

Town of Denmark Agenda  
November 18, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 PM Pledge – Led by Supervisor Doyle  
Roll Call –Town Clerk Prudence Greene

- Approval of October 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- Approval of tonight’s agenda
- Public Privilege of the Floor

Reports of Departments:

**A. Supervisor’s Report**

- a. North Country CPA – Financials
- b. NYCLASS Interest Income for October was \$5,933.58, YTD Interest Income is \$67,497.81.
- c. Discussion of error in coding for budget transfer

**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024: Rescind adopted resolution 122 of 2024**

Whereas the Town of Denmark Town Board adopted the following resolution 122 OF 2024 at their October 21, 2024 meeting:

Increase Revenue Budget Code	Increase Expenditure Budget Code	Amount
DB599N – Appropriated Fund Balance (Budgetary)	DB 5112.4 - Contractual Road Improvements	\$54,000.00

,and

Whereas an error was later discovered in the budget code designated in the resolution, the Town Board of the Town of Denmark does hereby rescind resolution 122 of 2024 in its entirety.

**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024 appropriating \$54,000 to DB5110.41 Contractual maintenance of roads**

Appropriated Revenue Budget Code	Increase Expenditure Budget Code	Amount
DB599B	DB5110.41 Contractual Maintenance of Roads	\$54,000

- d. Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Grant approved in the amount of \$10,000.00. I am working with Jim Yienger with Climate Action Associates LLC on working through the payback calculations and greenhouse gas calculations on the sidewalk heating. This contact was provided by ANCA.
- e. NYSERDA Inspection for Solar Array was completed.
- f. Fire Department training on Solar Array is scheduled for November 20 @ 6 PM
- g. Boiler Inspection has been rescheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- h. NY State DEC Project Specialist Gavin Denison has advised that they have approved our written work plan. The budget has not been completed as we are waiting on final invoices instead of doing budget revisions. Once they have accepted the budget worksheet. They will issue the contract, and we can request our 25% prepayment. We should have full payment within 12-18 months.

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B. **Assessor's Report**

- a. Re-Val 2025 for 2026 Discussion

C. **Town Clerks Report**

- a. October 2024 Clerk's Report
- b. Review of General Fund, Highway Fund and Water District 1 Abstracts

**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024: General Fund Abstract 685, November 18, 2024**

The Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments of General Fund Abstract #685, Dated November 18, 2024. New claims # 240 - 263, Total of Abstract \$335,387.60.

**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024: Water District 1 Abstract 110, November 18, 2024**

The Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments of Water District 1 Abstract #110, Dated November 18, 2024. New Claims # 22 - 23, Total of Abstract \$105.00.

**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024: Highway Abstract 727, November 18, 2024**

The Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments of Highway Department Abstract #727, Dated November 18, 2024. New Claims # 133 - 150, Total of Abstract \$180,746.04.

- c. Dog Control Report for October
  - i. Motion to end enumeration period on 11.30.2024 and then have DCO Hess issue tickets for unlicensed dogs she enumerated that did not license before 11.30.2024 beginning 12.1.2024.
- d. Zoning Report for October 2024
- e. ZBA minutes of 10.28.2024
- f. Planning Board minutes of 10.29.2024
- g. RACOG Report for November 2024
- h. Correspondence
  - i. NYSLRS 2025 Estimate

**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024: Prepayment of 2025 NYSLRS bill**

The Town of Denmark Town Board authorize pre-payment of the 2023 NYSLRS Annual Invoice totaling \$61,666.00 with \$27,133.04 Charged to A9010.8, \$17,266.48 Charged to DA9010.8, \$17,266.48 Charged to DB9010.8 and further directs that this information be included on the December 2024 General and Highway Fund Abstracts.

- ii. Letter dated 10.24.2024 NRCIL Inspection of polling location
- iii. Information from NYS Assoc of Towns for upcoming training
- iv. Amended Agreement with County of Jefferson (amendment N/A to Denmark)

**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024: Amendment to County of Jefferson Snow & Ice Agreement**

The Town of Denmark Town Board has reviewed the proposed amendment to the County of Jefferson Snow and Ice Agreement and hereby authorizes Supervisor Doyle to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town of Denmark as it does not change anything pertinent to the agreement currently in place with Denmark.

- v. Mortgage Tax Report 4.1.24 – 9.30.24 Denmark share \$17,995.40

C. **Superintendent of Highways & Special Districts**

- a. Update on Department Activities

D. **Old Business**

- a. Discussion of 2025 Exemption Questionnaire from Lewis County Real Property

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**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024: Aged Exemption income Guidelines for Sliding Scale**

Whereas the Town of Denmark Town Board recognizes that low-income seniors can face financial hardships paying their annual property tax bills, and

Whereas the State of New York allows municipalities to offer certain exemptions, the Town of Denmark Town Board does hereby increase the income levels for the AGED Exemption for each level of the AGED Exemption on the sliding scale utilized by Lewis County in the calculation of Town of Denmark property taxes.

Therefore, the following scale should be used by Lewis County in the calculation of Town of Denmark tax on parcels that qualify for the AGED Exemption beginning with the tax bill due January 1, 2026:

Exemption Percentage	Minimum Income	Maximum Income
50	\$0.00-	\$23,000.00
45	\$23,000.01	\$23,999.99
40	\$24,000.00	\$24,999.99
35	\$25,000.00	\$25,999.99
30	\$26,000.00	\$26,899.99
25	\$26,900.00	\$27,799.99
20	\$27,800.00	\$28,699.99

- b. KnoxBox 3200 for West Carthage Fire Department.

**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024: KNOXBOX 3200 purchase**

The Town of Denmark Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a KNOXBOX 3200 for the solar array installed on the town highway garage and further directs that the purchase cost of \$487.00 and shipping costs be paid from budget line A5132.4 when the invoice is processed.

- c. Discussion on water billing program (Munilink)
- d. North Star Health Alliance meeting – Frank Fazio
- e. Salt Barn Building
- f. Comprehensive Plan Update
- g. Mud Street Cemetery survey map

**E. New Business**

- a. Comptroller – Fiscal Stress for Town of Denmark
- b. Town/Village of Lowville Recreation Board Letter
- c. Adoption of 2025 Budget & 2025 Fire Contracts

**Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024: Adoption of the 2024 Town of Denmark Budget**

WHEREAS the Town of Denmark Town Board held a public hearing of the preliminary Town of Denmark 2025 Budget on October 21, 2024, at 6:10pm and

WHEREAS the public was given opportunity to speak for or against the preliminary budget the Town of Denmark, and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Denmark Town Board has determined that adoption of this budget is in the public interest, and therefore, it is

HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Denmark Town Board does adopt the following as the Town of Denmark 2025 Budget:

Insert 2025 Budget

and it is further RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall prepare and certify duplicate copies of the newly adopted annual budget and deliver two of such copies to the Supervisor of the Town, and that he shall present such copies to the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis.

**Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ of 2023: Adoption of 2024 Fire Protection Contracts:**

WHEREAS the Town of Denmark Town Board held a Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 Fire Protection contracts between the Town of Denmark and the Village of Castorland, the Town of Rutland Fire District, and the Village of West Carthage on October 21, 2024 at 6:10pm, and

WHEREAS the public was given an opportunity to speak for or against the proposed contracts; and therefore it is  
HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town of Denmark Town Board to adopt the 2024 Fire Protection contracts for the Town of Denmark and Village of Castorland, Town of Rutland Fire District and the Village of West Carthage as follows:

Insert 2025 Fire Contracts