

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

May 14th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks. Held on Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor David Brooks
Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Scott Mickelson, Mike Dean,
and Kevin Smith,
Town Clerk Nancy Parrow
Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.

Public Present: Brenden Wagner of the Rondout-Neversink Stream Program

Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the Agenda and Resolution Nos. 36 through 39 of 2024, and the Budget vs. Actual through April 2024.

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all the Councilmen have read the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on April 9th, 2024 and asks if there are any amendments. All respond that the Minutes have been read and there are no amendments.

Motion to adopt last months' minutes by Councilman Gregory Vurckio, seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in favor.

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE	Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
Councilman Gregory Vurckio	AYE	Councilman Scott Mickelson	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE		

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Brenden Wagner from the Rondout-Neversink Stream Program is present to address the Town Board regarding recent completed projects and the new 2025 budget items that are being planned by the Program. He requests input from the Board regarding Denning's upcoming projects. Discussion follows. Mr. Waner states that DEP funding is good, but working through their protocol is often difficult. They are also required to obtain NYS DOH approval for all projects ensuring continued water quality. The Stream Program is also working on getting more people on staff.

Correspondence:

- Letter received from UC Dept. of Finance regarding new tax program purchase, training for individual Town Tax Collectors and costs. Supervisor Brooks states that this matter will also be discussed at his upcoming UC Supervisor's meeting next week. Discussion follows.
- Letter received from NYS DOT regarding CHIPS and other highway funding information for 2024. EWR is the same, CHIPS, PAVE NY and POP are all reduced from previous NYS budget.
- Letter received from UC Board of Elections stating that there are no primary elections in June. Elections are schedule for November 5, 2024.
- Email received from Rich Parate, President of the UCATSM regarding Ulster County requiring that electrical inspectors must register through the County. Supervisor Brooks and the Town Board are in agreement regarding this being unnecessary. Discussion follows.
- Notification received from NYS DEC regarding purchase of Spencer Road landlocked parcel. Discussion follows.
- 2024 Ballot for Executive Committee of the Coalition of Watershed Towns -Ulster County – received. Town Board is in agreement for two-year Term Candidates

David Edinger and Gegory Vurckio, and alternate Mary Ann Van Benschoten. Supervisor Brooks completes the ballot.

- Donation received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$9,475.00 for the month of April 2024. Supervisor Brooks and the Denning Town Board express their thanks to Riel Pierbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their support.
- Certification received from the Unified Court System of the State of New York regarding Judge Jonanthan Follender's completion of the 2024 Continuing Judicial Education Program.

Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- The two new hires are working out well.
- Ditching was done on Peekamoose, White House, Brooks Hill, Dymond and Cross Roads, as well as use of Town of Neversink's Buffalo Turbine to blow out ditches as well.
- Work continues in the shop regarding painting and repairing all trucks.
- Brush cutting on Red Hill, White House and Brooks Hill Road.
- The tractor has broken down again and cannot be fixed.
- Swept Denning, Round Pond, Red Hill Wild Cat and Taylor Roads, then sweeper broke down. Working on getting that repair completed.
- 284 Agreement for review and signature. Tar and chip planned for 6.4 miles on Peekamoose Road which was paved last year in conjunction with Ulster County's help.
- Researching tractor replacement buying versus renting. Spoke to Lyle at Ulster County and they will help out until we get something. Discussion follows.
- New truck hopefully done in June.
- Old truck is cleaned and prepared for Auction. Trying not to use it.
- Supervisor Brooks asks to be kept up to date on scheduling for chip seal and more road signs are needed regarding same. Discussion follows.
- Racoons have again broken into the Highway Dept. breakroom. Seeing to eviction and repairs.
- Councilman Mike Dean requests that Superintendent Johnson correct the sign placement at Round Pond for Fred's Road as it is on the wrong side. The sign will be moved to make it correct for 911.
- Presented information and brochures with pricing regarding uniform supply and cleaning for Highway Dept. workers. Town Board and Supervisor Brooks will review information.

Planning Board report from Kevin Smith:

- Shelly Curry is resigning from the Planning Board due to difficulty attending meetings. Awaiting her official resignation letter.
- Special Use Permit Application received from Plank at 2284 Denning Road for Short-Term Rental.
- Logging Notification received from Huttar at Barnum Road. Buehring Logging out of Moscow, PA. 2497 trees on 114 acres. 167.214 MBF. Start date approx. 2/1/24 end date 3/15/25. \$100.00 fee paid and insurance certificate provided to Town Clerk. Superintendent Johnson is watching and taking pictures of the bridge on Barnum Road for signs of wear and tear during the logging.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.

(See Warrant #5 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 8 - 12)

Health Care Reimbursement Account	5PP-8	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-5,000.00
MVP Health Care, Inc.	5PP-9	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-10,196.78
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	5PP-10	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-532.65
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	5PP-11	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-862.60
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	5PP-12	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-840.82
		Grand Total	-17,432.85

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #5, Vouchers Nos. 55 - 64)

Advance Auto Parts	55	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-293.03
Bottini Fuel Corporation	56	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-1,839.92
Cargill Inc.	57	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-4,287.08
Liberty Home & Garden	58	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-159.98
Liberty Trading Post	59	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-60.97
North East Parts Group	60	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-403.45
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	61	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-260.47
Romeo Ford	62	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-3,057.18
Van Buren Enterprises	63	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-356.07
Woods Repair Service	64	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-277.40
		Grand Total	-10,995.55

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #5 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 27 - 37)

Central Hudson-1	5PP-27	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-44.46
Central Hudson-2	5PP-28	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-339.95
	5PP-29	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-624.46
		Central Hudson-2 Total:	-964.41
Central Hudson-3	5PP-30	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-150.26
Charter Communications	5PP-31	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-142.79
Charter Communications	5PP-32	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-171.11
HealthCare Reimbursement Account	5PP-33	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-5,000.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	5PP-34	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-9,810.18
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	5PP-35	A9030.8 · Social Security	-279.34
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	5PP-36	A9030.8 · Social Security	-735.62
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	5PP-37	A9030.8 · Social Security	-279.34
		Grand Total	(17,577.51)

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #5, Voucher Nos. 58 - 71)

Blue360 Media, LLC	58	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-62.64
Bottini Fuel	59	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-537.74
Charter Communications	60	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-276.76
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	61	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-557.10
Global Industrial	62	A1110.2 · Town Justice - Equipment	-500.00
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-317.95
		Global Industrial Total:	-817.95
Grahamsville First Aid Squad	63	A4540.4 · Emergency Services-Contractual	-2,405.75
MVP Select Care Inc.	64	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-30.00
Cindy Mickelson, Reim.	65	A1220.4 · Town Supervisor-Contractual	-219.19

- Conservation Easements (CE) – long discussion at last meeting regarding CE due to language objections made by Environmentalists. The language the Environmentalists want would have potentially significant impacts on landowners and Towns. It is noted that the State and NYC have no objections to the current language. The NYS DEC expressed concern with the extra workload to amend CE already filed but the City agreed to take on the additional workload to certify existing title searches. The CWT, City and Environmentalists all agree on that.
- SAP is now CSAP – “Collaborative Streamside Acquisition Program”.
- Core LAP still undergoing discussion.
- State wetland draft regulations were made by NYS legislature without communication with the DEC. Draft regulations coming out at the end of April and Cornell is mapping wetlands off satellite for new maps coming out in October.
- No meeting scheduled for next month.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports that Court is scheduled for tomorrow, May 15th. Previous Court date in April included a dog matter that was put on hold, and an arraignment which is now on the docket for tomorrow.
- Councilman Mike Dean has no further comments.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no further comments.

Public Comments:

- There is no public comment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, May 23, 2024.

Next Town Board & Business Meeting: Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 at 6 pm at the Denning Town Hall.