

## **TOWN OF DENNING TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.  
Held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks, Councilman Gregory Vurckio, Councilman Mike Dean, Councilman Kevin Smith, Councilman Scott Mickelson and Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.

No Public Present

The only order of Business at this meeting is the Audit of Highway and General Vouchers for the month of June 2026.

June 2026 Highway Vouchers presented to the Board by Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.

June 2026 General Vouchers presented to the Board by Supervisor David Brooks.

Review and discussion of all Vouchers.

Resolution No. 39 of 2026 - Approval and Payment of Highway and General Vouchers will be voted on at the Regular Meeting of the Town Board this date at 6:00 pm.

Supervisor David Brooks requests a Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting. Councilman Scott Mickelson motions to adjourn the Business Meeting at 1:20 pm, seconded by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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Public Present: Ian Huttar and Matthew Mueller

Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Clerk provided all Board members with a copy of the Agenda and Resolutions Nos. 39 through 41, and the Budget vs. Actual through May 2026.

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 Gregory Vurckio.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE

Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Councilman Scott Mickelson AYE

Motion carried.

Ian Huttar is present as a prospective new Planning Board member for the remainder of term of Travis Coddington who resigned in May 2025. Mr. Huttar introduces himself to the Board and thanks them for their consideration. Discussion follows.

Correspondence:

- Letter of Interest received from Ian Huttar regarding the vacant position on the Planning Board.
- Resignation letter received from Jane Witthohn, Denning's Dog Control Officer, effective as soon as a replacement is appointed. A prospective replacement is coming in on Monday to speak with the Supervisor regarding the position. Discussion follows.
- Letter from NYS DOT outlining 2026/2027 CHIPS funding.
- Request for donation for the Giant Pumpkin Party 2026 Booklet. Supervisor Brooks asks for Board approval to purchase a ¼ page ad for \$45.00. All in Favor. Approved.
- June donation check received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$8,300.00. The Town Board expresses thanks to CEO Riel Peerbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their continued support.
- Check received from Ulster County Dept. of Finance for \$16,099.40 for quarterly collection of sales tax January to March 2026 collected March to May 2026.
- Check received from Weitsman Shredding for metal collection at the Transfer Station in the amount of \$631.41. Discussion follows regarding smaller dumpster for metal working well.

Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- NYS DOT letter received outlining 2026/2027 CHIPS funding as follows:
  - \$ 5,107.75 rollover from 2025/2026
  - \$225,468.90 - CHIPS
  - \$ 43,939.41 - PAVE-NY
  - \$ 37,360.54 - EWR (extreme winter recovery)
  - \$ 29,292.94 - POP (pave our potholes)

TOTAL: \$341,169.54

Not much increase in CHIPS, but increases in the other reimbursements. Discussion follows.

- Highway Superintendent Johnson introduces discussion regarding the current 1999 CAT Loader issues and possible replacement. Discussion follows regarding brand options, downsizing, prices, funding for purchase and compiling and researching bids.
- Highway dept. has been grading Town dirt roads. Two more to finish at this time.
- Weed trimming around bridges and road signs completed.
- Preparing select roads for chip sealing.
- Clean up and tree cutting after recent storm.
- Will send crew out to mark potential issues before Tyler starts mowing so as not to wreck blades.
- Supervisor Brooks asks about status of rented roller. Superintendent Johnson reports that it is working well. Discussion follows regarding current rental, possible purchase or lease information.

Planning Board report from Councilman Kevin Smith:

- There was no quorum for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Board meeting.

- The next Planning Board meeting has been postponed from June 18<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup> to accommodate Chairman Joseph Sibiga being unavailable for the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Supervisor Brooks states his intention to be present on the 25<sup>th</sup> for STR regulation discussion and looking to finalize updates to STR Zoning which has to be completed by August.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.  
(See Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 16 - 18)

<b>MVP Health Care, Inc.</b>	<b>6PP-16</b>	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-14,649.06
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-17</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-666.90
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-18</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-911.37
<b>Grand Total:</b>			<b>-16,227.33</b>

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.  
(See Warrant #6, Vouchers Nos. 55 - 64)

<b>Advance Auto Parts</b>	<b>55</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-107.66
<b>ALL GAS &amp; WELDING</b>	<b>56</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-151.10
<b>Bottini Fuel Corporation</b>	<b>57</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-2,810.31
<b>Callanan Industries, Inc.</b>	<b>58</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-2,694.55
<b>H.O. Penn Machinery Co. Inc.</b>	<b>59</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-270.81
<b>Deere Credit Inc.</b>	<b>60</b>	DA97856 · Installment Purchase Debt	-35,718.76
	<b>60</b>	DA97857 · Install. Lease Debt - Interest	-293.38
<b>Deer Credit Inc. Total:</b>			<b>-36,012.14</b>
<b>Monticello Black Top Corp.</b>	<b>61</b>	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-492.31
<b>North East Parts Group</b>	<b>62</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-59.92
<b>Tractor Supply Credit Plan</b>	<b>63</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-11.86
<b>Woods Repair Service</b>	<b>64</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-157.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>			<b>(42,767.66)</b>

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #6 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 36 - 47)

<b>Central Hudson</b>	<b>6PP-36</b>	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-52.34
	<b>6PP-37</b>	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-195.57
	<b>6PP-38</b>	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-378.54
	<b>6PP-39</b>	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-306.04
<b>Central Hudson Total:</b>			<b>-932.49</b>
<b>Charter Communications</b>	<b>6PP-40</b>	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-270.86
<b>Elan Financial Services</b>	<b>6PP-41</b>	A1110.2 · Town Justice - Equipment	-816.97
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-196.98
		A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-9.45
		A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-99.50
		A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-155.84
<b>Elan Total:</b>			<b>-1,278.74</b>
<b>MVP Health Care Inc.</b>	<b>6PP-42</b>	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-12,659.00
<b>QUILL CORP</b>	<b>6PP-43</b>	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-69.99
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCT - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-44</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-784.19
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCT - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-45</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-76.50
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCT - FICA</b>	<b>6PP-46</b>	A9030.8 · Social Security	-293.46
<b>Grahamsville Fire Department</b>	<b>6PP-47</b>	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-75.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>			<b>(16,440.23)</b>

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #6, Voucher Nos. 70 - 84)

<b>Appraisal Affiliates, Inc.</b>	<b>70</b>	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-800.00
<b>Central Hudson</b>	<b>71</b>	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-189.05
<b>ES11, LLC</b>	<b>72</b>	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-160.00

Jonathan Follender, Reim.	73	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-1,230.45
William Geelan	74	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
Leonard Johnson	75	A5010.4 · Supt. Highway-Contractual	-477.00
MVP Select Care Inc.	76	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-45.50
Joy Monforte, Reimbursement	77	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-1,733.19
Office of the State Comptroller	78	A690 · Overpayment & Clearing Account	-285.00
Jon Parrow	79	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
QUILL CORP	80	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-41.98
	80	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-58.42
	81	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-127.49
		Quill Total:	-227.89
Judith A. Sorice	82	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-75.00
UCRRA	83	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-3,167.34
YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN	84	A1330.4 · Tax Collector-Contractual	-90.00
	84	A80104 · Zoning - Contractual Exp.	-101.00
		Townsmen Total:	-191.00
		Grand Total:	(8,731.42)

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #6, Voucher Nos. None)

### Resolution No. 39 of 2026

**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. 6PP Voucher Nos. 16 – 18.  
Highway Fund Warrant No. 6 Voucher Nos. 55 - 64.  
General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 6PP Voucher Nos. 36 - **47**.  
General Fund Warrant No. 6 Voucher Nos. 70 - 84.  
Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 6 Vouchers - None.

**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 Mike Dean.

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. 40 of 2026

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Denning was granted a 2025-2026 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant from the State of New York, and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Denning was approved to purchase a Copy Machine / Printer for \$719.99, and a Paper Shredder for \$199.99 through this Grant, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to appropriate \$919.98 to A1110.2 Justice Equipment Account, and \$919.98 to Revenue Account A3021 State Aid, Court Facilities.

**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. 41 of 2026**

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law §271 authorizes the Town Board to appoint members to the Planning Board, and

**WHEREAS** New York State Town Law §64 Subdivision 5 confers specific authority on Town Boards to fill vacancies in Town Offices, and

**WHEREAS** Travis Coddington submitted his resignation as a Planning Board member in May of 2025 and the Town of Denning Town Board seeks to fill the vacancy created, **THEREBY** maintaining a full Planning Board membership.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that upon receiving a Letter of Interest to become a member of the Planning Board, Ian Huttar is **HEREBY** appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board for a remainder of term appointment ending 12/31/2031.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a constitutional Oath Of Office is to be filed with the Denning Town Clerk.

**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.

### **Supervisor Comments: David Brooks reports:**

- Discussion of coverage for the Transfer Station during Manager Dan VanSaders upcoming time off June 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Information received from NYS ORPTS regarding equalization rate going down indicating taxes will go up. Discussion follows.
- Discussion regarding highway equipment storage.
- Sundown Stream Project / Peekamoose Road. No further info received as of this date.
- Claryville/Denning Septic Maintenance District will have 18 systems inspected with possible pump outs at the end of June. Mitch Hull of the CWC to call with dates.
- Funding is available through the Rondout/Neversink Stream Program regarding certain projects but it takes 3 years to go through the application process and there is a lot of paperwork. Discussion follows.

- NYC DEP reported to Supervisor Brooks regarding an investigation on Voss Road. Discussion follows.
- Organization called Friends of the Upper Delaware River approved installation of a box culvert at Fur Brook on Baisley Road. Supervisor Brooks will be contacted through a Zoom meeting to confirm information.
- Call was made to property manager of home on Porcupine Road regarding large gathering at an un-permitted short-term rental (STR) property. The property is also not registered with Ulster County for hotel/motel tax at this time. Supervisor Brooks to contact the property owner in regard to current STR regulations regarding maximum number of guests allowed at permitted STRs in Denning.
- Supervisor Brooks reports on a lengthy discussion he had with Judge Follender regarding current issues. The Judge has participated in CAP Court for some time now and is not a fan. The judges do get paid to sit on it above and beyond what they receive from their towns. Discussion follows. Judge Follender also asked Supervisor Brooks about the possibility of a day during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend to have Court set up at the Sundown Church Hall for immediate arraignments if needed for Peekamoose / Blue Hole issues. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks will need to follow up with Forest Rangers and DEC to make arrangements.

#### **Councilmen Comments:**

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports that there was no meeting last month and he will not be attending this month's meeting due to other obligations.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reported on the Justice Court. Next Court date is tomorrow, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Bench warrant issued on the only matter pending in the Court at this time. Supervisor Brooks reports that there was damage to the parking lot at Peekamoose / Blue Hole. Unsure if the matter will be before the Denning Justice Court. Discussion follows.
- Councilman Mike Dean reports that there were multiple cars and tents set up at what used to be known as the Denning Campground recently. He was on his way out of town and when he arrived back home everything was cleared out. He reports that camping is prohibited at that location. Supervisor Brooks will check with the Ranger. Councilman Dean also asks if any start date has been communicated regarding the stream restoration on Denning Road by Tison. Highway Superintendent Johnson states that he was contacted by the Baker Brothers regarding stockpiling materials but there has been no further information conveyed or activity started.
- Councilman Kevin Smith asks if anyone figured out who sponsored the bicycle race that went around the Red Hill area the previous weekend. There is no information regarding same. There was no permit application received by the Planning Board and it is noted that it is illegal to spray paint markings on the roadways in Denning.

#### **Public Comments:**

- Matthew Mueller is present to thank Highway Superintendent Johnson regarding his driveway and culvert installation. Everything is going well. Mr. Mueller also asks about the water that comes from the Spring on Red Hill. Discussion follows. He and his family are planning to be in Town quite a bit this summer.

Supervisor Brooks asks if there are any further Public Comments or Councilman Comments. There are none.

**Motion to adjourn the Town Board** meeting at 6:50 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, June 15, 2026.

The next Town Business meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall, and the next Town Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY.