

A regular meeting of the Town of Denmark Town Board was held on March 21, 2022, at the Town of Denmark Municipal Building. A Zoom meeting connection was provided for the interested public to attend the meeting remotely if they wished. The NYS Tug Hill Commission offered their assistance and expertise to set up the meeting for the Town of Denmark Town Board. The link for the meeting was posted on the Town of Denmark website, the three US Post Offices located in the Town and was provided to the media.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Doyle at 6:00pm. Councilwoman Rowsam led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were the following officials: Councilman Fred Wadsworth Councilman Frank Fazio Supervisor Scott Doyle Councilman Peter Jones Councilwoman Darlene Rowsam Town Clerk Prudence Greene exits at 7:30pm reenters at 8:54pm Supt. of Highways Patrick Mahar exits at 7:30pm Assessor William Vargulick	Also in attendance: Deputy Supt. James Der Marie Makuch, exits meeting at 6:16pm Carl and Bonnie Jacobs, exit meeting at 6:19pm Cindy Doyle Attending remotely: Mickey Dietrich, Tug Hill Mark Souva, Village of Copenhagen Mayor Kim Vogt, Village of Copenhagen Trustee Brian Peck Casandra Buell, LC Planning Director Gary Ashline enters at 6:23pm
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Clerk Greene conducted a roll call of the Town Board as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth	Present
Councilman Fazio	Present
Councilman Jones	Present
Councilwoman Rowsam	Present
Supervisor Doyle	Present

Councilman Fazio made a motion, seconded for adoption by Councilman Wadsworth, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2022, meeting of the Town Board as prepared by Clerk Greene.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye
Supervisor Doyle	Aye

Councilwoman Rowsam made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve the prepared agenda.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye
Supervisor Doyle	Aye

Public Comment: Carl and Bonnie Jacobs spoke to the Town Board about their concerns about the non-seasonal portion of the Old State Road near their residence. Issues have continued with the road washing out and becoming impassable near their home. Supt. Mahar responded that he intends to replace the 2 existing culverts with a larger one later this year. The road will need to be built up to accommodate the larger size of the new culvert.

Marie Makuch spoke to the board about an issue she has with rats at her property that are coming from an adjoining parcel. Supervisor Doyle will follow up with Lewis County Code enforcement on this issue.

Agenda Items:

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Jones, as follows:

Resolution 56 of 2022: Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments of General Fund Abstract #653, dated March 21, 2022, claim #'s 55 - 82, Total of all claims \$ 21,446.10.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	Resolution 56 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Councilman Jones offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilwoman Rowsam, as follows:

Resolution 57 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board hereby directs that Water District 1 check 285 payable to the Village of Copenhagen in the amount of \$7,144.00 be voided due to error.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	Resolution 57 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Councilwoman Rowsam offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Supervisor Doyle, as follows:

Resolution 58 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board hereby directs that February 21, 2022, Water District 1 Abstract 77, claim 3 be corrected to the amount of \$7,119.00, that the total of that abstract be corrected to \$7,144.00 and a new check be issued in that amount payable to the Village of Copenhagen.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	Resolution 58 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, second for adoption by Councilman Fazio, as follows:

Resolution 59 of 2022: Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments of Water District 1 Abstract #78, dated March 21, 2022, claim # 4 - 5, Total of all claims \$55.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	Resolution 59 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Department Reports:

Dog Control: DCO Astafan provided a written report to the Town Board of his February 2022 activities.

Zoning and Planning: The Planning Board did not hold a meeting in February due to lack of applications. There were no Zoning permits issued in February 2022.

Discussion was held on the potential appointment of a new Deputy Zoning Officer at this time. Current Deputy ZEO Kevin Gaines will fill in as needed until a new deputy can be found.

Assessor: Mr. Vargulick was present but the Town Board did not have any questions for him at this time.

Town Clerk: Clerk Greene supplied the Town Board with her Clerk's Report and Tax Collection reports from February 2022.

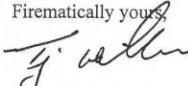
Clerk Greene read aloud the following correspondence she had received prior to the meeting:

- Invitation from the Copenhagen Fire Department:

You are cordially invited to the Copenhagen Volunteer Fire Department's annual banquet, on **April 23, 2022** at the Copenhagen Fire Hall.

Cocktails will start at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm.

Please return the enclosed postcard indicating whether you will be Attending, and if you will be bringing a guest Max of six people by **April 8, 2022.**

Firematically yours,

TJ Williams

- Letter from Shari Simmons, dated March 10 2022 as follows:

March 10 2022

Dear Town of Denmark board,

After reading the minutes for 1-17-22. I would like to inform you that even though there have been no written complaints on the windmill the extremely loud sound emitted from the turbines near my house still continues. And as we are all aware of when they ice over it is intensified.

I would also like to know what information you have received from EDF after the meeting we attended. Have they supplied any of the data we all requested? Where are we on this issue? What correspondence has Scott Doyle had with Jonh Lee? I am also requesting the name of his superior. We obviously have not had any communication with him. Maybe you have but the landowners who have made several complaints have not.

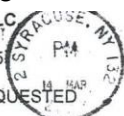
I am not sure if I am suppose to write to you every month to let you know that the problem still exists. Please advise if this is what is needed to let you know the problem has not gone away.

Sincerely

Shari simmons

- Notice from Williamson Services, LLC

Williamson Services LLC
12988 N. Croghan Road
Natural Bridge NY 13865
315-644-4000
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Due to the unforeseen and unprecedented rise in the costs of fuel you will notice a nominal floating fuel recovery fee on your April trash bill. We have tried hard over the years to avoid a fuel recovery fee but due to this sudden increase and the unknown end of this situation we have little choice in the matter. We appreciate your understanding. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office. Thank you
Williamson Services

TOWN OF DENMARK
3707 ROBERTS RD
CARTHAGE NY 13619-3419

- Resignation of Thomas Beyer from the Planning Board:

Date: 3-17-2022

To: Prudence Greene, Town of Demark Planning Board

Subject: resignation

P. Greene

Prudence, I am writing to you to let you know That effective today 03-17-2022 I am resigning as a member of the town of Denmark planning board. I have had health issues for some time and it is in best interest of the board to be able to find someone that can be involved.

I enjoyed working with everyone and wish you all the best.

Sincerely
Thomas Beyer

RACOG Report: Mickey Dietrich updated the Board on the activities of RACOG.

Supt of Highways: Supt. Mahar updated the Board on his departments activities and provided a voucher report and a budget report. He spoke to the Board about an accident between a plow and a Groff's Towing vehicle and an accident in the highway department garage. Discussion was also held on reimbursement from NYS for fuel used by the NYS DOT.

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, second for adoption by Councilman Fazio, as follows:

Resolution 60 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board hereby directs that February 21, 2022, Highway Abstract 694, voucher 35, payable to Doug Boshart be corrected to show expenditure code DA5132.42.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	Resolution 60 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Councilman Jones offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilwoman Rowsam, as follows:

Resolution 61 of 2022: Town of Denmark Town Board approves the budget transfers listed below:

From	To Budget Code	Amount to transfer
DA5130.2 Equipment	DA9785.6 Install Purch Debt -Principal	\$133,194.87
DA5130.2 Equipment	DA9785.7 Install Purch Debt - Interest	\$1,805.13

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	Resolution 61 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Jones, as follows:

Resolution 62 of 2022: Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments Highway Department, Abstract #695, dated March 21, 2022, claim #'s 48 -67, total of paid prior claims \$135,000.00, total of new claims \$19,003.58, Total of all claims \$154,003.58.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	Resolution 62 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Doyle provided copies of the Financial Reports to the Town Board earlier in the month. No questions.

Copies of the discussed items from the 3.14.2022 Capital Planning work session were provided to the Board by Supervisor Doyle.

Supervisor Doyle reported that the ARPA fund transfer is complete. The funds will be tracked through a sub account in case additional documentation is required at a later date.

Supervisor Doyle provided a copy of a NYS DOH Testing Notice of Violations & Testing Schedule as follows:

Minutes of 03.21.2022
Prepared by Town Clerk Prudence Greene

February 22, 2022

Mr. James Der, Supervisor
Town of Denmark
3707 Roberts Road
Carthage, NY 13619

Re: Notices of Violation
T. Denmark WD 1 – PWS #2430060

Dear Supplier of Water:

You have been issued 3 notices of violation for failing to collect water samples for Total Haloacetic Acids and Total Trihalomethanes, in accordance with the annual monitoring letter dated March 4th, 2021, for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters of 2021.

As a consequence, you must make public notification in accordance with Section 5-1.78 of the NYS Sanitary Code under Tier 3 notification requirements. Publishing the above content in your 2021 Annual Water Quality Report should fulfill the public notification requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact the writer at (315) 785-2277.

Sincerely,



Claude A. Curley, PE
District Engineer

ecc: Brandon Cooney, District Director
Michael Tracy, P.E., Professional Engineer 1
Erin Ingles, P.E., CNY Regional Office

cc: Pat Mahar – DPW Supt.

SDWIS/State Water Sample Schedule Report

DENMARK WD 1 PWS ID: NY2430060

Due Contaminant (Group)/ 2022 Sample Location/Frequency	Last Compliance Results	Sample Requirements
Coliform, Total (TCR)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location: Distribution System Frequency: 1 Sample Monthly Sample collection should be rotated amongst several representative sites within the distribution in accordance with the approved sample plan.		1 Sample must be collected every month.
Total Haloacetic Acids (Haa5)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ID: DS001 Frequency: 2 Samples Quarterly Sample Point: DISTRIBUTION VARIOUS Sample Point No.: DS001 Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System Collect two HAA5 samples quarterly, in accordance with the approved sample plan.	Samples last collected: 9/23/2019	2 Samples must be collected each calendar quarter.
Total Trihalomethanes (Tthm)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ID: DS001 Frequency: 2 Samples Quarterly Sample Point: DISTRIBUTION VARIOUS Sample Point No.: DS001 Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System Collect two TTHM samples quarterly, in accordance with the approved sample plan.	Samples last collected: 9/23/2019	2 Samples must be collected each calendar quarter.

February 23, 2022

Mr. James Der, Supervisor
Town of Denmark
3707 Roberts Rd.
Carthage, NY 13619

RE: 2022 Public Water System Monitoring Requirements

Dear Supplier of Water:

The Year 2022 monitoring requirements for your water system are **attached**. You are responsible for all testing and reporting of analytical results from an appropriate laboratory certified by New York State. As a reminder, monthly operation reports must be submitted to the NYS Department of Health's Watertown District Office by the 10th day of the following month.

You are responsible for preparing and distributing an updated Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR) **prior to May 31st**. Remember to include all sampling data in your AWQR tables that were detected parameters (If you monitor less than once per year for some parameters, you must include the most recent data.). Certification that the AWQR was delivered must be provided by **September 1st**.

This letter and attached sample schedule must be on file at the Town Office and be available for review upon inspection.

If you have any questions, please contact the writer or Mr. Curley at (315) 785-2277.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Tracy, P.E.
Professional Engineer 1

Enc. 2022 Monitoring Requirements

cc: Claude Curley, P.E. – District Engineer
Erin Ingles, P.E. – Syracuse Regional Office
Pat Mahar, DPW Superintendent – Town of Denmark

Discussion was held. Supt. Mahar has discussed this with Mr. Curley and will be doing the testing.

Discussion was held on the Water District Capital Fund checking account. The construction project is completed.

Councilman Jones offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Wadsworth, as follows:

Resolution 63 of 2022: Town of Denmark Town Board approves the moving of remaining balance of \$3,946.63 from the Water District Capital Fund (1773) to the Water District #1 Checking (7079). The board further authorizes the closure of the Community Bank Water District Capital Fund checking account ending in ...1773.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	Resolution 63 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Discussion was held on a letter provided by Supervisor Doyle as follows:

March 07, 2022

Scott Doyle
Supervisor
Town of Denmark
3707 Roberts Road
Town Building
Carthage, NY 13619

Re: Unspent Proceeds for the Town of Denmark Project No. D0-18020

Dear Supervisor Doyle:

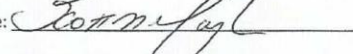
On September 09, 2021, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation provided the Town of Denmark with a \$775,814.36 long-term financing to support Project No. D0-18020 (Project).

The Town has unspent grant proceeds in the amount of \$7,814.36. Our records indicate that the Project is complete, and no disbursement requests have been submitted since .

Please check the applicable statement and sign below to confirm the status of the project:

Project No. D0-18020 is complete. There will be no further request for disbursement. Please contact me with information on how applicable proceeds can be applied toward principal debt service. Unspent proceeds involving grant funds may necessitate a re-evaluation and possible resizing of the Town's grant award.

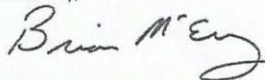
Project No. D0-18020 is not complete. The Town anticipates submitting a disbursement request by _____. (This date may be no more than three months from the date of this letter.)

Authorized Representative Signature: 

Please reply to this request no later than March 28, 2022 by email at Rebecca.Walker@efc.ny.gov or by standard mail.

Thank you for your anticipated timely attention to this matter. If you need further assistance or information, please contact Rebecca Walker, Senior Finance Manager at (518) 402-7085.

Sincerely,



Brian McEvoy
Director of Equity Finance

This will result in the July loan payment being decreased by \$7,814.36.

Discussion was held on the Danforth quote for the work needed on the boiler system and piping.

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Supervisor Doyle, as follows:

Resolution 64 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Doyle to sign JWD Quote # DD 22-003R1 in the amount of \$9,490.00 for the repair and replacement of existing piping in the boiler system on behalf of the Town of Denmark and further directs that budget code A5132.4 be utilized to pay the bill when submitted by the John W. Danforth Company.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	Resolution 64 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Supervisor Doyle informed the Town Board of the CD rate for investments, .15%.

Old Business:

Building Doors update – Councilman Fazio, no new information.

Technology Upgrade Update – Councilman Wadsworth & Councilwoman Rowsam, Councilman Wadsworth will look for additional vendors to compare with Big Apple.

Tug Hill Conference – 8 Denmark officials will attend

Ethics Board – no action

Discussion was held on adding an announcement to the town’s website seeking candidates for a planning board vacancy, Dep ZEO and Board of Ethics members. Clerk Greene will work on a draft.

Fire Departments: The Town has requested training records from the Champion Fire Company, Copenhagen Fire Company and West Carthage Fire Company. Castorland and West Carthage have complied with the request and turned over records. Copenhagen has not complied at this time, nor have they provided information about their Truck Fund Reserve.

New Business:

Supervisor Doyle would like to put together a Request for Proposal (RFP) to clean up tire waste pile. Discussion held.

Councilman Fazio made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wadsworth to allow Supervisor Doyle to seek Requests for Proposals (RFP) to clean up tire waste pile.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye
Supervisor Doyle	Aye

Discussion was held on the most recent billing from the accountant and the money allocated for that expense Budget line A1310.4 in 2022.

Councilman Jones offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Wadsworth, as follows:

Resolution 65 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board hereby authorizes the following budget adjustment to increase the funds available in budget code A1310.4:

From	To Budget Code	Amount to transfer
General Fund Unexpended Fund Balance	A1310.4 – Accounting Contractual	\$3,000.00

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye
Supervisor Doyle	Aye

Resolution 65 Of 2022 adopted 03.21.2022

Discussion of 2022 / 2023 snow removal contracts for Village of Castorland and Copenhagen was held.

Councilman Wadsworth made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Rowsam, to increase the 2022 / 2023 snow removal contracts for Village of Castorland and the Village of Copenhagen by 15% for each village.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye

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Prepared by Town Clerk Prudence Greene

Supervisor Doyle Aye

Supervisor Doyle received information from Greenspot EV about vehicle charging stations. Discussion was held. Mickey Dietrich offered to get more information for the Town Board about other vendors or programs.

Discussion of potential Village of Castorland annexation of parcel SBL 126.00-02-23.100.

Councilman Jones made a motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a legal issue with counsel at 7:30pm, his motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rowsam.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye
Supervisor Doyle	Aye

Supt. Mahar, Clerk Greene, Dep Supt. Jim Der, Cindy Doyle, Mayor Souva, and Gary Ashline all exited the meeting.

Councilman Wadsworth made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fazio to exit the Executive Session at 8:54pm.

Vote recorded as:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye
Supervisor Doyle	Aye

Councilman Wadsworth made a motion to send the letter below to Shari Simmons:

Town of Denmark
3707 Roberts Rd
Carthage NY 13619

Mrs. Shari Simmons
10180 St Rte 12
Copenhagen, NY 13626

March 22, 2022

Mrs. Simmons,

We reviewed your letter last evening. Last October the board asked who was going to contact the landowners and provide feedback. Supervisor Der responded he would reply to attendees. We as a board have been under the impression that this issue has been addressed.

I know I forwarded a copy of the resolution that was passed in 2014 that allowed "all" wind towers to produce 50 dbs. to Mr. Kiernan at his request. I have included a copy of the resolution, Supervisor Der said he had provided this previously.

Regarding what has been received or provided to EDF, there has no exchange of data. They will not provide the Town with anymore than they provided the landowners. Regarding my correspondence with Joon Lee, as the minutes state, there has been no correspondence.

We addressed the landowners who have outstanding complaints at our meeting in September. Councilman Wadsworth and I stated the goal of the Town was to bring the parties involved together. We made it clear that we would step away from this issue, hoping the parties involved would work together to negotiate in good faith to resolve the issues outstanding. EDF has done everything we have requested: They conducted a noise level survey; they have offered to enter into settlement agreements and they've even flown to the Town to meet with you folks. Our position as the Town, is that the Wind Towers are not violating any local laws.

Your request for Joon Lee's "Superior" should be addressed to EDF, not the Town of Denmark.

This has been a learning experience for everyone involved. We don't see that there is any recourse for the Town to take. We can't change the local law governing the decibels, if we did the existing towers would be grandfathered.

It's our recommendation that you follow up with EDF on all future concerns.

Scott M. Doyle
Town of Denmark Supervisor
315-767-5368

cc: Joon Lee
cc: Attorney Jim Burrows

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rowsam.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye
Supervisor Doyle	Aye

Discussion was held on a possible meeting with Lewis County manager Ryan Piche. Councilwoman Rowsam offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Wadsworth to allow Supervisor Doyle to meet with Lewis County manager Ryan Piche on behalf of the Town of Denmark to discuss changes to special franchise assessments.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye
Supervisor Doyle	Aye

Councilman Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, that motion was seconded by Councilman Wadsworth.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye
Supervisor Doyle	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Prudence L. Greene

Town of Denmark Town Clerk