

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda,
resolution #33, the NYMIR Annual Report for 2009, Wetlands in the
Watershed and a pamphlet from the Neversink Association.

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 2nd by
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0
vote.

Supervisor Bruning introduces Guest Speaker Karen Rauter from the
Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District.

- Has been working with an volunteer advisory committee consisting of Town Supervisors, Highway Superintendents and residents from Denning and Neversink and is hopeful this Board will become more of a decision making board over the 5 year term of the contract.
- The Rondout has the least amount of sediment.
- Her job is to implement a few projects and to implement the City's plan. Her work is to preserve conditions.
- Stream buffer project will involve revegetating at resident Mike Vaia's. Plan is to wrench fallen tree on land, cut it into logs and use the logs along the stream bank as a buffer; a side benefit maybe a future fish hatchery.
- Another demonstration project on Sundown Rd the Van Aken property. A 26-acre work site it will be done in 2 stages.
- Another demonstration site is the stabilizing of the stream bank behind the Ulster County Highway Garage on Greenville Road.
- 6 recommendations:
 - 1 & 2) Invasive species; early detection and eradication.
 - 3) Selective Stream Gravel Management, suggests a dialogue.
 - 4) Identify Locations of Potential Water Quality Improvements. Will be working with Highway Superintendents from both Denning and Neversink.
 - 5) Watershed Assessment of major Rondout Creek tributaries. Stating she know from previous discussions tributaries to main streams areas are real problems.
 - 6) Debris management i.e.: log jams.
 - 7) Knotweed- free areas and spread prevention.
 - 8) Flood hazard education training session.
 - 9) Flood response technical resources.
 - 10) Educational resources.
- Plan implantation will always have an action plan with it and will be updated every year.
- August 12th summary draft will be available.
- Comments until this October.
- Hopeful for Town Board adoption of the stream management plan at the October meeting.

- Residents and Board members thank her for a " good job".
- Supervisor Bruning thanks her for all of her efforts as the list originally started with 62 items for the Town to do.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- A letter from the New York State DOT regarding the color of signs. Very brief discussion. The Town is exempt.
- A letter from Ulster County Board of Elections – former custodians will no longer be doing this job. Supervisor Bruning asks residents to call the Town Clerk if anyone is interested in filling the position. Must take care of Claryville and Sundown. Must have 1 republican and 1 democrat.
- A letter from the Ulster County Legislature designating August as Volunteer Month.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Mowing started.
- Graded, raked and rolled Coons, Red Hill, Rudolph, Wild Cat, Taylor and Barns Roads.
- Cleaned shoulder on Wildcat Road.
- 2008 International back from warranty service.
- The 2002 inspected and a drag link replaced.
- Will start road patching.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- Opens discussion on the proposed unsafe buildings law.
- Attempted to meet with Karl but it didn't work out.
- Resident Ed Mues asks what constitutes an unsafe building?
- Supervisor Bruning responds the Code Enforcement Officer didn't feel our law was specific enough, he has suggested a new law which defines unsafe buildings.
- Resident Ed Mues asks how does he know?
- Supervisor Bruning responds he will not go into people's back yard, it will be based on complaints received and if he has a chance encounter.

Highway Equipment Planning- Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Hasn't put any specks out for the truck yet.

Resolution No. 33 of 2010

WHEREAS the Town of Denning has retained Valley Appraisal Service to update our property assessment inventory and,

WHEREAS the expense was not in the budget for 2010, and

WHEREAS the funds are available in the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance- Unappropriated Account A911, the Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY authorizes the Supervisor to reduce Account A911 Unreserved Fund Balance- Unappropriated by the amount of \$12,000.00 and to increase A910 Unreserved Fund Balance- Appropriated and Account A1355.4 Tax Assessor Contractual by the amount of \$12,000.00

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bruning AYE

Councilman Mike Dean AYE

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Councilman David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resident Ed Mues asks if this is a revaluation?

- Supervisor Bruning responds no this is an update of the Town's property index cards. New York State –found that some files where incomplete after doing a survey last year.
- Ed Mues asks when this will be available to the public?
- Supervisor Bruning responds he didn't give him a time schedule.

Planning Board – No Report

Supervisor Comments:

- Supervisor Bruning informs the residents of the 2 years of work done by the Zoning Advisory Board to update our zoning, sub division and road access standards.
- The Town of Denning is the sole Involved Agency for SEQRA Administration therefore it is the Lead Agency for the SEQRA Administration. This is a Type 1 Action.
- Councilman Dave Brooks the Planning Board has it and will have comments for next month.
- Supervisor Bruning asks the Board to review and have comments for next months meeting; they will be combined with the comments from the review by the Attorney for the Town Rod Futerfas.
- A letter from MVP regarding coverage has been sent to everyone however that is all that is known at this time.
- An incomplete article in the Townsman, which was originally in the Record.
- However the statement where the Town of Denning has no debt was omitted. This is the official paper of the Town.
- Working with Time Warner Cable to get a Franchise Agreement so a survey can be done in Town. Have requested waivers for the public hearing, committee reports and bids process. It costs Time Warner Cable \$29,000.00 per mile. He gives a review of the history of why cable goes to the Town Hall.
- Resident Ed Mues inquires about stimulus money saying that should help recoup the costs. He asks if March Gallagher is still there?
- Supervisor Bruning responds no only Ulster County could apply and that the proposal that was submitted had errors in it. He has been in contact with March Gallagher and those funds have been absorbed into larger projects.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker remarks he has read the franchise agreement and it is a very good deal for the Town. Further thanking the Advisory Committee for their years of hard work.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Dave Brooks comments the New York City DEP wants to acquire 5,046 acres including

developable land in Town; he has the address if anyone wants to send them a letter.

- Supervisor Bruning informs all present that he will attend the planning board meeting next week to address this issue. Discussion follows.

Public comments:

- Resident Helen Elias requests increasing the number of signs to eight from the previously approved six by the Town Board. One to be put in Branch and an additional one in Sundown. Discussion of fees opened. The Town Board approves the price's quote of \$39.90 per sign with a \$28 one time set up fee.
- Resident Russ Betters asks for an update on the Peekamoose Road paving project.
- Supervisor Bruning replies that the Town has not been reimbursed by FEMA yet, which accounts for the delay in the project. The paving will be completed when the Town is reimbursed for prior projects.
- Update on bridges requested.
- Sundown bridge on Peekamoose Road being done by Ulster County, the bridge in Claryville by Town Hall is scheduled for 2012 at a cost of \$2.3 million federal funding.
- Gladys Van Wagner comments that the "Blue Hole" is 1 of the top 15 swimming holes in the world.

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor. Vote carried 4 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, August 10, 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 the last published edition of the Watershed Advocate. (It will be electronic and named the Watershed Current online at the CWC website.)

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

Present: Supervisor Bruning

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 8, vouchers 147-168)

Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bruning AYE

Councilman Mike Dean AYE

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Councilman David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 8, vouchers 181-201)

Motion to approve and pay general vouchers by Councilman Dave Brooks, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bruning AYE

Councilman Mike Dean AYE

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Councilman David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Bruning

- ✓ Notification about the increase in retirement cost from New York State.
- ✓ Informs Board of a scheduled meeting with Marshall and Sterling regarding the canceling of the current health insurance plan.
- ✓ Supervisor Bruning warns Board of an increased health coverage costs.

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk