

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Kevin Smith, Greg Vurckio and
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda and Resolutions 32 to 34 of 2014, the CWT minutes for February as well as correspondence to the Supervisor.

Supervisor Brooks submits to the Town Board the CWC Annual Report for 2013. The report is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office during business hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last month's minutes by Town Clerk Joy Monforte.

Motion to adopt and approve as read by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith. All in favor. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Correspondence –Read by Supervisor Brooks

- The monthly donation from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$8,500.00 has been received and is gratefully acknowledged.
- A letter from Senator Gillibrand opposing the New Capacity Zone.
- A letter from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services informing the Supervisor of the payment being sent for Hurricane Irene in the amount of \$241,595.87, which has been received. The Peekamoose Road FEMA project is now closed.

Guest: NYSDEC Rep. and Senior Forester Jeff Rider is introduced by Supervisor Brooks, who thanks him for coming.

- Mr. Rider wants Towns input and guidance pertaining to the new Sundown Wild Forest Management Plan, which he is now writing. The Town will be notified when it is complete, for comment.
- The Governor has 50 access projects across NYS he wants done, 7 of which are in our Region 3 area.
- The Peekamoose Valley used to have its own plan but that has since been incorporated into the Sundown Wild Forest Management Plan.
- Will be adding hiking, biking, horseback riding and snowmobile trails as per Governor Cuomo's plan on property outside the Blue Line.
- There are 35 camping sites marked along with 6 sites in the trailer field for the Sundown camping area.
- Mr. Rider wants to know if the Town wants more camping sites and more parking or would like more enforcement of current regulations. He states that the problems last year with special groups coming in and blocking access (some groups even had guards with weapons) has been resolved and will no longer be an issue. All permits issued for the Blue Hole for filming or any

other permit state that they are not permitted to block anyone from using the property, it is open to all.

- Mr. Rider informs the Town Board and those present of the NY Works Projects he reveals a number of projects thru out the area.
- NYSDEC will be doing repair on the current parking lot on Greenville Road.
- 8 new Rangers are in Region 3 now.
- Brief discussion on Potterville and Mills Road.
- Rangers will be working in pairs during night patrol in the campsites for safety and support.
- Mr. Rider remarks that NYS can do more posting of parking laws and other regulations asks if that is what the Town wants?
- Supervisor Brooks inquires of the Town Board what their preference and thoughts are? He, Mr. Rider, realizes that there are issues with access for emergency services.
- Councilman Mike Dean comments that he does not see any other way except for enforcement.
- Councilman Greg Vurckio agrees.
- Brief open discussion on law enforcement.
- Supervisor Brooks will call the UC Sheriffs to patrol on busy weekends.
- Supervisor Brooks thanks Mr. Rider for coming.

Resolution No. 32 of 2014

A Resolution in Support of:

**ULSTER COUNTY TOWN CLERKS &
TAX RECEIVERS ASSOCIATION**

**ULSTER COUNTY
NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association held on February 20, 2014 at the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, it was discovered Townships and Villages throughout the region are having serious problems with mail delivery, including the timely delivery and receipt of annual tax bills: and

WHEREAS, delays in the delivery of tax bills, official mail, utility bills and important notices with deadlines impede governmental functions and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, it was decided to contact Local, County, State and Federal elected officials, and invite them to a meeting of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association to bring this serious problem to their attention and to seek their assistance to address it; and

WHEREAS, Local, County, State and Federal Officials named below were each invited to attend the March 20th meeting of the Ulster County Town Clerk's and Tax Receivers Association:

Town of Woodstock Supervisor, Jeremy Wilber

Ulster County Legislator, Donald Gregorius

Ulster County Legislator, Chairman, John Parete

Ulster County Executive, Michael Hein

New York State Senator, Cecilia Tkaczyk

New York State Senator, Terry Gipson

New York State Senator, James Seward

New York State Senator, John Bonacic

New York State Senator, William Larkin

New York State Assemblywoman, Claudia Tenney

New York State Assemblyman, Frank Skartados

New York State Assemblyman, Peter Lopez

New York State Assemblyman, Kevin Cahill

United States Senator, Kirsten Gillibrand

United States Senator, Charles Schumer
United States Congressman, Chris Gibson, and
United States Congressman, Patrick Maloney

WHEREAS, members of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association held its regular meeting on March 20, 2014 at the Town of Woodstock offices; and

WHEREAS, Officials unable to attend or send a representative requested minutes of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association members enumerated to the gathered body the many instances where delays in the delivery of mail caused serious problems for Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association problems with the timely delivery and receipt of mail began to worsen from the time local mail processing was transferred from Kingston to Newburgh and then to Albany; and

WHEREAS, the problem impedes governmental functions and responsibilities, thus angering and confusing constituents; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association considers this problem to be of the utmost importance; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association calls upon our County, State and Federal Representatives to take the steps necessary to rectify these problems and improve the timely delivery and receipt of mail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent by each of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers to the Ulster County Executive, and to the **County, State and Federal officials** named herein, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** fully supports their efforts in resolving all issues involving the US mail for the benefits of our Town residents, and

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that Said resolution be spread upon the pages of the Official Record of the Town of Denning and forwarded to ALL of the Elected Representatives listed above.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Councilman Greg Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 33 of 2014

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board wishes to express its sorrow at the passing of Bob Richards; and

WHEREAS Bob was very involved in his community; being on the Board of Assessment Review from 2001 to 2005, a Claryville Fire Dept. Commissioner and a member of the Daniel Peirce Library Board of Directors from 1983 to 1996 and was the founder of the Giant Pumpkin Party.

WHEREAS Bob his sense of humor and laughter will be missed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** directs the Clerk of the Board to spread this resolution upon the official record of the Town and to forward Said resolution to the family of Mr. Bob Richards.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
Councilman Greg Vurckio	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 34 of 2014

WHEREAS, in 2011 after Hurricane Irene Kingston Equipment & Rental did work on the Clair Road Stream Bank Stabilization Project.

WHEREAS payment is still due to Kingston Equipment & Rental in the amount of \$25,300.88.

WHEREAS, the money for the project is reimbursable from FEMA and still outstanding but forthcoming.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor **HEREBY** requests approval to pay Kingston Equipment & Rental from the Highway Fund at this time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Denning Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to pay Kingston Equipment & Rental the \$25,300.88 owed, and to increase Revenue DA 2300 Inter Government Charges and to increase Appropriation Code DA8760.4 Emergency Disaster by \$25,300.88.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
Councilman Greg Vurckio	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders the 2008 International may be back tomorrow. Arkel Motors took it for a test drive and found a problem.
- Hydraulic press was used today and a representative from the company came and did training.
- Bob Houghtaling built and spearheaded an 8x32 foot loft.
- Supervisor Brooks remarks he did a great job and it looks good.
- Did grading on Peekamoose Road.
- Getting the sweeper ready.
- Regarding the Peekamoose Road reimbursement; Highway Superintendent thanks Supervisor Brooks for "jumping thru hoops" to get the funds.

- Met with Brian Damms and discussed sheet steel for the FEMA approve problem at the bottom of New Road Hill. He feels it is the best way; they would not to redirect the stream.
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers informs the Board he will do more investigating and may do some testing.
- Councilman Greg Vurckio inquires as to how deep the sheets would be?
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers responds could be 1/2 and 1/2 in and out, 3 or 4 feet high and then cap it with stone.
- Material could cost \$16,000.00.
- FEMA has awarded \$47,000.00 and a length of 150 feet this amount includes labor and material and equipment.
- Councilman Mike Dean states we could loose the road there and part of the bridge abutment if the river keeps creeping over.

Code Enforcement – No Report

Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- Renewed the Specials Permits for the Blue Hill Lodge.
- Received notification that New York City is purchasing 12.7 acres from Judd Hirsch.
- Frost Valley requested and received a logging extension.
- Supervisor Brooks asked if these are open permits.
- Planning Board Chairman Joe Sibiga responds yes they (Blue Hill Lodge) wanted to apply before the current permit expires.
- Resident Russ Betters asks what the Wind Turbine vote was? Supervisor Brooks responds it was voted down.
- Councilman Mike Dean asks if the Town received a map and notification from NYCDEP regarding the proposed purchase?
- Response no by Supervisor Brooks and he will check into it.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ Informs Board of his progress regarding Bridge 100. He has spoken with Central Hudson and Andrew Emerck of UCDPW about the bridge, the moving of electric lines and the project holdup.
- ❖ Will have a meeting next week with all parties and hopes to resolve the issues. The old bridge will be torn down this year.
- ❖ Resident Jeanne Donnelly asks if the new bridge will be done this year?
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks remarks he will do his best, he informs her of the delay in the project, which was the death of John Wellington and the need for eminent domain, which was granted by the Court this past January.
- ❖ He informs all present that the bank along Saw Mill Road needs to be armored, the old bridge removed, the river straightened out there.
- ❖ Resident Jeanne Donnelly inquires as to the status of the vehicles and other stuff left on the property adjoining hers?
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks remarks that now that nice weather has come COE Von Hassel will be busy.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks informs all present of a Broadband seminar he attended to get Broadband over here in the valley.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks shows the Board the very preliminary map showing the parcels in the Claryville Waste Water Treatment Plan. Further commenting that the Town of Neversink will be involved too.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks states they have just accepted an engineering firm and nothing is firmly in place regarding the type of system.

- ❖ Brief discussion on the passing of the NYS budget.

Town Board Comments:

- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker thanks the Town Board for the lovely flowers, all of the cards, well wishes and prayers during his recent hospitalization. He also thanks all of those who offered to help his wife.
- Councilman Mike Dean inquires if we have heard if the Town received the grant we applied for.
- Supervisor Brooks responds not yet although Senator Bonacic's office did call if we still wanted it, he told them we certainly did.
- Councilman Kevin Smith informs the Board that he is waiting for a return call from Lt. CJ Polacco in regards to NIMS 400.

Supervisor Brooks asks for any further business or comment:
There is none.

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 by Councilman Greg Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried following a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk April 2nd, 2014

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 at the Denning Town Hall.

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

The Town Clerk presented to the Board a copy of the agenda the Supervisor submitted the Budget vs. Actual thru March 2014.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith and Gregory Vurckio.

ABSENT: Councilman Mike Dean, illness.

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

6 Highway Material Bids were opened and read by Town Clerk Joy Monforte. (See Addendum to the Minute Book)

They were Schaefer Enterprises, E. Tetz & Sons, Woodbourne Lawn & Garden, Bruce Donohue Trucking and Callanan Industries.

The bids are referred to Highway Superintendent Van Saders for review.

Pre-Paid Highway Vouchers presented Superintendent Van Saders by (See Warrant # 4PP, voucher #9-11)

Motion to approve and pay pre-paid highway fund vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote and 1 absentee.

The warrant is in the amount of \$ 5,455.63

Highway Vouchers presented (see Warrant # 4, voucher # 58-72).

Motion to approve and pay highway fund vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote and 1 absentee.

The warrant is in the amount of \$ 51,739.55

Pre-Paid General Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks

(See Warrant #4PP, voucher# 17-27)

Motion to approve and pay pre-paid general fund vouchers by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote and 1 absentee.

The warrant is in the amount of \$ 6,254.50

General Vouchers presented (see Warrant #4, voucher#63-79)

- Supervisor Brooks comments on a job well done regarding the newly built loft.
- Councilman Paul Schoonmaker states he stopped by and Bob Houghtaling did a great job. Painting which has been done in the barn looks good too.

Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Gregory Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote and 1 absentee.

The warrant is in the amount of \$ 17,302.02

Supervisor Brooks addresses the Town Board:

- He is requesting the Town Board wave the Building Permit fee for the highway barn loft.

Motion to adopt and approve the fee waver by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	ABSENT
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE

Councilman Greg Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote with 1 absentee.

- The Town has been awarded a municipal improvement grant thru Senator Bonacic. He requests Town Board approval to go out to bids as soon as the grant guidelines are received in order to expedite the process as the highway barn roof leaks.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent to go out to bid by Councilman Kevin Smith 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean ABSENT

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Councilman Greg Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote with 1 absentee.

Planning Board member Mike Vaia has volunteered to be the Town of Denning's representative to the Ulster County Planning Board. Supervisor Brooks requests a motion to submit his name to the Ulster County Legislature for appointment to the Ulster County Planning Board.

Motion to adopt and approve the appointment of Mike Vaia as the Town of Denning Representative to the Ulster County Planning Board by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean ABSENT

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Councilman Greg Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote with 1 absentee.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on Town fees. He informs the Town Board that Councilman Mike Dean had called and asked him about charging a fee for logging. Brief discussion opened on permits, notification and possible amounts. Supervisor Brooks remarks that all of the fees charged by the Town need reviewing, further stating that the Town Zoning Law authorizes the Town Board to review and revise. Councilman Gregory Vurckio remarks that costs keep increasing but the fees have not increased in years. Councilman Smith states any logging fee must be reasonable. Supervisor Brooks suggests discussing the matter further when Councilman Dean is at the next meeting. The Town Board agrees. Discussion tabled.

Supervisor Brooks calls for any further business or remarks.
There are none.

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Motion carried 4 to 0 votes and 1 absentee.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk 4-9-2014

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 at the Denning Town Hall.