

# Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,  
Held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith

Absent: Councilman David Brooks

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda and the proposed passage regarding logging for the zoning law.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last months' minutes by Town Clerk Joy Ann Monforte.

Motion to adopt and approve as read by Councilman Mike Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 3 to 0 vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter from resident Scott Mickelson requesting to fill the vacant position on the Town Ethics Board. After a very brief discussion the Town Board approves.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- All Town roads are open, over 4 feet of snow in the Knolls area of Town.
- Wild Meadow Road open.
- Asked Greg Vurckio to open Raymond George Road.
- The back up radio system lasted for 48 hours.
- County cut trees on Peekamoose Road.
- The generator at the barn worked really well.
- Getting estimates for Art Snyder of U. C. Emergency Management for possible FEMA reimbursement.
- Snow for 8 days straight.
- Backhoe tire blew out the sidewall, have ordered it and will have it tomorrow.
- Supervisor Bruning remarks he is very happy with the way things went.

Supervisor Bruning opens a discussion on declaring a state of emergency:

- 1) The declaration does not stop people from driving on the roads.
- 2) Does not help with FEMA.
- 3) Does allow the Town to get needed supplies without going out to bid.

Ulster County cut 100 trees on Peekamoose Road; they also came to the highway barn to get fuel as their sub station was without power.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- Karl Von Hassel has called regarding collapsed buildings.
- The Demay garage is the only known building.

Highway Equipment Planning- No Report

Planning Board – No Report

#### Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ Cornerstone telephone meeting postponed again due to snow. Time Warner responded the phones were out for a 1/2 a day only. They placed generators at the poles.
- ❖ Bridge 100 up-date: Mr. Tobin stated the bridge is in the Right Of Way acquisition phase and construction is slated for 2012.
- ❖ Legislator Brian Shapiro called and Bill has informed he is unhappy with the delay as he stated in his letter about the bridge timeline.
- ❖ Wi Band is dead. Email from March Gallagher the grant bid was denied, the County may apply for round 2 on March 15.
- ❖ Snowmobiles on Barnes Road and in Sundown riding the roads and packing the snow down making it hard to plow. Brief discussion follows. Letter or notice to be written.
- ❖ County consolidation is still active; the \$4,200 a mile is not acceptable. Cost to run the County barn in Sundown is \$10,000 annually.
- ❖ Stream study meeting to be rescheduled.
- ❖ Year End Report completed and filed, available in the Town Clerk's Office for review.
- ❖ Logging discussion opened; the notification form was discussed and approved, as was the section to be put in the up-dated zoning.
- ❖ Sent email to Central Hudson and received a rapid response, they moved and added 4 crews for a total of 10.

#### Board Comments:

- ❖ Councilmen Mike Dean reports that new Planning Board member has not attended a meeting this year. The 3 meeting rule comes into effect. The Town Clerk informs the Board that Mr. Hlinican did not take his Oath until the day after the January meeting; therefore he has 1 meeting left. The Town Clerk is asked to contact him. Brief discussion on a replacement.
- ❖ Supervisor Bruning reads the letter from Sundown resident Paul Nasierowski, as well as his response to Supervisor Bruning's email. The Clerk asks if Mr. Nasierowski response will be printed.
- ❖ An open discussion follows on Central Hudson's and Verizon response to the storm of 2010. Supervisor Bruning is extremely unhappy with Verizon's response and will follow up with the Public Service Commission.

#### Public comments:

- ❑ George Dean addresses the Board regarding the Town's purchase of sand from Donohue Trucking. He requests clarification on the status of his product.
- ❑ Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadere remarks he has concerns regarding the quality of the product. Stating he made the decision after having received complaints from residents in regards to large rocks in the sand and their concerns about windshields. Complaints about the manure smell and dripping of organics on the men when they work on the trucks. Problems with the stones going thru the screenings. The material has organics in it. Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadere remarks he has the authority to go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> bid and he made that decision.

- George Dean responds he wishes communication was better. He delivers same day and was never informed there was a problem, he could have sold the product elsewhere. In reference to clay he states there were lumps because of the winter temperature. Continuing that this area is grit sand and Ellenville is flow sand. He can send the material to his tester and it will come back DOT approved.
- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders ask if that is the case if he could test the material in the barn as there is dirt running out of it. States he made the decision to go with the cleaner sand.
- George Dean replied if there are issues he should have been notified. He asks the Board to discuss the issue as it could have far reaching implications.
- Supervisor Bruning states he will give him his decision now: 1) it is Highway Superintendent Van Saders' decision and he supports him. 2) Agress he should have told you. 3) States his question is this - can you deliver a product that can make Superintendent Van Saders happy?
- George Dean responds no I don't think I can. The smell is because the trucks are kept in the barn and the bucket is used all over the farm.
- Supervisor Bruning comments that Superintendent Van Saders also has to take his employees into account. The crew has complained.
- George Dean states he does business with many people and no one has ever complained.
- Supervisor Bruning states he backs Dan up on his decision.
- Board discussion follows.
- Councilman Kevin Smith informs the Board the next Advisory Committee meeting is 3/8/10

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Vote carried 3 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

# Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

The Town Clerk gave the Board Resolution #24.

The Supervisor presented the Budget vs. Actual for the month of 2010.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith,  
and David Brooks

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 3 vouchers 31-55)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 3 vouchers 49-77)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Bruning reads a letter to Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders and the highway crew thanking them for their efforts during the recent prolonged snowstorm.

Supervisor Bruning calls for general comments and discussion regarding the articles in the Townsman, Towns response, including the fire department, the volunteerism of YMCA Director Jerry Huncosky and the conditions on Red Hill Knolls. Councilman Dave Brooks is updated on last weeks meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk