

TOWN OF DENNING – TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks. Held on Tuesday, December 9, 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: Robert Drake, Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Shandaken

The Town Clerk provided all Board members with a copy of the Agenda and Resolution No. 58. The Budget vs. Actual through November 2025 was not available at the time of the meeting.

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 Greg Vurckio.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE

Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Councilman Scott Mickelson AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE.

Motion carried.

Supervisor Brooks welcomes Shandaken Deputy Supervisor Robert Drake who explains that he is running for District 22 Legislator in the next election and is visiting Towns in the District to introduce himself and take questions and comments. Questions and answers center around cell service and emergency communication difficulties and service gaps in this area of small mountain towns in Ulster County. Discussion follows.

Correspondence – by Supervisor Brooks:

- Letter received from NYMIR regarding working battery disconnect switches. Highway Superintendent Johnson confirms that all Denning trucks comply. Confirmation signatures required by NYMIR. Documentation confirmed and signed by Supervisor Brooks and Highway Superintendent Johnson.
- Checks received from the Frost Valley YMCA for the November and December donations in the amount of \$8,300.00 each. The Town Board members express their thanks to CEO Riel Peerbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their continued support.
- Email received from UCCRA regarding new contract with 5-year term. Review of document with Board. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks requests a motion to sign the contract. Motion made by Councilman Mike Dean and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor.
- Letter of interest to be a volunteer Board Member received from Frances Brooks, formerly VanPelt. She is Supervisor Brooks' new daughter-in-law. Board discussion regarding placing her on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Brooks requests and receives Board approval for this placement. Supervisor Brooks notes that Denning is still looking to fill a vacancy for a Planning Board member.
- Employment applications received from Larry Cole and Dan VanSaders for the Recycling Center Manager after Richard Lowe's resignation effective December 28th. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks requests a motion to approve Dan VanSaders as the new Recycling Center Manager due to his qualifications and previous experience with the Center. Motion to approve made by Councilman Mike Dean and seconded by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. All in Favor.

- Town Clerk / Tax Collector Nancy Parrow presents proposal to the Board regarding Hudson Valley Credit Union credit card terminal for Town fee payments. Discussion follows. The Board fully approves the proposal.
- Check received from Ulster County for sales tax for the period 7-9/25 and collected 9-11/25 in the amount of \$14,756.27.
- Memo received from the New York State Tax Collector Association regarding the fact that there will be no further penny production. This might cause tax collection issues come January.

Highway Report - Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Review of status of all trucks.
- Recent snowstorm cleanup went well and Department is ready for next storm predicted for tomorrow.
- Discussion regarding Tractor storage. Tarping is determined to be best solution at this time. Superintendent Johnson to research best tarp options.
- Issue with truck radios again. Discussion follows.

Planning Board Report – Councilman Kevin Smith reports:

- Supervisor Brooks attended the meeting for further discussion regarding STR moratorium. Discussion regarding extending the Moratorium into Spring/Summer.
- Andrew Kremer Frost Valley Road subdivision matter presented.
- Denning Double Bike/Hike event proposed for next year reviewed. Requesting more information from the sponsor. Discussion follows.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #12 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 38 – 40)

MVP Health Care, Inc.	12PP-38	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-13,654.03
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	12PP-39	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-665.80
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	12PP-40	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-939.85
		Grand Total:	-15,259.68

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #12, Voucher Nos. 128 - 140)

Advance Auto Parts	128	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-176.01
Applachee, LLC	129	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-15,932.55
Bottini Fuel Corporation	130	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-2,397.50
Callanan Industries, Inc.	131	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-3,565.76
FleetPride	132	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-161.98
H.O. Penn Machinery Co. Inc.	133	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-899.25
Health Care Reimburs. Acct	134	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-5,000.00
Home Depot Credit Services	135	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-37.72
Hudson River Truck & Trailer	136	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,534.43
Liberty Trading Post	137	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-16.96
North East Parts Group	138	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-264.82
Russell's Garage	139	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-2,741.59
Tolls by Mail	140	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-2.15
		Grand Total:	-32,730.72

