

**Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting**  
**Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.**  
**Held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Denning Town Hall.**

Present: Supervisor Brooks  
Councilmen: Gregory Vurckio, Kevin Smith, Mike Dean, and Scott Mickelson.  
Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.  
Public Present: Paul Metzger

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

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the Agenda and Resolution Nos. 33, 34, and 35 of 2025. There is no Budget vs Actual for review at this time.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brooks inquires if all Councilmen have read the February 2025 Minutes and asks if there are any amendments. All respond that the Minutes have been read and that 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.

**Correspondence – by Supervisor David Brooks.**

- Received email outlining Ulster County Legislative Resolution # 102 regarding County-wide EMS service funding. Supervisor Brooks reads the County resolution and explains Town of Denning Resolution No. 35 of 2025 in support of same. Discussion follows. Supervisor Brooks states that money received by Denning would go to the Grahamsville Ambulance Squad.
- Received confirmation letter forwarded from Denning Justice Court Clerk Erica Benvenuto from the NYS Unified Court System regarding grant award in the amount of \$1,108.99 for the 2024-2025 JCAP grant cycle. Supervisor Brooks and the Town Board thank Ms. Benvenuto for her grant application work.
- Received an email from NYS DEC regarding a Stream Crossing Logging Permit in the Town of Denning. Property near Round Pond Road and Black Bear Road. Supervisor Brooks will follow up as the Town Clerk reports that a logging notification, proof of insurance and fee has not been received by the Town of Denning in regard to this matter. Discussion follows regarding the exact location of the proposed logging operation.
- Notification letter and returned check of \$100.00 received from Ulster County regarding tax collection system fee returned from Ulster County Information Systems.
- Supervisor Brooks received emailed quotes from Power Generator Services in Montgomery, NY regarding a new generator for Town Hall. Generac 10 kw \$3,367.00 – Generac 14 kw \$4,277.00 and Generac 18kw \$5,177.00. Discussion follows.
- Press release received from Ulster County Office of the Comptroller regarding 4<sup>th</sup> year of record-breaking sales tax revenue. Check received from Ulster County in the amount of \$15,516.94 covering sales tax for October to December 2024 and estimated sales tax for January 2025.
- Donation checks received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$16,600.00 for the months of January and February 2025 and \$8,300.00 for the month of March. The Denning Town Board and Supervisor Brooks wishes to express their gratitude to Frost Valley YMCA CEO Riel Pierboom and the Board of Trustees for their continued donations in support of the Town.



**Highway Report: by Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.**

- Plowed and sanded roads and dealt with ice issues from previous month's storms.
- Cleaned brush out of ditches
- Worked in the shop getting the sweeper ready.
- Worked on the clean up of trucks.
- Swept Denning Road and Town Hall Parking area. Brush cut Taylor Road, Wildcat, Carnes and Schultz Roads.
- Tractor work cleaning out culverts and scraped snow and ice off bridges in Denning.
- Working on getting bids for replacement trucks. Discussion follows regarding quotes received and piggybacking off of Town of Neversink with Robert Green for truck(s). Discussion continues regarding trucks that need to be replaced, what should be auctioned to offset costs, etc. The Board unanimously agrees that Highway Superintendent Johnson should move forward regarding these matters (2 trucks and the 550 – 3 total) immediately.
- Highway Superintendent Johnson has initial 284 agreements ready for review by the Board. Review and discussion follows. Agreements are signed and will be submitted by the Highway Superintendent.
- Reports that certain Town roads didn't hold up well through the winter weather. Discussion follows regarding repaving and chip sealing.
- Quote received on John Deere Buffalo Turbine of \$9,000.00.
- Plow purchased this month on snow contractual budget line. Discussion follows with review of 2025 Budget.

**Planning Board Report - by Liaison Councilman Kevin Smith.**

- Approval for Special Use Permit for Short-Term Rental for 53 Kawlija – Tomina LLC (Nicoletti) at February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Continued discussion regarding Moratorium on STR applications and approvals that is now in place.
- Next Planning Board meeting scheduled for March 20, 2025.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.  
(See Warrant #1 Pre-Pay, Voucher No. 1)

<b>Health Care Reimbursement Acct</b>	<b>3PP-6</b>	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-5,000.00
<b>MVP Health Care, Inc.</b>	<b>3PP-7</b>	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-11,776.22
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>3PP-8</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-1,011.58
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Account - FICA</b>	<b>3PP-9</b>	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-685.54
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-18,473.34</b>

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.  
(See Warrant #1, Vouchers Nos. 20 - 30)

<b>Arkel Motors</b>	<b>20</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,306.14
<b>Bottini Fuel Corporation</b>	<b>21</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-3,774.21
<b>Cargill Inc.</b>	<b>22</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-20,213.07
<b>Chemung Supply Corp</b>	<b>23</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-8,040.00
<b>PD Donohue Trucking, LLC</b>	<b>24</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-7,040.99
<b>Hudson River Truck &amp; Trailer</b>	<b>25</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-7,520.00
<b>Liberty Trading Post</b>	<b>26</b>	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-63.47
<b>Mombaccus Excavating, Inc.</b>	<b>27</b>	DA51424 · Snow Removal-Contractual	-3,370.56

North East Parts Group	28	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-85.61
Romeo Ford	29	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,020.18
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	30	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-25.15
		Grand Total	-52,459.38

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #3 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 11 - 17)

Central Hudson-1	3PP-11	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-61.76
Central Hudson-2	3PP-12	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-662.28
		A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-423.95
		Total Central Hudson-2:	-1,086.23
Charter Communications	3PP-13	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-235.11
HealthCare Reimbursement Account	3PP-14	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-5,000.00
MVP Health Care Inc.	3PP-15	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-11,776.21
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	3PP-16	A9030.8 · Social Security	-675.51
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	3PP-17	A9030.8 · Social Security	-284.91
		Grand Total	(19,119.73)

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #3, Voucher Nos. 27 - 40)

Blue360 Media, LLC	27	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-70.64
Bottini Fuel	28	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-440.35
	29	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-1,083.67
		Total Bottini Fuel:	-1,524.02
Central Hudson	30	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-172.94
Charter Communications	31	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-267.94
MATTHEW BENDER CO., INC.	32	A1110.4 · Town Justice-Contractual	-663.31
MVP Select Care Inc.	33	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-32.50
	34	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-32.50
		Total MVP Select Care Inc:	-65.00
NFIP Direct Servicing Agent	35	A1910.4 · Unallocated Insurance	-5,475.00
NYSATRC Membership	36	A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-25.00
Office of the State Comptroller	37	A690 · Overpayment & Clearing Account	-235.00
QUILL CORP	38	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-21.89
UCRRA	39	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-1,921.16
YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN	40	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-123.00
		A8020.4 · Planning-Contractual	-30.00
		A1410.4 · Town Clerk-Contractual	-80.00
		Total Ye Old Tri Valley Townsman:	-233.00
		Grand Total	(10,674.90)

Capital Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.  
(See Warrant #3, Voucher Nos. None)

### Resolution No. 33 of 2025

**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 Pre-Pay Warrant No. 3PP Voucher Nos. 6 - 9.  
Highway Fund Warrant No. 3 Voucher Nos. 20 - 30.  
General Fund Pre-Pay Warrant No. 3PP Voucher Nos. 11 - 17.  
General Fund Warrant No. 3 Voucher Nos. 27 - 40.  
Capital Fund Sewage Disposal Warrant No. 3 None.

**Whereupon**, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:  
Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean and Seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Resolution No. 34 of 2025**

**WHEREAS** The Town of Denning purchased a 2022 John Deere 6120E (120 HP) Cab Tractor with mower from United Ag & Turf in Goshen, NY; and

**WHEREAS** a second installment payment is due in 2025 total \$36,012.14.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board authorizes Supervisor David Brooks to transfer \$36,012.14 from DA599 Highway Fund Balance and to increase Appropriation DA9785.6 Installment Lease Debt for \$28,345.06, and increase Appropriation DA9785.7 Installment Lease Debt, Interest for \$7,667.08.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Sith and Seconded by Councilman Mike Dean.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Resolution No. 35 of 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is essential to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the Town of Denning and Ulster County as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Denning, along with other municipalities in Ulster County, faces increasing operational costs in maintaining reliable EMS services, including personnel, training, equipment, and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the recently released EMS Services Delivery Report for Ulster County, New York, prepared by the Center for Public Safety Management, LLC, has identified significant challenges, including staffing shortages, increasing response times, and financial instability among local EMS providers; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed Resolution No. 102 establishes a policy to fund, facilitate, perpetuate, and support the augmentation and operation of local EMS in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) per annum, thereby providing much-needed financial relief and stability to municipal EMS services; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 102 further mandates transparency and accountability by requiring that funds be used solely for EMS-related expenses, including staffing, training, equipment procurement, and operational costs, with annual reporting requirements to the Ulster County Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Denning recognizes that the sustainability and enhancement of EMS services are critical to public health and safety and that Resolution No. 102 represents a proactive and fiscally responsible approach to addressing EMS challenges in Ulster County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Denning hereby expresses its strong support for the Ulster County Legislature's adoption of Resolution No. 102 and urges its full implementation to ensure the continued availability of high-quality EMS services for all residents of Ulster County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Ulster County Legislature, the Ulster County Executive, the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, and any other relevant agencies as an expression of the Town of Denning's support for sustained EMS funding and service enhancement within the County.

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

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and Seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE                      Councilman Scott Mickelson AYE

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE                      Councilman Gregory Vurckio AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Town Board Discussion:**

Supervisor Brooks requests Town Board approval to move forward with the annual Highway Materials Bidding process. Unanimous Town Board approval.

### **Supervisor Comments:**

- No further information received regarding the Sundown Stream Project. There is an upcoming Rondout/Neversink Stream Association meeting. March 20<sup>th</sup> at Neversink Town Hall.
- Tower on Brooks Hill Road is alive again. Discussion follows. Ulster County Emergency Services still working and Sagendorffs is still in discussion as well.

### **Councilmen Comments:**

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports that at the last meeting he told the Board about the municipal option to propose land acquisition to the City in priority areas 3 and 4. The provision allows Towns/Villages to decide every 5 years to opt in. Denning sided with Delaware County, Jewitt, Windham and Ashland to pass a resolution to opt out of the program totally which will be reflected in the CWT's resolution of approval of the provision with the exceptions of Delaware County, Jewitt, Windham, Ashland and Denning. Supervisor Brooks confirms that Denning will have a proposed Resolution on the Agenda for the April 8<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. Discussion follows.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reports on the recent Court proceedings regarding the ongoing Landlord/Tenant issue. Next Court date is Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.
- Councilman Mickelson also updates the Board regarding his search for a vehicle for the Denning Dog Control Officer. Discussion follows.
- Councilman Mike Dean questions Highway Superintendent Johnson regarding Town of Denning dirt roads. Requests information regarding total mileage.
- Councilman Dean also has questions about the Town Hall generator which did not run during the recent power outage in Claryville area. Confirmed the generator is now running as fuses were replaced but there are other issues regarding wiring and the battery hence the quotes regarding a new one.
- Councilman Kevin Smith has no further comments.

### **Public Comments:**

- Paul Metzger is present representing the Claryville Fire Department. Briefly reports regarding current fire conditions, etc. Asks about signage for drafting. Confirms everyone is hyper-vigilant checking equipment, etc. Specifically asks Highway Superintendent and Town Board if it is OK if Mike Vandeburg, a Highway Dept. employee is free to answer fire calls as a member of the Claryville Fire Department. Supervisor Brooks and Highway Superintendent Johnson confirm that Mike is cleared to answer calls. Discussion continues regarding CFD matters. They are looking for commissioners if anyone is interested in serving.

Supervisor Brooks asks if there are any further Councilmen comments. There are none. Any further Public comments. There are none.

**Motion to adjourn the Town Board** meeting at 7:32 pm pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, March 19, 2025.

The next Town Board Meeting and Town Business Meeting to be held at the Denning Town Hall on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 scheduled to begin at 6pm.