

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, January 13, 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: Anthony Carminati and Matthew Miller

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. 27 of 2026, and the Budget vs. Actual for 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all Councilmen have read the December 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 Greg Vurckio, seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in favor.

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE	Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
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Councilman Gregory Vurckio	AYE	Councilman Scott Mickelson	AYE
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Supervisor David Brooks	AYE
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Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all Councilmen have read the January 5, 2026 Organizational Meeting 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 the organizational meeting minutes by Councilman Scott Mickelson, seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE	Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
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Councilman Gregory Vurckio	AYE	Councilman Scott Mickelson	AYE
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Supervisor David Brooks	AYE
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Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence – by Supervisor David Brooks.

- Annual Report for 2025 submitted by CEO/Building Inspector Karl Von Hassel for Board Member review.
- Letter from Justice Jonathan Follender advising that the Denning Justice Court's records and docket are available for audit in accordance with the Uniform Justice Court Act Section 2019-a. Supervisor Brooks requests a motion to audit the Justice Court records for 2025. Motion made by Councilman Mike Dean and seconded by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in Favor. Motion carried.
- Check received from NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance on 12/17/25 for Chips, PaveNY, POP, and WIRP in the amount of \$334,571.99 for 2025. Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson also comments that the Highway Budget also has a \$5,000.00 rollover from 2025 as well.
- Check received from Ulster County on 12/17/25 in the amount of \$7,118.58 for Mortgage tax from 4/1/25 to 9/30/25.

Town Board Discussion:

- Supervisor Brooks introduces Town Board Discussion of Short-Term Rental (STR) Moratorium currently in effect in Denning-Local Law No. 1 of 2025 - A Temporary Moratorium on STRs for the period February 11, 2025 to February 11, 2026. After discussion Supervisor Brooks and the Board agree that the Moratorium will be extended by Resolution at February's Town Board meeting so that all proposed amendments to the Zoning Law in regard to STRs can be completed and a Public Hearing can be held regarding this matter after the winter weather is over.

Highway Report: by Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.

- Highway Dept. has been dealing with a lot of plowing and sanding this month.
- Tree and debris clean up after storms.
- Patching bad spots on roads.
- Maintaining trucks between storms.
- Recently received delivery of sand and salt. Discussion follows.
- Metal dumpster was picked up but a replacement was not dropped off. Denning will receive a replacement of a smaller sized dumpster for metal on Thursday. 50-yard capacity.
- Discussion of ice issues during recent storms.
- Discussion of recent Ulster County bridge repair on Denning Road.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith.

- Ongoing discussion of proposed Bike/Hike Race named The Denning Double currently scheduled for Labor Day weekend 2026. The organizer provided some information stating that he has approximately 100 participants to date. Discussion follows.
- The Kremer subdivision proposal on Frost Valley Road will be a Major Subdivision.
- Further discussion regarding STR Moratorium and regulation amendments to Zoning Law. The Planning Board’s next meeting is Thursday, January 15th.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #1A Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 1APP 1 - 4)

MVP Health Care, Inc.	1APP-1	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-15,533.53
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	1APP-2	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-229.50
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	1APP-3	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-85.99
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	1APP-4	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-995.67
		Grand Total:	-16,844.69

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #1 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos 1PP 1 - 2)

Health Care Reimbursement Acct	1PP-1	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-5,000.00
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	1PP-2	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-1,222.87
		Grand Total:	-6,222.87

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #1A, Vouchers Nos. 1A- 1 - 13)

Aden Mining & Materials, Inc.	1A-1	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-3,620.45
Advance Auto Parts	1A-2	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,037.49
Appalchee, LLC	1A-3	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-8,059.75
Bottini Fuel Corporation	1A-4	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-5,165.76
Callanan Industries, Inc.	1A-5	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-2,009.02
FleetPride	1A-6	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-219.96
Home Depot Credit Services	1A-7	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-89.88
Hudson River Truck & Trailer	1A-8	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-129.89
Liberty Home & Garden	1A-9	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-200.00
Liberty Trading Post	1A-10	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-16.76
Tolls by Mail Pymt Proc. Center	1A-11	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-9.30
Robert Totten, Reim.	1A-12	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-189.99
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	1A-13	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-185.48
		Grand Total:	-20,933.73

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.

(See Warrant #1, Vouchers Nos. 1 - 4)

Callanan Industries, Inc.	1	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-1,724.67
NY Labor Law Poster Service	2	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-109.50
ShelterPoint Life Insurance Co.	3	DA90558 · Disability Ins.	-125.00
Thomson Reuters - West	4	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-384.00
		Grand Total:	-2,343.17

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #1A Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 1APP- 1 - 9)

Central Hudson - 1	1APP-1	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-73.75
Central Hudson - 2	1APP-2	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-617.03
	1APP-3	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-433.76
		Total Central Hudson 2-	-1,050.79
Charter Communications -1	1APP-4	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-133.97
Charter Communications -2	1APP-5	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-235.13
MVP Health Care Inc.	1APP-6	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-12,659.00
Sullivan Overhead Doors	1APP-7	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-104.82
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	1APP-8	A9030.8 · Social Security	-785.51
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	1APP-9	A9030.8 · Social Security	-341.23
		Grand Total:	\$15,384.20

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #1 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 1PP – 1 - 2)

HealthCare Reimbursement Acct	1PP-1	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-5,000.00
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	1PP-2	A9030.8 · Social Security	-293.45
		Grand Total:	-5,293.45

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #1A, Voucher Nos. 1A – 1 - 14)

Bottini Fuel	1A-1	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-1,112.85
	1A-2	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-1,104.74
		Bottini Fuel:	-2,217.59
Central Hudson	1A-3	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-181.93
e-Nable Business Solutions	1A-4	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-122.50
ES11, LLC	1A-5	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-215.00
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	1A-6	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-1,136.95
Town of Neversink	1A-7	A3510.4 · Dog Control-Contractual	-210.00
Nancy Parrow	1A-8	A80104 · Zoning - Contractual Exp.	-200.00
	1A-8	A8020.4 · Planning-Contractual	-400.00
	1A-9	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-195.16
		Nancy Parrow Total:	-795.16
Alleymor Inc. DBA Pestmaster Services	1A-10	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-85.00
	1A-11	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-85.00
	1A-12	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-85.00
		Alleymor Inc. DBA Pestmaster Services Total:	-255.00
UCRRA	1A-13	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-2,605.90
YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN	1A-14	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-120.00
		Grand Total:	(7,860.03)

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #1, Voucher Nos. 1 - 9)

Charter Communications	1	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-133.97
Hudson Archival	2	A1460.4 · Records Mgmt - Contractual	-100.75
Cindy Mickelson, Reim.	3	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-78.00
Association of Towns	4	A1920.4 · Municipal Association Dues	-900.00
NY Planning Federation	5	A1920.4 · Municipal Association Dues	-295.00
QUILL CORP	6	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-38.27
	7	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-200.60
	8	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-728.87
		Quill Corp. Total:	-967.74
Systems East, Inc.	9	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-135.00
UC Assessor's Association	10	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-85.00
		Grand Total:	(2,695.46)

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #1, Voucher Nos. None)

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

Resolution No. 27 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. 1APP voucher Nos.1 – 4.
- Highway Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 1PP voucher Nos.1 – 2.
- Highway Fund Warrant No. 1A voucher Nos.1 - 13.
- Highway Fund Warrant No. 1 voucher Nos.1 - 4
- General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 1APP voucher Nos.1 - 9
- General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 1PP voucher Nos.1 - 2
- General Fund Warrant No. 1A voucher Nos. 1 - 14
- General Fund Warrant No. 1 voucher Nos. 1 - 9
- Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 1 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.

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks thanks Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio for running the Organizational meeting on January 5th, 2026.
- Supervisor Brooks informs the Board that the Resolution for transfers for the 2025 Budget will be done at the February 2026 meeting.
- Dan VanSaders is now the R&R Center Manager and is doing very well. Shed is cleaned up and painted and sales of permits are going well. New permit spreadsheet system is working and the Town Clerk keeps the Manager up to date on 2026 permit holders.
- Supervisor Brooks introduces Board discussion of an additional monthly Business meeting for a more detailed audit of bills and payments. Discussion follows. It

is agreed that the Board will meet at Town Hall at 1:00 pm on the same day each month as the Regular Town Board Meeting that is held at 6:00 pm. The 1:00 pm Business meeting is open to the Public and no other business will be before the Board at that 1 pm meeting except the audit of bills. Supervisor Brooks notes that the Organizational Meeting Resolution regarding Town Board meeting dates and times will be amended to reflect this. Motion to add additional Monthly Business Meeting made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio informs the Board regarding the last CWT meeting discussion of fourth supplement side agreement among West of Hudson Watershed stakeholders on or about November 25th 2025. A few points of the Agreement:
 - Reduction in the City's land acquisition program.
 - The City has renewed its commitment to watershed programs.
 - Agreed to fund new initiatives for waste water treatment plants.
 - Fund a program for CWC to help WWTP operators deal with DEP on future upgrades.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports that two cases were on the docket in Court today and both were postponed. The next Court date is scheduled for January 27th. Councilman Mickelson also notes that the Town Hall parking lot lines and pavement markings are very faded already. Supervisor Brooks will call and have it repainted when warmer weather returns.
- Councilman Mike Dean notes that in his review of the Building Department Annual Report for 2025 there were no entries for Frost Valley. Discussion follows. Councilman Dean asks Highway Superintendent Johnson about storage of the tractor. Superintendent Johnson states they made room for it in the garage until Spring when a decision can be made about where to store it. Councilman Dean also noted that there was some damage to the salt shed. Superintendent Johnson said that a truck delivery caused some broken boards and will keep an eye on the matter.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no further comments.

Supervisor Brooks calls Public Comments:

- Tony Carminati thanks the Board for the Cold War Veteran's exemption and states that he has been attending School Board meetings regarding that matter. Mr. Carminati also thanks the Highway Dept. for their tireless work keeping the roads clear during this snowy and icy winter.
- Matthew Miller is a new property owner on Red Hill and is present at the meeting to introduce himself and meet the Board. Short discussion with Superintendent Johnson regarding proposed driveway on his property.

No further Councilman comments or Public Comments.

Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 6:55 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, January 23, 2026.

The next Town Business meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday February 10th 2026 at the Denning Town Hall, and the next Town Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY.