TOWN OF DENNING TOWN BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday, November 10th, 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 1:00 pm by Supervisor David Brooks. The only order of Business at this meeting is the Audit of Highway, General and Sewer District Vouchers for the month of November 2026.

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

November 2026 General and Sewer District Vouchers presented to the Board by Supervisor David Brooks.

Review and discussion of all Vouchers.

Resolution No. 55 of 2026 - Approval and Payment of Highway, General and Sewer District 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 Gregory Vurckio motions to adjourn the Business Meeting at 1:28 pm, seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.

TOWN OF DENNING
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday, November 10th, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall.

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor David Brooks. Held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor David Brooks
Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Scott Mickelson.
Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.
Public Present: Matthew Mueller, Robert Strickland and Dr. Joseph Lloyd, Superintendent TVCS

Supervisor Brooks calls to order the **Town of Denning 2027 Budget Public Hearing.** Supervisor Brooks conducts a general review with the Board and states that the Town did have to override the tax cap. Overall increase for 2027 is 3.5%. Denning is again running a bare bones budget with minimal raises. Increase accounted for by health insurance, NYS Retirement, and a significant increase in the Grahamsville Fire Dept. budget for the Sundown Fire Protection District.

Supervisor Brooks requests comments and questions from the Board. There are none. Supervisor Brooks requests comments and questions from the Public. Mr. Mueller commented on the fact that the 3.5% increase for 2027 is lower than the 4.7% increase from last year and asked what had contributed to that. Supervisor Brooks suggested that it could be due to the increased revenue from sales tax. Discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks asks for any other questions or comments. There are none.

Motion to adjourn the 2027 Budget Public Hearing at 6:07 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Brooks calls the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:08 pm. The Town Clerk provided all Board members with a copy of the Agenda and Resolutions No. 55, and the Budget vs. Actual through October 2026. The Board members were also provided with a copy of the Preliminary 2027 Budget.

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
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE
Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio AYE
Councilman Scott Mickelson AYE
Supervisor David Brooks AYE
Motion carried.

Correspondence – by Supervisor Brooks:

- Check received from the Frost Valley YMCA for the November donation in the amount of $8,300.00. 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 Jenny Lee regarding cell and emergency service towers update. A company called Goosetown that owns towers in Ulster County has expressed interest in Denning coverage gaps. Verizon is also open to considering additional towers which is a change from their earlier position. Jenny Lee states she will try to attend the Denning December Town Board meeting possibly with a representative from Goosetown. Discussion follows.
- Letter received from NYS Agriculture & Markets office regarding the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed on 10-16-26. Dog shelter services were rated "Satisfactory".
- Notification from the Ulster County legislature regarding mortgage tax for Denning in the amount of $6,734.74. Payment to be mailed asap.
- Supervisor Brooks confirms that the contract has been fully signed with the CWC for the Peekamoose Road armoring. Discussion follows regarding scheduling.
- Letter received from the NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation office confirming that the Forstmann Castle at the Frost Valley YMCA has been listed on the NYS Register of Historic Places and has also been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places making the castle eligible for grants.
- Contract with the Grahamsville Fire Department for the Sundown Protection District is finalized and fully-signed for the year 2027. There will be negotiations again next year.

Supervisor Brooks introduced Dr. Joseph Lloyd, TVCS District's new Superintendent. Dr. Lloyd is attending the meeting to introduce himself to Board Members and the Public and looks forward to working with the Highway Superintendent regarding winter weather road status updates during the school year and to answer any questions from the Board or residents. Brief discussion follows regarding school taxes and the difference between the Towns that make up the TVCS District. Supervisor Brooks and the Board sincerely thank Dr. Lloyd for travelling to Claryville to attend the board meeting.

Highway Report - Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Equipment Maintenance performed and all trucks are prepared for winter weather and plowing operations.
- During the recent good weather crew continued to clear ditches and remove leaves using blower across the Claryville area specifically New Hill, Red Hill and Denning roads.
- Salt prices have gone sky high, and Ulster County gave Denning 100 tons and delivered it last week. Discussion follows regarding salt storage and purchase.
- Discussion follows regarding Highway budget and Chips funding. The proposed purchase of pick-up truck has to wait until next year's budget for funding.

- Further discussion regarding winter weather preparedness.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison, Councilman Kevin Smith:

- New subdivision proposal presented for property of Fred VanWagner by Tony Siciliano, Surveyor.
- Huttar Lot Line matter finalized.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #11 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 33 - 36)

Health Care Reimburs. Acct	**11PP-33**	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care, Inc.	**11PP-34**	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-14,978.12
Trust & Agency Acct - FICA	**11PP-35**	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-570.80
Trust & Agency Acct - FICA	**11PP-36**	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-507.22
		Grand Total:	-18,556.14

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #11, Vouchers Nos. 107 - 118)

Aden Mining & Materials, Inc.	**107**	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-5,133.50
Apalachee, LLC	**108**	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-11,764.22
Advance Auto Parts	**109**	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-87.50
H.O. Penn Machinery Co. Inc.	**110**	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-478.80
Health Care Reimbursement Acct	**111**	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-2,500.00
Home Depot Credit Services	**112**	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-286.03
NYS & Local Retirement	**113**	DA90108 · NYS Retirement System	-42,541.00
North East Parts Group	**114**	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-549.45
Partners In Safety, Inc.	**115**	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-510.00
Robert Green Auto & Truck Inc.	**116**	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-26.00
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	**117**	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-39.40
United Ag & Turf	**118**	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-410.88
		Grand Total:	-64,326.78

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #11 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 92 - 98)

Central Hudson	**11PP-92**	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-35.01
Charter Communications	**11PP-93**	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-272.43
HealthCare Reimbursement Acct	**11PP-94**	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-2,500.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	**11PP-95**	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-14,874.48
Red Hill Services, LLC	**11PP-96**	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-9,700.00
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	**11PP-97**	A9030.8 · Social Security	-795.17
TRUST & AGENCY ACCT - FICA	**11PP-98**	A9030.8 · Social Security	-293.46
		Grand Total:	-28,470.55

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #11, Voucher Nos. 123 - 137)

Central Hudson	**123**	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-409.51
	124	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-494.94
	125	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-204.29
		Central Hudson Total:	-1,108.74
Charter Communications	**126**	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-154.61
Coalition of Watershed Towns	**127**	A1989.4 · UDC Rep - Contractual	-525.00
ES11, LLC	**128**	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-867.50
Wapner, Koplovitz & Futerfas	**129**	A1420.4 · Attorney - Contractual	-120.00
HealthCare Reimbursement Acct	**130**	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-2,500.00
MVP Select Care Inc.	**131**	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-48.75
Miguel Martinez-Riddle	**132**	A3620.4 · Safety Insp. - Contractual	-565.00

Cindy Mickelson, Reim.	**133**	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-82.00
NYS & Local Retirement System	**134**	A9010.8 · NYS Retirement System	-23,509.00
QUILL CORP	**135**	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-119.73
UCRRA	**136**	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-2,973.93
YE OLDE TV TOWNSMAN	**137**	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-45.00
	137	A1355.4 · Tax Assessor-Contractual	-45.00
		Townsman Total:	-90.00
		Grand Total	-32,664.26

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #11, Voucher No. - 2)

Wind River Environmental	**2**	A8130.2 · Sew Treat & Disp/Capital Outlay	-8,778.33

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

Resolution No. 55 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. 11 Voucher Nos. 33 – 36.
Highway Fund Warrant No. 11, Voucher Nos. 107 - 118.
General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 11 Voucher Nos. 92 - 98.
General Fund Warrant No. 11 Voucher Nos. 123 - 137.
Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 11 Voucher No. 2.

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 Brooks asks if there are any other questions or comments on the Preliminary 2027 Budget. The Town Board members respond that there are no issues. Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to Adopt and Approve the **2027 Budget of the Town of Denning.**

WHEREUPON a Motion was made by Councilman Mike Dean and seconded by Councilman Kevin Smith to Approve and Adopt the 2027 Budget of the Town of Denning, which was then put to a vote and recorded as follows:

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.

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Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Brooks has no additional comments.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio reports on CWT meeting 10-19-26:
  - CWT elections had two ties, one in Ulster and one in Delaware counties. Ulster County tie was resolved with Robert Drake dropping out after discussion leaving David Ettinger with the position. As of the last meeting Delaware County still working on resolving its tie.
  - Jennifer Garigliano replaced Paul Rush as DEP Deputy Commissioner and Hope Monforte is named Chief of Staff to Jennifer Garigliano.
  - No further news in Riverkeeper's lawsuit. There is a court date in December.
  - Side Agreement moving slowly. DOH, DEP and DEC working better now. DEC still think water withdrawal permits must be amended before any changes on City conservation easements.
  - CWC prepared extensive documentation on each item and status on issues in the Side Agreement.
  - DEP will issue its long-term plan in December.
  - FAD coming out in March 2027.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports that the only current Justice Court matter, a domestic dispute, was put forward to November 18th.
- Councilman Mike Dean notes a bill from lawyer for discussion on Highway personnel matter presented for November audit. Supervisor Brooks confirms that he is still discussing the matter with the Town lawyer, Rod Futerfas.
- Councilman Kevin Smith asks the status of the STR amendments to the Zoning Law. Supervisor Brooks confirms that conclusion is close and a Public Hearing will be scheduled soon.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Public Comments:

- Robert Strickland is present regarding the Riley Brook Project. Brenden Wagner from the Rondout Neversink Stream Program informed Mr. Strickland that no further funds were available to fix damage to the road as it wasn't required. Highway Superintendent Johnson confirms that he did discuss damage with Mr. Wagner. Discussion follows.
- Mr. Strickland and his neighbor Kate Thornton are also concerned regarding stockpiled materials and noise issues. He requests notification prior to work on crushing materials due to noise. Discussion follows.
- Matthew Mueller informs the Board that he has moved out of the City to White Plains while continuing to move forward with his plans for his Denning property. He is also interested in the STR Public Hearing scheduling. Discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting. Motion is made at 6:45 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All In Favor.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilman Mike Dean AYE
Councilman Scott Mickelson AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith AYE
Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio AYE
Supervisor David Brooks AYE
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, November 17th, 2026.

The next Town Board Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th 2026 at 1:00 at the Denning Town Hall, Claryville, NY, and the next Town Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall, Claryville, NY.