

TOWN OF DENNING TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday, September 9th, 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

Meeting called to order at 12:55 pm by Supervisor David Brooks. The only order of Business at this meeting is the Audit of Highway and General Vouchers for the month of September 2026.

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

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

Review and discussion of all Vouchers.

Resolution No. 49 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 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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Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.

Held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks, Councilman Gregory Vurckio, Councilman Mike Dean, Councilman Kevin Smith, Councilman Scott Mickelson.

Absent: Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson

Public Present: No Public Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing is called to order at 6:10 pm. The Public Hearing regarding Local Law No. 1 of 2026-Tax Levy Override is opened by Supervisor Brooks who notes that there is no Public present for questions or comments.

Supervisor Brooks states that this law is a budgetary tool and Denning has used it every year since he has been Supervisor. It is put in place at this time in case it is needed during the Budget adoption process. Supervisor Brooks explains that it will most probably be needed this year in case costs go above what is expected as the Budget is being created. Certain costs increase tremendously each year, such as health insurance and retirement. This year the Sundown Fire Protection District budgetary needs are expected to increase significantly. It is getting more and more difficult to stay under the tax cap with rising costs. Supervisor Brooks asks if there are any questions or comments regarding Local Law #1 of 2026 from the Town Board. There are none.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:15 pm made by Councilman Scott Mickelson and Seconded by Councilman Kevin Smith. All In Favor. Motion passed.

The Town Clerk provided all Board members with a copy of the Agenda and Resolutions Nos. 49 through 52, and the Budget vs. Actual through August 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.

Correspondence:

- Notification to the Town Board by Town Clerk Nancy Parrow regarding upcoming medical leave starting Thursday September 17th and returning on Tuesday October 13th, 2026. Deputy Clerk Erica Benvenuto will be filling in at Town Hall for regular business hours while Mrs. Parrow is out. Notary Public services will NOT be available during this time and certain Town Hall services might be limited. The Public is encouraged to call Town Hall at 845-985-2411 prior to visiting.
- Email received from Brenden at Rondout-Neversink Stream Program regarding status of the Riley Brook project. Discussion follows.
- Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson delivered CHIPS documentation for Town Board review. Discussion follows.
- Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson delivered 284 Agreement for Town Board review. Discussion follows. The Board approved and signed all necessary documentation.
- Check received from NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance regarding LGTMA (Local Government Temporary Municipal Assistance) check in the amount of \$19,278.00.
- July and August donation checks received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$8,300.00 each. 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 \$20,057.06 for quarterly collection of sales tax April to June 2026 collected June to August 2026.

Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Highway Superintendent Johnson is not present at tonight's meeting.

Planning Board report from Councilman Kevin Smith:

- Councilman Smith reports that he did not attend the August 20th meeting but confirmed that Deputy Town Clerk Erica Benvenuto attended and took minutes.
- It was reported that the Planning Board reviewed the Draft STR amendments and approved them.
- It was reported that a Notification of Logging Operation for the Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club, Inc. SBL: 41.-1-40 @ Round Pond Road was received. \$100.00 fee paid and Proof of Liability Coverage provided.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.

(See Warrant #9 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 27 - 29)

Trust & Agency Acct - FICA	9PP-27	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-755.27
MVP Health Care, Inc.	9PP-28	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-15,699.37
Trust & Agency Acct - FICA	9PP-29	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-742.42
		Grand Total:	-17,197.06

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #9, Vouchers Nos. 85 - 91)

Bottini Fuel Corporation	85	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-3,137.77
FleetPride	86	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-234.87
H.O. Penn Machinery Co Inc.	87	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-36.41
Monticello Black Top Corp.	88	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-3,428.51
Robert Green, Inc.	89	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-286.71
Tolls by Mail	90	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-1.23
United Ag & Turf	91	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,730.51
		Grand Total:	-8,856.01

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #9 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 70 - 78)

Elan Financial Services	9PP-75	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-58.09
MVP Health Care Inc.	9PP-76	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-12,659.00
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	9PP-77	A9030.8 · Social Security	-790.99
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	9PP-78	A9030.8 · Social Security	-293.46
		Grand Total:	-14,877.25

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #9, Voucher Nos. 106 - 111)

Central Hudson	9PP-70	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-35.01
	9PP-71	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-274.05
	9PP-72	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-392.23
		Central Hudson Total:	-701.29
Charter Communications	9PP-73	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-271.32
Commissioner of Tax & Finance	9PP-74	A1110.2 · Town Justice - Equipment	-103.10
Elan Financial Services	9PP-75	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-58.09
MVP Health Care Inc.	9PP-76	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-12,659.00
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	9PP-77	A9030.8 · Social Security	-790.99
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Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #9, 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. 49 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 Prep-Pay Warrant No. 9-PP, Voucher Nos. 27 - 29.

Highway Fund Warrant No. 9, Voucher Nos. 85 - 91.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 9-PP, Voucher Nos. 70 - 78.

General Fund Warrant No.9, Voucher Nos. 106 - 111.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers Warrant No. 9 Vouchers - None.

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 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. 50 of 2026

WHEREAS General Municipal Law 3c allows an override to the tax levy limit; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning Town Board has intentions of fulfilling its financial obligations; and

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

WHEREAS a PUBLIC HEARING was held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 regarding Local Law No. 1 of 2026; and

WHEREAS any and all interested person(s) were heard,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Denning Town Board **HEREBY** adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2026 titled: Tax Levy Limit Override, which is to take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State; and

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.

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. 51 of 2026

WHEREAS The Town of Denning with the County of Ulster adopted the Ulster County EMS Stabilization and Enhancement Plan, supporting enhancing the provisions of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and

WHEREAS the County is providing the amount of \$10,157.69 in financial assistance to the Town. Those funds will be paid to the Grahamsville Ambulance Corp.

NOW THEREFORE be it **RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to increase Revenue Account A3489 State Aid/Other Health by \$10,157.69, and to increase Expenditure Account A4540.4 Emergency Services/Contractual Expense by \$10,157.69.

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. 52 of 2026

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning has been notified that the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding from the NYSDoT for the fiscal year 2026 will be in the amount of \$225,468.90 plus a rollover balance of \$5,107.75 for the 2026/2026 CHIPS Program, and the PAVENY Apportionment will be \$43,939.41; and the EWR, (Extreme Winter Recovery) apportionment will be \$37,360.54; together with POP (Patch Our Potholes) apportionment will be \$29,292.94 making the total funding amount \$341,169.54 for the year 2025. And as

The 2026 Budget has appropriated \$250,000.00, an additional \$91,169.54 needs to be appropriated to the 2026 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** authorizes the Supervisor to increase State Aid (CHIPS) DA3501 and Appropriation Improvement of Roads, (CHIPS) DA5112.2 in the amount of \$91,169.54.

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.

Supervisor Comments: David Brooks reports:

- Supervisor Brooks confirms that the Planning Board members and Town Board members have reviewed the draft STR amendments. Discussion follows regarding review of amendments, scheduling Public Hearing issues, posting the draft amendments on the website for public review before Hearing, etc. The Public Hearing date will be discussed and set at the October Town Board meeting.
- Supervisor Brooks had a phone conversation with Ulster County Sheriff regarding scheduled patrols for the weekends regarding motorcycle and car groups speeding on the Frost Valley Road and Peekamoose Road.
- Supervisor Brooks reports he signed the contracts for the CWC Peekamoose Road Stabilization Project and mailed them back for completion this date.

- Supervisor Brooks reports on FUDR (Friends of the Upper Delaware River) grant funding for box culvert on Furbrook. There may be additional work done near Buckaroo camp stream possibly next year. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks discusses his initial meeting with the Town Auditor, Teri Lockhart, is set for tomorrow regarding the 2027 Budget. He requests input from the Board Members present regarding setting the date for the 2027 Budget Workshop. After short discussion it is decided that the 2027 Budget Workshop will be held following the next Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports the August CWT meeting was cancelled. No further comments.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports that there have been no Justice Court sessions since August 6th, 2026. No further comments.
- Councilman Mike Dean has no further comments.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no further comments.

Public Comments:

- No Public is present.

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

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 A Parrow, Town Clerk, September 14th, 2026.

The next Town Business meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday October 14th, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall, and the next Town Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday October 14th, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY.