptroller	124	A690 · Overpayment & Clearing Account	-25.00
Nancy Parrow	125	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-379.54
	126	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-22.08
		Nancy Parrow Total:	-401.62
Town of Neversink	127	A7310.4 · Yth Prgm-Contractual	-1,600.00
UCRRA	128	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-3,180.92
	129	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-3,143.47
		UCRRA Total:	-6,324.39
Postmaster	130	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-88.00
		Grand Total:	(10,684.93)

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #10, Voucher No. - NONE)

Deputy Supervisor Vurckio inquires if the Councilman are satisfied with the audit of the Vouchers. The Councilmen respond in the affirmative.

Resolution No. 52 of 2025

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 Pre-Pay Voucher Nos. 31 - 34.
Highway Fund Warrant No. 10, Voucher Nos. 106 - 114
General Fund Warrant No. 10 Pre-Pay Voucher Nos. 72 - 83
General Fund Warrant No. 10 Voucher Nos. 118 - 130.
Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant Vouchers - NONE.

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 Scott Mickelson AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks ABSENT

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 53 2025

WHEREAS New York State Law §113 authorizes the Town Board by resolution to transfer surplus monies, contingent appropriations, and unexpended fund balances.

AND WHEREAS, The Town of Denning is in need of budgetary transfers for the 2025 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to do the following transfers in the General Fund.

Increase A1910.4 - Unallocated Insurance in the amount of \$1,255.00
Increase A1920.4 - Municipal Association Dues Contractual in the amount of \$45.00
Increase A1989.4 - UDC REP Contractual in the amount of \$500.00
Increase A3310.4 - Traffic Control Contractual in the amount of \$1,950.00
Increase A3510.4 – Dog Control Contractual in the amount of \$300.00, and to

Decrease A1990.4 – Contingent Account in the amount of \$4,050.00

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

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 following a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio requests a motion to schedule the 2026 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing for Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting. Motion made by Councilman Scott Mickelson and Seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Deputy Supervisor Vurckio calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Deputy Supervisor Vurckio reports that he has no comments on the CWT at this time.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports that two cases got dismissed at the last Justice Court date and the next Court date is scheduled for November 5th 2025.
- Councilman Mike Dean reports that he continues to seek quotes for the repair work needed on the deck at the entrance to Town Hall. Quote received from Larry Schick for \$13,000.00. Quote received from Dennis Deyo for \$8,700.00 and James Garigliano will email Supervisor Brooks with information. Discussion follows.
- 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 and open the 2026 Budget Workshop. Motion is made at 6:27 pm by Councilman Scott Mickelson and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All In Favor.

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.

Deputy Supervisor Vurckio reviews the Budget with the Councilman. Key points:

- 2025 Budget \$1,143,572.00 – 2026 Budget \$1,221,013.00 – up \$77,441.00.
- 4.7% over the 2% tax cap.
- Health Insurance up 8%
- Retirement up 17.75 %
- Insurance up 9.5%
- Required to meet the minimum wage of \$16.00 per hour for a position.
- Budget numbers also include amount for a new hire for the Highway Department as we are still short one man.
- Raises on the General side were 3% across the board.
- Raises on the Highway side were 3.72% increase which works out to \$1.00 per hour.

Councilmen member discussion follows.

Deputy Supervisor Vurckio requests confirmation from the Town Board to change the Tentative 2026 Budget to the Preliminary 2026 Budget. The Board is All In Favor with None Opposed. The 2026 Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 before the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Vurckio 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 6:45 pm by Councilman Kevin Smith and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in favor. Workshop Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, October 21st, 2025.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 following the 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING starting at 6:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall, Claryville, NY