

Denning Town Board Meeting Agenda

August 11th, 2026



Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Accept and Approve last month's Minutes.

Correspondence

Committee Reports:

- Highway- Supt. Of Highways Leonard Johnson.
- Planning Board – Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith

Order of Business:

- Resolution No. 45 of 2026 Approval of Payment for Hwy. & General Vouchers
- Resolution No. 46 of 2026 Introduction of Local Law No. 1 of 2026 Titled: Tax Levy Override.
- Resolution No. 47 of 2026 Justice Court Grant Approval.
- Resolution No. 48 of 2026 Proposed Resolution petitioning the Ulster County Executive and the Ulster County Legislature to establish critical public safety communication tower infrastructure within the Town of Denning.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meetings:

Town Board **Business Meeting** at the Denning Town Hall 1:00 PM Wednesday, 9/9/26.

Town Board Meeting at the Denning Town Hall 6:00 PM Wednesday, 9/9/26.

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Resolution No. 45 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. 8 Vouchers.

Highway Fund Warrant No. 8 Vouchers.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 8 Vouchers.

General Fund Warrant No. 8 Vouchers.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers Warrant No. 8 Vouchers.

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Resolution No. 46 of 2026

WHEREAS New York State Town Law §64-3 permits local governments to adopt laws concerning the property, affairs or government of the Town, and General Municipal Law 3c allows an override to the tax levy limit. And

WHEREAS the Tax Override Law is a budgetary tool authorized and mandated for use by New York State, And

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board intends to keep its financial obligations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** approves Resolution No. 46 of 2026 formally introducing Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026, Titled: Tax Levy Limit Override.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing be held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting at the Denning Town Hall to commence at 6 pm.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that if SAID Tax Cap Override is not needed then Local Law No. 1 of 2026 will be **RESCINDED**, by resolution as required by New York State law.

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Resolution No. 47 of 2026

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Justice Court is soliciting the Denning Town Board for support and authorization in the application of a Grant from the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS the Town of Denning has complied with the governor's Tax Cap Law, thereby limiting spending.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** that the Board of the Town of Denning authorizes the Denning Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2026-27 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH CRITICAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION TOWER INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE TOWN OF DENNING

WHEREAS, the Denning Town Board commends the County for modernizing its safety tower infrastructure to protect local residents;

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning is situated in a rugged, remote, and mountainous region of Ulster County characterized by vast tracts of state forest preserve, narrow valleys, and heavily wooded terrain that inherently create severe communication barriers; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning experiences massive and recurrent seasonal visitor influxes, drawing tens of thousands of recreationalists, hikers, and campers to regional destinations including the Frost Valley YMCA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Peekamoose Blue Hole, the Slide Mountain Trail, and the historic Red Hill Fire Tower; and

WHEREAS, these high-volume visitor and backcountry visitation areas routinely suffer from complete cellular blackout and reliable radio frequency dead zones, severely delaying emergency response times and endangering the lives of both stranded visitors and local volunteer first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning hosts critical technological infrastructure vital to regional safety and scientific monitoring, including critical NYS Mesonet weather stations and United States Geological Survey water monitoring stations, which require uninterrupted, real-time data transmission and robust telemetry links that are compromised by inadequate local communication frameworks; and

WHEREAS, the extreme vulnerability of the region's vast wildlands was starkly demonstrated by the Sundown-Whitehouse wildfires of 2024, during which local, county, and state firefighting forces faced extreme communications failures while trying to coordinate rapid mutual aid and public evacuation warnings in rugged terrain; and

WHEREAS, reliable public safety communication infrastructure is a foundational requirement to safeguard human life, protect property, coordinate multi-agency emergency operations, and secure vital environmental and meteorological data streams against future natural disasters;

WHEREAS, Denning is fully ready for tower construction, backed by existing zoning laws for wireless telecommunications facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Denning hereby formally petition the Ulster County Executive and the Ulster County Legislature to prioritize the siting, funding, and construction of dedicated public safety communication towers within the geographic boundaries of the Town of Denning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Denning is directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Ulster County Executive and members of the Ulster County Legislature.

Motion made by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

- Supervisor: _____
- Council Member: _____
- Council Member: _____
- Council Member: _____
- Council Member: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I, _____, Town Clerk of the Town of Denning, Ulster County, New York, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Denning on the ____ day of _____, 2026, a quorum being present and voting.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Denning this ____ day of _____, 2026.