

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Kevin Smith, Greg Vurckio and

ABSENT: Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, illness.

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, a copy of the proposed fee schedule for the UCRRA, the Update for Spring 2014 from NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNaploi as well as correspondence to the Supervisor and mail to the Councilman.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Amendment by Supervisor Brooks it is not towers but Verizon antennae going up on existing towers.

Motion to adopt and approve as read and amended 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 NYS Senator Bonacic in regards to the Town's passage of Resolution No. 37 of 2014 in Support of Ulster County Resolution No. 82 of 2014 pertaining to Safety Net costs, stating this is an issue to be addressed at budget time.
- The Ulster County Resolution is read appointing Planning Board member Michael Vaia as the Town of Denning representative to the Ulster County Planning Board. Supervisor Brooks comments it is good to have the Town of Denning represented again.

Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- The 2002 front end has been repaired and is in operation.
- The 2008 pick up also had front end work done.
- Windshields on both pickups have been replaced due to scratching and damage from winter use.
- Ditch cleaning on the bottom of Van Aken Road and are now working on Peekamoose Road.
- Hydro seeding is coming up and is better in some spots than others.
- Tire dumpster has arrived.
- Supervisor Brooks asks if any tires are coming in?
- Superintendent Van Saders replies he saw a stack in the corner of the trailer.
- Highway Superintendent Van Saders informs the Town Board that the highway barn roof replacement will get started tomorrow and that the 30 yard dumpster is in place.
- Grading done on Raymond George, Barnes, Balace Roads, starting Denning Road.
- Crusher run put down on upper Brooks Hill Road.

- Supervisor Brooks asks Highway Superintendent Van Saders if we should call Karen Rauter and ask her to touch up select spots? Discussion follows, Supervisor Brooks will call.
- Supervisor Brooks informs Highway Superintendent Van Saders there is a hole in a culvert on Brooks Hill Road.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Highway Superintendent Van Saders if he thinks the Town should go out to bid for black top.
- Highway Superintendent Van Saders has called vendors and has gotten a price of \$90.00 per ton.
- Town Board discussion follows.
- The Town Board authorizes Highway Superintendent Van Saders to go out to bid for black top; for the delivery and paving work to be done for Sugarloaf and Van Aken Roads.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Brooks

- Karl just got back from vacation and has submitted the quarterly report.
- He has informed him of 1 new building and permits issued for several smaller applications.

Planning Board Report- Councilman Mike Dean

- No new business before the Board.
- All members have met their training requirements for the year.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ Supervisor Brooks open discussion on the new fees and proposed 10-year contract submitted by the UCRRA.
- ❖ He informs the Board that their isn't any price guarantee and they want to start charging a monthly rental fee of \$85 per container, an increase in the pull charge from \$43 to \$62 and the Tipping fee would increase from \$93 per ton to \$103.
- ❖ He informs the Board that the UCRRA fleet is aging and they want this long-term commitment before the purchase of new equipment.
- ❖ UCRRA Director Tim Rose will be at the next County Supervisors Meeting.
- ❖ Some Towns are considering doing away with garbage.
- ❖ Councilman Gregory Vurckio suggest the Town get prices from a private company such as Taylor or Waste Management.
- ❖ Resident Russ Betters suggests Sullivan 1st.
- ❖ Town Board does not like the length of and the lack of price guarantee of the proposed contract.
- ❖ Resident George Elias asks if the Town of Neversink pays by the bag and if the Board think that practice contributes to garbage on roadsides? Councilman Dean and Supervisor Brooks reply no.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks gives an update on the Claryville Post office situation, informing those present that the collection box has been moved to the front of the Town Hall and that temporary rotary boxes will be installed by the beginning of next week for all of the patrons with post office boxes in the Town Hall foyer.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks remarks he is still working on the Town Hall parking lot paving.
- ❖ Informs Board of his progress regarding Bridge 100, the roadway for the new bridge would have to be raised and then tapered off. He has spoken with Jennifer Grimes who wanted a pipe put in, she felt the new roadway would cause the water to back up and flood her property. Supervisor Brooks has spoken with Andrew Emerck of the Ulster County DPW and they will install a culvert and then turn it over to the roadway owner. He spoke with

roadway owner Mr. Tom Greenwald who will only sign off on the roadway if Ms. Grimes is satisfied.

- ❖ Ms. Grimes also told him that the water issue is the runoff from Denman Mountain. He has a meeting with her next week to survey the property to understand her complaint. This has put a cog in the project but he is hopeful it is back on track since the County has agreed to the culvert.
- ❖ Supervisor Brooks has spoken with Mary Buchen of the "Flower People" and she has requested \$150.00 to purchase mid summer blooming plants as well as bulbs for next year. He asks the Town Board their view on their request, stating that the garden looks very nice and is well maintained.
- ❖ Town Supervisor Brooks requests Councilman Gregory Vurckio and another Council member review and update our fee schedule, commenting that he had planned on asking Councilman Paul Schoonmaker. Councilman Kevin Smith will take his place due to Mr. Schoonmaker's illness.

Public Comments:

- Resident John Barnum asks if there has been any complaints during the Central Hudson outage last week. Central Hudson told customers who called their hotline that the numbers did not match what they had on file. Brief discussion follows.
- Resident Russ Betters remarks that when you use their outage map to put in the old Sundown zip of 12782 to get any results.
- Residents George and Helen Elias request approval to be reappointed as liaisons to the Time and the Valley Museum. Town Board approves.
- Mr. Elias informs all present that Denning Day at the museum is August 10th.
- Mr. Elias opens a discussion on the locations for emergency shelter, Red Cross facilities and inquires if there is any place for people to go, saying that the Neversink Fire House was a posted location. Supervisor Brooks states that he believes the notice is still posted in the bulletin board outside.
- Discussion follows on the Red Cross supplying a generator at the school and supplies. Supervisor Brooks informs those present that you would not always get the same generator back and each hook up is different which causes problems.
- Supervisor Brooks replies that as fast as the water comes up, it will go down and that unfortunately you cannot always predict when flooding will occur or even if it will occur in all 3 valleys. Further stating that he had thought of an automated phone system but has questions as to the feasibility of it working in all instances. If the phones are even working.
- Discussion follows.
- Mr. Elias comments that the Town of Neversink Highway Dept. is working on that old rusty guardrail that stuck out on Sugarloaf Road.
- Mr. Russ Better comments he called UCDPW and SCDPW complaining about potholes on the county roads when entering both sides of Sundown. Both Departments are working on repairs.

Supervisor Brooks thanks Mr. Preston Kelly for all of his past aid to the Town of Denning, commenting that relationships are being rebuilt and strengthened with other agencies.

Councilman Vurckio replies we can thank you for that.

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:57 by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by
Councilman Greg Vurckio, All in favor. Motion carried following a
unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk June 5th, 2014

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 10th, 2014 at the Denning Town Hall.

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, June 10th, 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 May 2014 and the fee schedules from other towns to review.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Pre-Paid Highway Vouchers presented by Superintendent Van Sadlers (See Warrant # 6PP, voucher #16 -17)

Motion to approve and pay pre-paid highway fund vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor.

Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$ 4,537.56

Highway Vouchers presented by Superintendent Van Sadlers

(See Warrant # 6, voucher #92-111).

Discussion on incorrect Home Depot bill.

Supervisor Brooks request that the voucher and bill be pulled until the correct one is received.

Highway Superintendent agrees, informing the Board that Home Depot was to have faxed the corrected bill and voucher but had not done so, he checked prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve and pay highway fund vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, All in favor.

Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$ 18,983.82

Pre-Paid General Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks

(See Warrant #6PP, voucher#38-43)

Brief discussion on late fee added to payment by Councilman Dean.

Motion to approve and pay pre-paid general fund vouchers by

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Kevin Smith, All in favor.

Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$4,915.62

General Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks

(See Warrant #6, voucher#96-110)

Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Gregory Vurckio, All in favor.

Motion carried by a unanimous 5 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$ 24,920.85

Supervisor Brooks addresses the Town Board:

- He opens a discussion with the Town Board pertaining to blown-in insulation in the break room, Superintendent office and highway barn. Discussion on the size of the areas, specifications of insulation and the removal of the old insulation.
- Supervisor Brooks will make some calls for the best procedure to go forward with.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on hiring a grant writer for the Town, stating there are grants out there we could apply for. He has the names of grant writers from other Town and he will speak with them regarding price. Town Board agrees to hire a grants writer.

Supervisor Brooks informs the Town Board of his meeting yesterday with Jennifer Grimes regarding Bridge 100. The Greenwald family who owns Saw Mill Road will not sign off on any work to be done until she is satisfied. Met with the two Ulster County employees today, an from UCDPW Engineer to discuss what it is she wants, they surveyed the area, took measurements and shot a bunch of grades.

Supervisor Brooks informs the Board that he moved the lock for the installation of PO Box in the foyer of Town Hall and is waiting for the installation of the boxes, originally supposed to be installed by tomorrow. Further he called Mike Pries, Inc. the Town's insurance company and was told there was no difference in liability as the public already comes thru the property.

Councilman Paul Schoonmaker thanks all for their offer of aid to his wife, well wishes and prayers during his recent illness.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor.
Motion carried 5 to 0 votes.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk 6-11-2014

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 1st, 2014 at the Denning Town Hall.