

TOWN OF DENNING – TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 12, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks. Held on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 at the Denning Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Scott Mickelson.

Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.

Public Present: None

Supervisor Brooks calls to order the Town of Denning 2026 Budget Public Hearing. Supervisor Brooks conducts a general review with the Board and states that the Town did have to override the tax cap. Overall increase of 4.7%. Denning is running a bare bones budget as usual with minimal raises for 2026. Increase accounted for by health insurance and retirement fees and there are no possible cuts.

Supervisor Brooks requests comments and questions from the Board. There are none. Supervisor Brooks requests comments and questions from the Public. No Public present at tonight's meeting.

Motion to adjourn the 2026 Budget Public Hearing at 6:10 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Brooks calls the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:11 pm. The Town Clerk provided all Board members with a copy of the Agenda and Resolutions Nos. 54 to 57, and the Budget vs. Actual through October 2025. The Board members were also provided with a copy of the Preliminary 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 AYE

Motion carried.

Supervisor Brooks takes a moment to congratulate Denning's newly elected officials.

Correspondence – by Supervisor Brooks:

- Email from Ulster County regarding EMS Stabilization funding agreement. Denning would receive \$10,157.69 to support and enhance ALS and EMS. There are many stipulations attached to receiving the funds and how they can be used. Discussion follows.
- Notification received from NYS Association of Towns regarding dues for 2026 in the amount of \$900.00. No increase from last year.
- Check received from the Frost Valley YMCA for the October donation in the amount of \$8,300.00. The Town Board members express their thanks to CEO Riel Peerbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their continued support.
- Letter of resignation received from Transfer Station Manager Richard Lowe effective December 28, 2025. Discussion follows.

Highway Report - Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Millings hauled to Town Barn.
- Hauled 300 tons of sand with Ulster County from Callanan's.
- Preparing all trucks and equipment for winter weather.
- Deputy Superintendent's truck plow picked up and installed.
- Newest truck received from Robert Green. Back to dealer for repairs.

- Checked roads for trees and rocks from recent storms.
- Plowed and sanded after recent snow event at higher elevations in Town.
- Discussion regarding winter season plowing, trucks and equipment, and overtime.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith:

- Proposal received from Steve Poley at the Frost Valley YMCA regarding staff RV parking area.
- Application received regarding a bike/hike race slated for 2026 called the Denning Double. Size of gathering and parking will be an issue. Neversink is also involved on the route and should be advised. Planning Board was requesting additional information. This will be followed up at next meeting.
- Ulster County Short-Term Rental Report reviewed and discussed.
- Chairman Sibiga and ZBA Chairman Joy Monforte attended training in Kingston for Planning and Zoning Boards presented by NYSAOT.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that he will hopefully attend the November or December Planning Board meeting.
- No further information has been received regarding Miguel Carrera's proposed building on Greenville Road.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #11 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 35 - 37)

MVP Health Care, Inc.	11PP-35	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-13,669.47
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	11PP-36	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-770.90
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	11PP-37	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-695.98
Grand Total:			-15,136.35

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #11, Vouchers Nos. 115 - 127)

Big State Industrial Supply	115	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-224.75
Bottini Fuel Corporation	116	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-4,438.90
Hudson River Truck & Trailer	117	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,077.58
Liberty Iron Works	118	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-380.00
NYS & Local Retirement	119	DA90108 · NYS Retirement System	-39,356.11
North East Parts Group	120	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-86.55
Robert Green Auto & Truck Inc.	121	DA51302 · Machinery Equipment	-131,631.20
Romeo Ford	122	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-842.24
Russell's Garage	123	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-2,070.85
Safelight Auto Glass	124	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-300.82
Showalter's Auto & Equipment	125	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-6,100.95
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	126	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-176.93
Home Depot Credit Services	127	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-135.86
Grand Total:			-186,822.74

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #11 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 84 - 92)

Central Hudson-1	11PP-84	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-48.42
Central Hudson-2	11PP-85	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-478.18
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-215.92
Central Hudson-2 Total:			-694.10
Charter Communications	11PP-86	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-235.13
Elan Financial Services	11PP-87	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-390.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	11PP-88	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-12,689.84
Mark Moore	11PP-89	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-1,800.00
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	11PP-90	A9030.8 · Social Security	-754.85
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	11PP-91	A9030.8 · Social Security	-76.50
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	11PP-92	A9030.8 · Social Security	-284.91
Grand Total:			(16,973.75)

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
 (See Warrant #11, Voucher Nos. 131 - 146)

Alleymor Inc. DBA Pestmaster	131	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-85.00
Bottini Fuel	132	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-729.12
Central Hudson	133	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-174.55
Charter Communications	134	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-133.97
ES11, LLC	135	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-760.00
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	136	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-1,076.95
Grahamsville First Aid Squad	137	A4540.4 · Emergency Services-Contractual	-2,405.75
MVP Select Care Inc.	138	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-35.00
Cindy Mickelson, Reim.	139	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-335.04
NYS & Local Retirement System	140	A9010.8 · NYS Retirement System	-20,919.89
Poley Paving & Construction Corp.	141	A1620.2 · Buildings-Equipment	-4,350.00
QUILL CORP	142	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-39.98
		A5010.4 · Supt. Highway-Contractual	-56.04
		Total Quill:	-96.02
Titan Drilling Corp	143	A1620.2 · Buildings-Equipment	-1,264.75
UCRRA	144	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-2,316.47
Mark Moore	145	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-1,800.00
Home Depot Credit Services	146	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-469.00
		Grand Total	(36,951.51)

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
 (See Warrant #11, Voucher No. - NONE)

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

Resolution No. 54 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 Prep-Pay Warrant No. 11 Voucher Nos. 35 - 37.
- Highway Fund Warrant No. 11, Voucher Nos. 115 - 126.
- General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 11 Voucher Nos. 84 - 92.
- General Fund Warrant No. 11 Voucher Nos. 131-145.
- Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 11 Vouchers None.

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 Gregory Vurckio.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 55 of 2025

WHEREAS the Town of Denning had previously created the Claryville Community Septic Maintenance District. And

WHEREAS on June 30th, 2020, \$3,148,268.75 was received from the Community Wastewater Management Program for the Hamlet of Claryville per an Agreement with the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) signed in 2015. And

WHEREAS, the funds were set up into a Community Wastewater Management Capital Project. And

WHEREAS an annual Resolution is required to fund the CCSMD budget, and

WHEREAS "the balance of appropriations which are not encumbered lapse at the close of the fiscal year, except that appropriations for the capital purpose continue in force until the purpose for which it was made has been accomplished or abandoned." per New York State Law § 111.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that \$25,000.00 needs to be appropriated to the Sewage Treatment & Disposal Equipment Appropriations Code H8130.2, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$25,000.00 come from H599 Sewer Treatment Disposal Fund Balance, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to make these 2025 budgetary transfers.

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 Kevin Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 56 of 2025

WHEREAS the Town of Denning purchased a 2024 Dodge Ram 3500 Crew Cab 4x4 with 8-foot bed from Robert Green Auto & Truck Inc. for **\$78,900.27**, and

WHEREAS the Town of Denning is purchasing a 2024 Dodge Ram 5500 Regular Cab 4x4. The total amount due for the truck is **\$131,631.20**, and

WHEREAS the total for the two expenses is **\$210,531.47** and is to be transferred from the Highway Fund Balance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Denning Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to transfer the amount of **\$210,531.47** from DA599 Highway Fund Balance, and to increase Appropriation DA5130.2 Highway Equipment in the amount of **\$210,531.47**.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:
Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 57 of 2025

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board wishes to record its deep sorrow over the passing of Paul Miles Schoonmaker; and

WHEREAS Mr. Schoonmaker served as a Town Councilman from 2004 until his retirement from public service at the end of 2023, and

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board is grateful for Mr. Schoonmaker's many contributions as an outstanding citizen of his community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY ORDERS RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2025** to be entered into the official record of the Town and that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to Mr. Schoonmaker's family in recognition of his faithful service to the Town of Denning.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:
Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Brooks asks if there are any other questions or comments on the Preliminary 2026 Budget. The Town Board members respond that there are no issues. Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to Adopt and Approve the **2026 Budget** of the Town of Denning.

WHEREUPON a Motion was made by Councilman Scott Mickelson and seconded by Councilman Kevin Smith to Approve and Adopt the 2026 Budget of the Town of Denning, which was then put to a vote and recorded as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

TOWN OF DENNING ADOPTED 2026 BUDGET ATTACHED HERETO

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks asks Town Clerk Nancy Parrow to discuss the proposed changes to the Transfer Station R&R Permitting systems to begin in 2026. It is proposed that Denning switch to a numbered Permit System with an updated Spreadsheet for permit purchases so that the new Transfer Station Manager will have up-to-date information regarding purchased permits during operating hours. Discussion follows and the Board Members agree to the proposed changes.
- Supervisor Brooks has not heard back from SLR regarding the Peekamoose Road Stabilization matter.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that Senator Oberacker's office contacted him regarding the SAM Grant from a few years ago for the proposed building at the Town Barn. The Grant was put on hold during Covid. Discussion regarding Denning still utilizing the grant monies for a possible pole building and/or equipment purchase. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that he was advised Verizon is running fiber optic in Ulster County. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks reports that Jenny Lee is still diligently working for the Emergency Services / Cell Towers for Denning and Star Link for Emergency situations. Discussion continues.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio reports:
 - As previously stated the NYC DEP shut off all negotiations with the CWT in June of this year.
 - Before the CWT's October 20th meeting Ric Coombe met with CWC Executive Director Jason Merwin, NYC DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush and Deputy Assistant Commissioner Shiloh Williams to discuss

the status of the Water Withdrawal Permit and the DEP has taken on this negotiation process. Ric expressed that it was a very positive meeting in which Deputy Commissioner Rush suggested he should attend the October meeting. DEP Commissioner Rit Aggrawala acknowledged he wanted to attend the meeting in person to promote open conversation and answers. The DEP felt that certain parties stopped talking about the agreement and started posturing for their own benefits. They are all now working to get back on track.

- DEP is doing scientific studies to identify risks to the FAD over the next decade.
- DEP needs to look at which programs work best and are most cost effective. Commissioner Aggrawala stated DEP has no intention at this time to cut programs or eliminate support for the current programs.
- Commissioner Aggrawala stated that they do not disagree with the national Academy report findings but that the DEP felt this report did not address all the issues such as impacts due to climate change.
- Commissioner Aggrawala and Deputy Commissioner Rush agree that honest communication must exist between the partners. Jason from CWC and CWT Chairman Ric Coombe agree with the importance of communication regarding these matters.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports that the Justice Court session scheduled for today, 11/12/25, was cancelled as there are no matters pending before the Court. The next Court date is tentatively scheduled for 11/26/25.
- Councilman Mike Dean revisits the Town Hall deck repair/reconstruction matter. Discussion follows.
- Councilman Kevin Smith requests information from Highway Superintendent Johnson regarding the rodent issues at the Town Barn and Recycling Center. Discussion follows regarding repairs to areas where the rodents are getting in.

Supervisor Brooks notes that there is no Public present for comments.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting. Motion is made at 7:20 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio 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 AYE

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, November 19th, 2025.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9th, 2025 starting at 6:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall, Claryville, NY