

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Brooks

Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Paul Schoonmaker.
Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers.

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

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda and Resolutions No. 49 thru 52 of 2021, Budget vs. Actual thru September 2021, as well as, emailed letters regarding the music at the Blue Hill/Russian Mule, and letter of resignation from the BAR from Nancy Parrow.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all of the Councilmen have read the Minutes and asks if there are there any amendments? All respond in the Affirmative.

Motion to adopt last months' minutes by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd made by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Kevin Smith AYE
Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE
Supervisor David Brooks AYE Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence – by Supervisor David Brooks.

- Letters regarding the Blue Hill/Russian Mule Brewery from Jason Burkholder and Ashley Rubell, and Abby Samaha are read in their entirety. Both support the Russian Mule but have stated issues and quality of life concerns with the loud outdoor music.
- Resident Kim Noble is in the audience and also voices her concerns, as well as, those of her neighbors who could not be in attendance.
- Ms. Noble says they let it go in 2019, and with Covid they did not want to create problems as they do want the business to succeed and understand they are in the "Hamlet".
- Lengthy discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks will contact the owner of the establishment again.
- Supervisor Brooks states he feels there is a disconnect between Frank and the staff. He believes if the staff walked or took a few minutes to drive up the road and/or the hill they would understand the problems better.
- A letter from Nancy Parrow; resigning from the Board of Assessment Review. The Supervisor and Town Board thank her for her many years of service.
- Supervisor Brooks informs those present of letter sent to a Mr. Buchen, regarding his unacceptable behavior at the Transfer Station and the loss of user privileges if it occurs again.
- A letter of resignation from Town Clerk Joy Monforte effective at close of business tomorrow. Joy Monforte states it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of the Town of Denning.

Highway Report: by Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers.

- Patched roads
- ditched roads.
- 02 is back in service.
- A breaking and entering in the employee break room, by a racoon.
- The tv was knocked over and broken as well as the refrigerator door open.
- Councilman Smith will resolve the issue.
- Serviceman coming to repair the enunciator.
- Discussion on filling the tank for the generator, Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers will call Bottini who has the Ulster County bid.
- Supervisor Brooks asks Hwy. Super. Van Sadlers to call UCDPW to clean out the catch basin.

Planning Board Report - by Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith

- People who have complained about the loud music at the Russian Mule, appeared before the Board voicing their concerns.
- Les Stone complained about litter on roadways, and requested signage.

- The Kobayashi Project has hired a new engineer, who has submitted preliminary drawings.
- Supervisor Brooks asks they submits to UC Planning Board for review.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.
 (See Warrant #10 Pre-Pay, vouchers #32-34)
 MVP Healthcare, Inc. DA9060.8 \$10,106.25.
 Trust & Agency Acct. A9030.8 \$779.3, \$773.71.

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Van Saders.
 (See Warrant #10, vouchers #145-156)
 Advance Professional DA5130.4 \$ 107.66.
 Bottini Fuel Corp. DA5110.4 \$1,745.87.
 Callanan Industries, Inc. DA5112.4 \$49,090.03.
 Case Tire DA5130.4 \$1,777.92.
 Decker & Samuels DA5140.4 \$976.00.
 Fleetpride DA5130.4 \$1,417.80.
 Home Depot Cred. DA5130.4 \$24.97.
 Liberty Trading Post DA5130.4 \$31.94.
 North East Parts Group DA5130.4 \$346.10.
 Woods Repair DA5110.4 \$20.00.
 Buddenhagen Ford DA5130.4 \$1,143.58.
 Chemung Supply Corp. DA5110.4 \$175.60.
 Northern Tool DA5130.4 \$245.64.
 Truck Pro DA5130.4 \$2,209.03.

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
 (See Warrant #10PP, vouchers #69-75)
 Central Hudson A1620.4 \$178.98, A5132.4 \$379.97, A8160.4 \$72.10.
 MVP Health Care DA9060.8 \$7,692.20.
 TWC A1620.4 \$184.81.
 Trust & Agency Acct. DA9030.8 \$317.48, \$731.52, \$254.25.

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
 (See Warrant #10, vouchers 134-142)
 Jonathan Follender A9060.8 \$ 311.80, \$546.60.
 MVP A9060.8 \$ 27.50.
 Postmaster A1110.4 \$70.00
 TWC A5132.4 \$142.66.
 TC Petty Reimbursement A1410.4 \$13.70.
 UCRRA A8160.4 \$3,154.587.
 UCTCTXCA A1410.4 440.00.

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
 (See Warrant #10, None)

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

Resolution No. 49 of 2021 read by supervisor Brooks.
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 Warrant No. 10 Prep Pay Vouchers, No.32-34.

Highway Vouchers Warrant No. 10, Vouchers, No. 145-156.

General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 10 Vouchers, No. 69-75.

General Fund Warrant No. 10 Vouchers, No. 134-142.

Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Vouchers Warrant No. 10 – None.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No.50 of 2021 read by supervisor Brooks.

WHEREAS Joy Monforte, the current elected Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar and RMO desires to retire. And

WHEREAS, she has submitted her resignation letter effective at the end of the business day on October 13th, 2021. And

WHEREAS New York State Town Law section §7-17, §64, §5 confers specific authority on the Town Board to fill vacancies in Town Offices. And

WHEREAS this vacancy occurs after September 20th, 2021, **THEREFORE** this appointment is for a "Remainder of Term appointment." And

WHEREAS, the above stated New York State Town Law sections authorizes the Town Board to fill Said vacancy. And

WHEREAS Nancy Parrow is the nominee for both the Republican and the Democratic election lines this November.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Nancy Parrow be appointed to fill the vacancy created by Said retirement, and fill the office of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar and RMO for the Town of Denning.

WHEREAS Public Officers Law section 10 and 25 require the taking of an oath of office by all town officers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector be required to take and subscribe a constitutional Oath of Office to be filed with the Town Clerk, as well as, a Confidentiality Oath to be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, with an Oath of Office to be filed in the Office of the Ulster County Clerk. and

FURTHER, an original Notification of Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics to be filed with the NYSDoH, a copy with the Ulster County Clerk, as well as retaining a copy for the Towns records.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 51 of 2021 read by supervisor Brooks.

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Justice Court is soliciting the Denning Town Board for support in the application of a grant from the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS the Town of Denning intends to comply with the Governor's Tax Cap Law, thereby limiting spending.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** that the Denning Town Board **HEREBY** supports the application of the Denning Justice Court to the New York State Justice Court Program for funding, in the amount of \$7,508.80 in the fiscal year of 2021/2022.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean,

2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 52 of 2021 read by supervisor Brooks.

WHEREAS New York State Real Property Law Section 523 grants the Town Board the right to appoint a Board of Assessment Review, and

WHEREAS the member for current term is no longer able to fulfill her duties and has resigned from the BAR. And

WHEREAS Jon Parrow has expressed a desire to volunteer for public service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Jon Parrow be appointed for a Remainder of Term Appointment to the Town of Denning Board of Assessment Review for the 5-year term as required by New York State Law, to expire September 30, 2024.

FURTHER, RESOLVED that all newly appointed members be required to take and subscribe a constitutional Oath of Office to be filed with the Town Clerk, and that each member shall be notified of appointment and duration of term in writing by first class mail no later than 10 business days following the annual organizational meeting.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Brooks opens a discussion on the date for the 2022 Budget Public Hearing, the Board decides it will be held immediately prior to the Town Board meeting on Nov. 9th, 2021.

Supervisor Comments:

◇ Supervisor Brooks informs those present; that he and Councilman Vurckio meet with the DEC brass, Gov. Houchol's representative regarding the Blue Hole status. The permits for everyday will remain in place for next year.

Discussion on parking and designating parking for hiking and the Blue Hole.

◇ Supervisor Brooks informs those present that he submitted a wish list to the Governors' representative for an increase in broadband funding to expand the build out. Also, for, funding for a new emergency services tower and equipment on Red Hill, and future cell service.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Vurckio informs the Board the CWT will hold an in-person meeting.
- Councilman Schoonmaker informs the Board that Court was not held last month.
- Councilman Vurckio thanks Town Clerk Joy Monforte for her years of service saying it was good to work with her.
- Councilman Dean opens a discussion on the dead ash trees lining the roadways. Supervisor Brooks will call Central Hudson while the tree trimmers are here.
- Councilman Smith informs the Board of up-coming NIMS training, he is trying to arrange the trainer to come to Town.

Supervisor Brooks calls for Public Comment:

- Resident Paul Hnatiw say it has been forty months, since he started to complain about Mr. Van Wagner’s vehicles. He states he has heard he is moving stuff up to his daughters’ house.
- Mr. Hnatiw states Mr. Van Wagner is good at moving stuff around.
- Supervisor Brooks responds that he did go last month and it appears that Mr. Van Wagner has cleaned up some.
- M. Hnatiw says he has noticed cars and trucks on different properties and requests the Code Enforcement Officer for violations.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting and to open the 2022 Budget Workshop.

Whereupon, the Motion was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio. ,

2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE Councilman Paul Schoonmaker AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

The 2022 Budget Workshop is opened and a line-by-line review commences.

- >.1 personal service line is increased by 2%.
- > The highway employees are given a \$1.00 raise.
- > Longevity is discussed: \$ 500.00 for 5 years, \$1,000.00 for 10 years, \$1,500 for 15 years and \$2,000 for 20 years.
- > The Town of Denning is the ONLY town in Ulster County that pays 100% of the HRA.
- >Discussion on health insurance cost.
- >Discussion on a gradual removing the Frost Valley YMCA donation from the budget.
- >Street lighting has been increased by \$100.00.
- > Review of the revenue section is completed.
- > Discussion on the \$25.00 Transfer Station Permit fee.

Supervisor Brooks requests a Motion to approve and adopt the \$25.00 Transfer Station fee, for 2022.

Whereupon, the Motion was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

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 Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Brooks calls for any further comments or discussion. There is none. He thanks the public for attending.

Motion to adjourn the 2022 Workshop Budget at 7:44 pm by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Monforte, Town Clerk, October 13th, 2021

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall. The Town of Denning 2022 Budget Public Hearing will be held immediately prior the Town Board meeting.