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #12 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 93 - 98)

Central Hudson	12PP-93	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-59.69
Charter Communications	12PP-94	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-235.13
Elan Financial Services	12PP-95	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-1,132.92
MVP Health Care Inc.	12PP-96	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-12,659.00
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	12PP-97	A9030.8 · Social Security	-759.38
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	12PP-98	A9030.8 · Social Security	-284.91
		Grand Total:	-15,131.03

General Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #12, Voucher Nos. 147 - 167)

Bottini Fuel	147	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-316.09
Central Hudson	148	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-497.96
	149	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-368.77
	150	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-177.59
		Central Hudson Total:	-1,044.32
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	151	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-1,076.95
HealthCare Remiburse Account	152	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-5,000.00
Teri Lockhart, LLC	153	A1320.4 · Independent Auditing	-5,400.00
MVP Select Care Inc.	154	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-45.50
Joy Ann Monforte, Reimburse.	155	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-1,444.79
		A80104 · Zoning - Contractual Exp.	-61.60
		Joy Monforte Total:	-1,506.39
Power Generator Service, LLC	156	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-295.00
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-295.00
		Power Generator Service, LLC Total:	-590.00
QUILL CORP	157	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-58.32
	158	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-28.53
		Quill Corp. Total:	-86.85
Rondout Valley Vet. Associates	159	A3510.4 · Dog Control-Contractual	-133.92
Russell's Garage	160	A1640.4 · Central Garage Contractual	-364.50
Sullivan Overhead Doors	161	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-440.00
Sundown Methodist Church	162	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-500.00
Postmaster	163	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-198.00
UCRRA	164	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-2,577.53
VEO Energy Systems	165	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-722.39
Karl Von Hassel	166	A3620.4 · Safety Insp. - Contractual	-677.60
YE OLDE TV TOWNSMAN	167	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-194.00
		A5010.4 · Supt. Highway-Contractual	-26.00
		Total TV Townsman:	-220.00
		Grand Total:	(20,900.04)

Capital Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #12, Voucher Nos. - NONE)

Resolution No. 58 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 Pre-Pay Warrant No. 12 Voucher Nos. 38 - 40.

Highway Fund Warrant No. 12 Voucher Nos. 128 - 140.
General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 12 Voucher Nos. 93 – 98.
General Fund Warrant No. 12 Voucher Nos. 147 to 167.
Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 12 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 Kevin Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments:

- DCO vehicle repaired at Russell’s garage. Highway Superintendent Johnson will purchase new wipers for the vehicle.
- Recent issue regarding dog supposedly found in Denning and turned in to the Ulster County SPCA. Reported to Supervisor that it was picked up on Round Pond Road. When dog was retrieved and paperwork reviewed it was noted that the dog was reported found in Rosendale. DCO Jane Witthohn picked up the dog and arranged for adoption. All Denning Fees paid by adopter. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks has disputed “bill” to Denning with Ulster County SPCA.
- Supervisor Brooks has not had any further contact with Senator Oberacher regarding grant funds discussed at previous meeting.
- Supervisor Brooks notifies the Board that the 2026 Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5th at 10:00 am. No other matters will be before the Board at this meeting.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports that the last CWT meeting went into executive session. DEP agreement talks are ongoing. He will have more information next month after next CWT meeting.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports that there are a few matters before the Justice Court. Matter of 12 outstanding tickets for one gentleman who did not show up for his court date last session and the Judge issued a warrant for his arrest. Matter of a father and son hunting over a bait pile. Next court date is scheduled for December 17th.
- Councilman Mike Dean has no further comments.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no further comments.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Public Comments:

- Shandaken Deputy Supervisor Robert Drake thanks the Board for their time and if anyone has further questions for him or issues to discuss they should feel free to contact him. The Board thanks Mr. Drake for his presence and information.

Supervisor Brooks requests a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy A Parrow, Town Clerk, December 22nd, 2025.

The 2026 Town Board Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 starting at 6:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY.