

A regular meeting of the Town of Denmark Town Board was held on July 18, 2022, at the Town of Denmark Municipal Building.

In attendance were the following officials: Councilman Fred Wadsworth Councilman Frank Fazio Supervisor Scott Doyle Councilman Peter Jones Councilwoman Darlene Rowsam Superintendent Patrick Mahar exits 7:26pm Town Clerk Prudence Greene exits 7:26pm Deputy Town Clerk Susan Kirch-Corey exits 7:26pm Bill Vargulick – Town of Denmark Assessor – exits at 6:45pm , reenters at 6:59pm, exits at 7:25pm	Also in attendance: Larry Pacola exits at 6:48pm Brian Reape exits at 6:48pm Ian Gilbert – Lewis County Legislative District 4 – exits at 6:28pm Mark Souva, Village of Copenhagen Mayor – enters at 6:18pm Deputy Supt. James Der Mickey Dietrich – RACOG – exits at 7:15pm Eric Johnson – AYSO – exits at 6:17pm
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The Town Board meeting was opened by Supervisor Doyle at 6:00pm. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Clerk Kirch-Corey conducted a roll call of the Town Board as follows:

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

Councilman Fazio made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Rowsam to approve the meeting minutes of June 16, 2022, as prepared by Clerk Prudence Greene.  
Vote recorded as 5 Ayes and 0 Noes.

**Public Comment:**

Eric Johnson representing AYSO Region 1647 spoke to the Town about the success of the local club and its involvement with getting kids outside and interested in playing soccer and continuing the involvement of kids that have rejoined the club through volunteerism. Mr. Johnson reported AYSO soccer being selected as Club of Year for Region 3 in 2021, having over 160 players and over twenty volunteers. Locally AYSO has grown 27% from last year, currently having two hundred players. Mr. Johnson is requesting a contribution in support of the club to purchase balls, field paint, gift cards for student volunteers.

Supervisor Doyle spoke to having no requests for Youth Programs in the past 6-months.

Counselman Fazio made a motion, seconded by Counselman Wadsworth as follows: (Councilman Jones recuses due to a business affiliation with Mr. Johnson.)

**Resolution 101 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board approves a contribution of \$ 500.00 to AYSO Region 1674 for upgrade of equipment, balls, field paint, and gift cards for student volunteers, and further directs funds to be drawn from the line item A7310.4 Youth Programs in the amount of \$ 500.00**

**Roll Call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**Resolution 101 of 2022 adopted 07.18.2022**

Mr. Johnson exits at 6:17pm

Ian Gilbert, Lewis County Legislator District 4, spoke to the Town Board and interested attendees about the County’s position and intended outcome of eminent domain for the proposed Rails to Trails project. The legislation has budgeted \$1.5 million for this project. Mr. Gilbert handed out information about the project with questions and answers. Mr. Gilbert highlighted the process involved with the County being granted an eminent domain. Mr. Gilbert discussed the initial steps of this process where a lawsuit has been filed and has been turned over to a mediator. In the meantime, the Legislators have employed the services of GYMO to conduct surveys. Lewis County Legislators’ welcome feedback on this project.

Mayor Souva enters at 6:18pm

Supervisor Doyle recalled that the County tried to establish a trail system in Denmark and there were no landowners then that wanted to participate.

Larry Pacola cited the legislators lack of representation for landowners and in what the public wants, and enforcement of the trail system. Legislators' being more interested in the tourism dollars that the trail might raise. Mr. Pacola notes the number of deaths of tourists on the existing local trail systems; seven deaths this year, and the need for weekend and holiday enforcement on the trails. Local trails having the highest fatality rate of any nationally, not just NY. Discussion about enforcement continued.

Councilman Fazio asks if peddle cars will be in use? Mr. Gilbert explained that peddle cars are running from Croghan to Beaver Falls.

Mr. Gilbert explained that potentially the trails could be broken into pieces, dependent on geographical feasibility, and public want as it is intended to be a mixed-use trail system.

James Der spoke about a failed effort made by legislators years ago for the same project and being disappointed that it is being revisited. Mr. Der is disappointed in Lewis County's lack of contact with landowners. There existing landowner deeds saying that if the railroad abandons use, the land reverts to current landowners.

Mr. Gilbert added that each easement is included in the same lawsuit.

Brian Reape is in attendance to show his opposition of the proposed trail system.

Councilman Jones offers an opinion as a farming landowner, supporting the taxpayers over tourist dollars.

Supervisor Doyle has spoken with Scott Connell, Copenhagen School Superintendent, to set up an open forum in August on this subject matter.

Mr. Gilbert exits the meeting at 6:28

Mikey Dietrich read the RACOG report to the Town Board, providing information on the following projects in Denmark. LED lighting project for Denmark is wrapping up. GYMO is working on mapping of the Black River from Castorland to Carthage. Progress is being made on the CGI promotional video.

#### **Reports of Departments:**

##### **Dog Control Office:**

DCO Nick Astafan provided a written report of June 2022, a 6-month report, and the DCO Inventory list; no comments or concerns voiced.

##### **Zoning & Planning:**

##### **Planning Board:**

Secretary Amanda Clark submitted Minutes of July 5, 2022; No comments or concerns voiced.

Deputy ZEO Kevin Gaines provided a written report of the June 2022 Zoning Report; No comments or concerns voiced.

Supervisor Doyle spoke with Mr. Gaines regarding the search for a ZEO. Mr. Gaines explained he had discussed the position with someone, saying pay is an issue.

Discussion held about finding a ZEO versus the IMA with Lewis County, further research is necessary.

Supervisor Doyle received an email from Katie Zehr expressing interest in the open Planning Board Seat. Ms. Zehr works at Lowville Central School.

Councilman Fazio brought a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to appoint Katie Zehr to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Beyer, effective Monday, July 18, 2022, term to expire December 31, 2024. All ayes.

**Assessor:** William Vargulick spoke to the Town Board about a notice he received from Lewis County, wanting all towns to utilize the same computer & computer software. The County's utilized software does not support Windows 10. Discussion held.

Mr. Vargulick explains current and omitted taxes for veteran exemption situation, saying that the Town can do it by resolution.

Supervisor Doyle offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Wadsworth as follows:  
(Councilman Fazio abstains from voting as this affects him personally)

**Resolution 104 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Board ENACT A RESOLUTION EFFECTING VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION**

**WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Denmark, New York has devoted considerable time and attention to tax exemptions effecting veterans; and**  
**WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it would be in the best interest of the community to permit veterans who currently receive a tax exemption, who then purchase alternative property, to receive a prorated exemption on said purchased property for the balance of the fiscal year; and**  
**WHEREAS, such proration would be calculated by multiplying the tax rate by the fraction of the fiscal year remaining after the replacement purchase date; and**  
**WHEREAS, such procedure would be governed by Real Property Tax Law, Article Five, Title Three and treated as a clerical error, as defined therein; and**  
**WHEREAS, the veteran’s continued receipt of exemption on the new property must be reapplied for on or before the applicable taxable status date.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Denmark, New York as follows:**


- 1. The forgoing recitation is incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth herein.**
- 2. The Town Board hereby enacts the Resolution 104 of 2022 as being in the best interests of the Town of Denmark.**
- 3. The Supervisor for the Town of Denmark, and the Town Clerk, their respective agents and employees are hereby authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to enact this resolution.**
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.**

<b>Councilman Wadsworth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Resolution 104 of 2022 adopted 7.18.2022</b>
<b>Councilman Fazio</b>	<b>Abstains</b>	
<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilwoman Rowsam</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Supervisor Doyle</b>	<b>Aye</b>	

Mr. Vargulick exists at 6:45pm  
Mr. Reape and Mr. Pacola exit at 6:48pm

**Town Clerk / Tax Collector:**  
Clerk Greene provided the June 2022 Town Clerks report and the Tax Analysis Collection Report of the 2022 Tax Season, thus formally closing the collection of taxes for 2022. No comments or concerns voiced.

Clerk Greene also presented the following correspondence:  
- Letter from NYS Ag & Markets, dated 7/16/22, DCO Inspection Report – Satisfactory



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

June 16, 2022

Enclosed is the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report completed on 06/14/2022. This inspection relates to Agriculture and Markets Laws and Regulations which may be viewed on the website below.

As the report indicates, DCO services were rated "Satisfactory". Please make note of any comments listed on the report.

Dog control officer services are subject to inspection by this agency on a regular basis.

Please notify this office within 30 days of any changes in DCO services.

If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please call me.

Paulina Renggli  
Animal Health Inspector  
(315) 916-3204

DL-89

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS  
DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY  
108 WARWICK DRIVE, ALBANY, NY 12226

DOG CONTROL OFFICER INSPECTION REPORT - DL-89

Rating: Satisfactory365 Purpose: Inspection

DATE/TOA: 6/14/22 8:30 am

NICHOLAS ASTAFAN & JOHN YOUNG  
7681 N STATE STREET  
LOWVILLE, NY 13357

Inspector: Paulina Renggli Inspector #: 71

These are the findings of an inspection of your facility on the date(s) indicated above.

1. Equipment is available for proper capture and holding	Yes
2. Dogs are held and transported safely	Yes
3. Equipment maintained in clean and sanitary condition	Yes
4. Veterinary care is provided when necessary	Yes
5. Dogs are euthanized humanely	Yes
6. Complete seizure and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs	Yes
7. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption in compliance with Article 7	Not Applicable
8. Redemption period is observed before adoption, euthanasia or transfer	Not Applicable
9. Owners of identified dogs are properly notified	Yes
10. Redemmed dogs are licensed before release	Not Applicable
11. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released	Not Applicable

Division of Animal Industry | 108 Arsenal Dr., Albany, N.Y. 12226 | (518) 457-3602 | www.agriculture.ny.gov

Draft Minutes of 07.18.2022  
Prepared by Deputy Town Clerk Susan Kirch-Corey

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Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
2302	Town of Denmark
2308	Town of Lowville
2312	Town of New Bremen

Additional Information for Inspection:

Number of Dogs Seized:

Number of dogs seized since previous inspection: Denmark-8 Lowville-15 New Bremen-11

Associated Municipal Shelter(s):

Name of Shelter(s): Lewis County Humane Society

Holding Facility:

Dogs held before transport to shelter? (Yes/No): No

Location(s): N/A

REMARKS:

N/A= Shelter handles

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: Nicholas Astafan

REVIEWED BY: Emily Caschione

TITLE: DCO

REVIEWED DATE: 06/15/2022

- Letter from Lewis County Board of Elections, dated 7/7/2022, confirming Primary on 8/23/22 from 6am – 9pm

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Memo To: Polling Sites  
Town Supervisors  
District Attorney Office  
Town & Village Justices

From: Lindsay I. Burriss & Ann M. Nortz  
Commissioners of Elections

Date: July 7, 2022

Subject: Primary Election – August 23, 2022

This memo is to inform you of the upcoming primary election to be held at your poll site location. Please mark your calendars for the following date:

August 23

Primary Election

6 am – 9 pm

We will be at your site to set up the day before the election. All supplies, voting machines and equipment is to be left exactly where we set it up.

Please notify our office if keys/locks/codes have been changed since June.

As always, we ask that any extra furniture and supplies are removed from the area that we need to set for the election.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (315) 376-5329.

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Lewis County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints of discrimination should be made known to the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

- Letter from Converse Labs, dated 6/23/22, beginning 7/1/22, 3% surcharge on future bills

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Converse Laboratories Inc.  
Environmental and Microbiology Specialists  
800 Starbuck Avenue, Suite B101  
Watertown, NY 13601  
Ph. 315-788-8388 Fax 315-788-9258  
1-800-427-5227

June 23, 2022

Dear Clients,

As I am sure you all are aware, massive inflation is impacting everyone both at home and at work. We are experiencing cost increases almost on a weekly if not daily basis.

Here at Converse Labs, we have always provided a full one stop laboratory service for you as our client. To do this we sub-contract analyses to several large national labs always trying to provide this high-quality service at a reasonable price. ALL of our sub-contract laboratories are also experiencing inflationary issues some on a larger scale than we are. Energy, Logistics, Materials, and labor costs have increased. The pandemic caused labor shortages resulting in increased turn-around times for results and higher costs. To that end, our sub-contract labs have notified us that there will be **"Energy and Inflation Surcharges"** on all work received starting July 1, 2022. Most of these increases are between 7.5% and 8.6% at this time.

Unfortunately, as we work on such a small margin for sub-contracted analyses and as our current costs continue to rise, we have no choice than to pass this inflationary increase on. A small surcharge of 3% will be added to every invoice as a separate line item with all work received starting July 1, 2022.

Thank you for your continued business. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

David J. Converse

David J. Converse, COO  
Converse Laboratories, Inc.

- Letter from Assoc of Towns, fall in person training regulating short term rentals.

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Dear Town Clerk,

The Association of Towns and New York Planning Federation's Fall Planning and Zoning schools will return as in-person events on the dates and at the locations on the enclosed mail-in / fax-in registration form. These schools will provide 4 credits of land use training, and a certificate of attendance will be provided to all registrants. Please check our websites in July for the final agendas.

New for 2022, we are offering a free Continuing Legal Education credit for the following session that will be at all three school locations:

From AIRBNB to VRBO and Everything in Between  
Regulating Short-term Rentals in Your Jurisdiction (1 CLE)

Katie Hodgdon, Esq. Counsel – Association of Towns

Short-term rentals went from virtually unknown just over a decade ago to a global multi-billion dollar industry, with Airbnb reporting nearly \$6 billion in revenue in 2021 in the United States alone. The proliferation of this industry has left local governments contemplating how to balance protecting the character and integrity of their towns, cities and villages while providing the services required from increased traffic and tourism. This course will cover the laws (current and proposed) that govern regulating short-term rentals and provide tips on drafting local legislation that will survive court scrutiny (results not guaranteed). This session will provide 1 Continuing Legal Education credit hour in the area of Professional Practice (Transactional and Nontransactional).

Please share this with your town's planning board, zoning board of appeals, (some towns rely on the town board for these functions) and your town attorney. We know you're busy and appreciate your help in getting training to local officials.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Christopher Anderson  
Director of Research and Programming  
canderson@nytowns.org

2022 FALL PLANNING AND ZONING SCHOOLS  
REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOLS

(Please check the school you will attend)

Town of Hyde Park (Dutchess County) \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Watkins Center @ FDR Library and Museum  
4079 Albany Street Road  
Hyde Park, NY 12528

City of Canastota (Otsego County) \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

New York Kitchen  
801 S. Main St  
Canastota, NY 14243

Village of Lake Placid (Essex County) \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Conference Center at Lake Placid  
3698 Main Street  
Lake Placid, NY 12946

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Online Registration

We encourage you to register online for these schools as space is limited. Online registration can be done at [www.nytowns.org](http://www.nytowns.org). We accept ONLY Visa or Mastercard.

Mail-In Registration

Check enclosed in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Make checks payable to Association of Towns of the State of New York)

Mail this completed registration form to:

Association of Towns  
130 State St., Albany, New York 12207

Registration includes materials, handouts and lunch.

On-site registration opens at 8:30 AM, classes begin at 9:30 AM and end at 1:40 PM. Each location/date will provide a total of 4 credits hours of land-use training.

Continuing Legal Education

Both transactional and non-transactional attorneys will receive 1 credit hour in the area of professional practice for attending the designated session. There is no additional fee for the CLE credit. You must indicate that you will be seeking CLE credit by checking the box above.

Cancellation Notice

For refunds to be given, notice of cancellation must be received 30 days prior to event, less a \$50 processing fee. NO REFUNDS after that deadline.

Questions?

Please contact the Planning Federation at (518) 312-5278 with any questions or concerns or email [canderson@nytowns.org](mailto:canderson@nytowns.org).

FEES

The Association of Towns and the Planning Federation offer reduced registration prices to their respective members:

Member Registration: \$90.00 (pre-avg), \$95.00 (at the door)

Non-Member Registration: \$110.00 (pre-avg), \$130.00 (at the door)

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- Letter from Shari Simmons, dated 7/2/2022, wind tower noise level



- Certificates of Liability Insurance for the Village of West Carthage Fire Department have been received, they are valid 6/1/2022 – 6/1/2023

Clerk Greene explained the New York State and Local Retirement System requirement for reporting and adoption by resolution of the Standard Workday for elected and appointed officials participating in the retirement system.

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

**Resolution 105 of 2022: Whereas the Office of the State Comptroller of New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System requires that a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution be established for retirement credit reporting purposes for elected and appointed officials;**

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town of Denmark hereby establishes the following as standard work day for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Town Clerk:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the <small>Town of Denmark</small> / <small>30727</small> hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will									
<small>(Name of Employer)</small> <small>(Location Code)</small>									
report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:									
Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
<b>Elected Officials:</b>									
Prudence L. Greene	3616		Town Clerk / Tax Collector / Court Clerk	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2025	6	28.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick Mahar	9300		Supt. of Highways	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2025	6	23.45	<input type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appointed Officials:</b>									
Rachael Vary			Court Clerk	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	6	2.17	<input type="checkbox"/>	monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph E. Greene			Court Bailiff	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	6	1.15	<input type="checkbox"/>	quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Resolution 105 of 2022 adopted 7.18.2022**

Supt. Mahar submitted a written report to the Town Board updating on his department’s activity, a voucher report, and a budget report.

Supt. Mahar reported that the Highway Department has completed paving, are now waiting for shoulders, and then chip seal. Mowing, and tree work are complete. Supt. Mahar reported a flat tire is to be inspected by Lyons Falls Tire to determine cause.

Supt. Mahar advised there is still no build date on the new truck which has been on order since November 2021.

Supt. Mahar reports potential shortages of material – Heater hose is currently unavailable, anticipating there to be a shortage of DEF needed for the trucks. Supt. Mahar will order 6 or 7 barrels of DEF now, to be stored in the Town Garage until needed this winter, the fluid will keep good for about six months in storage.

Councilman Jones discussed a guardrail having been damaged on Deer River Road.

Supt. Mahar explained that it was reported to Richard at Village of Copenhagen.  
Councilman Jones believes it is the Village’s to replace.

Councilman Fazio inquired if the Town is still doing their own maintenance. Supt. Mahar confirmed that they are.

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

**Resolution 106 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments Highway Department, Abstract #699 , dated July 18, 2022, claim # 120 – 136 , total of all claims \$200,089.54.**

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	<b>Resolution 106 of 2022 adopted 7.18.2022</b>

**Supervisor’s Report:**

Supervisor Doyle reports to the Town Board that North Country CPA has completed the Town’s Financial Reports, Scott Lawrence has confirmed he will attend the August meeting to review them.

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

**Resolution 107 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board does hereby authorize the following transfer of funds in the adopted 2022 Town of Denmark Budget:**

From	To	Total
A1355.4 – Assessor Contractual	A3610.42 – Cont. Bd of Assessment	51.64

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye	
Councilman Fazio	Aye	
Councilman Jones	Aye	
Councilwoman Rowsam	Aye	
Supervisor Doyle	Aye	<b>Resolution 107 of 2022 adopted 7.18.2022</b>

Supervisor Doyle informed that the Town of Denmark’s AUD report underwent a thorough review this year. The amended audit has been reviewed and accepted by the State.

Supervisor Doyle discussed with the Town Board about having a Town Credit Card for Superintendent Mahar. Discussion followed. Supervisor Doyle will develop a credit card policy for use by Town Officials.

Supervisor Doyle advised the Town Board that it is time to start looking at budgets for next year. He will be sending letters to Department Heads and Fire & EMS Contractors in the coming weeks.

Supervisor Doyle informed the Town Board of Katie Zehr’s idea of forming a committee to bringing a Public Library to the Town of Denmark benefiting Castorland and Copenhagen. Discussion held.

Councilwoman Rowsam expressed interest in Ms. Zehr’s idea for a library committee and would like additional information. Clerk Greene will contact Ms. Zehr to find out about time commitment required.

Supervisor Doyle has been conducting a Wage & Benefit Survey with Town Highway Departments located within Lewis County, receiving six (6) responses.

Supervisor Doyle spoke with the Town Board about notice received regarding NY State Deferred Comp, which is transitioning from paper reporting to electronic reporting. North Country CPAs will be managing the reporting electronically, with Supervisor Doyle remaining on the account.

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

**Resolution 108 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board approves setting up North Country CPA Scott Lawrence as administrator for NYS Deferred Comp allowing access to transmit the electronic reports as needed. Town Supervisor will remain as a user.**

Councilman Wadsworth	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye

<b>Councilwoman Rowsam</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Supervisor Doyle</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Resolution 108 of 2022 adopted 7.18.2022</b>

**Old Business:**  
Supervisor Doyle gave an update on door replacement from B.R. Johnson, expecting them to be installed in early August.

Supervisor Doyle informed the Town Board that the Court Office and secondary exit doors will be sent to Northern Glass for an estimate of the glass and security pass thru.

Councilman Wadsworth gave an update on the Technology Upgrade, saying that Big Apple has everything except the tower which is still on backorder and for which he has not been given an expected arrival date.

Supt. Mahar gave a progress update of Town’s Ground Maintenance. Supt. Mahar reports the old culverts are all gone, everything has been removed. Supt. Mahar is looking for a vendor to clean up the brush pile.

Supervisor Doyle asks about Davis regarding the brush pile. Supt. Mahar reports that Davis has been notified they are not to bring anything else in.

Supt. Mahar clarified for Supervisor Doyle the measurement of the sidewalk on his drawing of the proposed repairs. Discussion held regarding how to heat the sidewalks.

Supervisor Doyle is looking into price quotes for electric mats versus a pex system for heating the sidewalks during the winter months. Discussion held. Supervisor Doyle will do a study of using a solar array vs. electric for powering the mats.

Supervisor Doyle requests Supt. Mahar to please remove the flower bed and place ballards around the well housing. Supt. Mahar will check on the soil depth for ballards, three (3) feet is the minimum required depth. Supervisor Doyle requests that the cost for new ballards be taken from his salary budget.

Supervisor Doyle has contacted Thomas Aubin about getting a quote for a hitching post for horses, and a windbreak for new entry doors, as well as repair/replacement of exterior cement board. The exterior door wall at the lower level should be repaired as new exterior doors are installed. Discussion on where to place the hitching post was held.

The Town of Denmark has been requested to conduct a Speed Study for Station Road which will be forwarded to Lewis County Highway.

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

**Resolution 109 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board hereby approves the request for a speed study to be conducted on the Station Road. The request will be forwarded to the Lewis County Highway Department.**

<b>Councilman Wadsworth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilman Fazio</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilwoman Rowsam</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Supervisor Doyle</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Resolution 109 of 2022 adopted 7.18.2022</b>

**New Business:**

Supervisor Doyle informed the Town Board of a new Grant Program for blight properties. Discussion held. Supervisor Doyle will forward the information to Town Board members for their review.

Supervisor Doyle informed the Town Board of the increase in cost of Search & Rescue Sponsorship from \$97/Person to \$235/Person.

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

**Resolution 110 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board does hereby rescind Resolution 53 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board authorizes the sponsorship of 5 Town of Denmark Residents @ a cost of \$97.00 each (\$485) for supplies & materials to attend Lewis County Search & Rescue EMT Course. Effective immediately upon adoption.**

<b>Councilman Wadsworth</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Fazio</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>

<b>Councilwoman Rowsam</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Supervisor Doyle</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Resolution 110 of 2022 adopted 7.18.2022</b>

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

**Resolution 111 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board authorizes the sponsorship of 5 Town of Denmark Residents at a cost of \$235.00 each for a total cost \$1175 for supplies & materials to attend Lewis County Search & Rescue EMT Course. Further the Board authorizes the transfer of \$1175 from Supervisor’s Salary line A1220.1 to Town Board Contractual line A1010.41. Effective immediately upon adoption.**

<b>Councilman Wadsworth</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilman Fazio</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilman Jones</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilwoman Rowsam</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Supervisor Doyle</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Resolution 111 of 2022 adopted 7.18.2022</b>

At 7:25pm Supervisor Doyle announced the Town Board would like to enter Executive Session for a Contractual Issue.

Supervisor Doyle made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to enter Executive Session for a contractual issue. Vote recorded as 5 Ayes and 0 Noes.

Supt. Mahar, James Der, Mickey Dietrich, Mark Souva, Prudence Greene, and Susan Kirch-Corey exit the meeting at 7:25pm.  
At 7:45pm Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Rowsam to exit the Executive Session. Vote recorded as follows:

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

Motion to Investigate Options for Fire Protection District 223 for Calendar Year 2023 was offered by Councilman Wadsworth, seconded by Councilman Jones.  
Vote recorded as follows:

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

Being no other business for the Town Board, motion for Adjournment was at 8:43 pm by Councilwoman Rowsam, seconded by Councilman Jones.  
Vote recorded as 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

Susan Kirch-Corey  
Town of Denmark Deputy Town Clerk