

**Supervisor Young Dedicated this meeting to Anthony LaSalvia,
Councilman LaSalvia's Father**

The Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic held a Public Hearing for the Taghkanic Fire Company No. 1, Inc., Contract for Fire Protection Services at 7:20 pm., on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall. Councilman Hilscher introduced Carmen Nero, Treasurer for the Taghkanic Fire Company to explain the reason for the raise and why they chose to do a five-year contract. Mr. Nero asked if anyone had any questions. Paul Nostrand made a statement supporting the contract. With no further comment the Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 pm.

The Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic held its Regular monthly meeting at 7:25 p.m., on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Young, Councilwoman Edwards, Councilman Hilscher, and Councilwoman Sammons. Councilman LaSalvia was absent. Supervisor Young opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silent Prayer.

Guest Speaker: Gregory Fingar, Fingar Insurance

The minutes of last month's Regular Meeting and Special Meeting were accepted as written on a motion by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman Hilscher, with all members present voting Aye.

The Correspondence consisted of:

1. Columbia County Tourism Department.
2. Senator Stephen M. Saland, attachment letter to Robert Dennison III and Dennison answer to Senator Saland
3. Patrick R. Manning, Assemblyman
4. Daniel L. Hooker, Assemblyman
5. Robert Fitzsimmons, Rabies Memorandum
6. Robert Fitzsimmons, Procurement Policy and Investment Policy Memorandum
7. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
8. Columbia County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Young's Re-appointment to the Cornell Cooperative Extension.
9. State of New York Office of Real Property Services, 2005 Annual Aid Certification \$6,060.00.
10. The Independent
11. Supervisor Young, announcing the Deputy Supervisor
12. Robert Fitzsimmons, Mid-Hudson Cable

Then followed reports from the Boards. ZBA Chairwoman, Barbara Hermance, report was submitted and read. Comprehensive Committee Chairwoman, Barbara Hermance report was submitted and read. Planning Board Chairwoman, Karen Gaylord, no report was submitted. ZEO/Building Inspector, Dennis Callahan and Assessor, Arthur Griffith reports were submitted and read. Historian, Nancy Griffith, no report was submitted. Traffic Safety Board Representative, Linda Swartz no report was submitted. Cable Vision committee, Stu Smith from Mid-Hudson Cable would like to meet with the Board

at the March meeting. Columbia County Environmental Management Council, Anthony LaSalvia no report was submitted. Clerk/Collector was submitted and read. Accountant/Bookkeeper report was submitted to the Board members. Supervisor Young reported she had nothing at this time as she has not received her committee assignments and will report on that next month. Reports were accepted as read on a motion by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman Hilscher, with all members present voting Aye.

Old Business:

- A. Church Property - Supervisor Young announced that this will not be option as there are a few complications.
- B. Cable – As stated above Mr. Smith would like to reschedule for the March Meeting. .

New Business:

- A. Veterans Plaque, Barbara Roemer: The Workman Family is donating a stone.
- B. Columbia –Greene Humane Contract: On a motion by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilwoman Edwards, with all members present voting Aye, the contract was approved.
- C. Taghkanic Fire Company No. 1, Inc., Contract for Fire Protection Services: On a motion by Councilwoman Edwards, seconded by Supervisor Young, with Councilwoman Sammons voting Aye and Councilman Hilscher abstained the contract was approved.
- D. Update on Training from Board: Supervisor Young enjoyed the training. Councilman Hilscher would like the Board to think about a cut off time for the agenda, so it may be posted before the meeting.
- E. Budget Amendment: - Accountant Fitzgerald has asked for a transfer of funds increasing General Fund accounts, Supervisor 1220.4 - \$100, Attorney 1420.4 - \$2,000, Garage 5132.4 – \$1,300, Zoning 8010.1 – \$800, Zoning 8010.4 - \$900, Planning 8020.4 - \$1,000, Social Security 9030.8 \$650. Decreasing General Fund accounts State Retirement 9010.8 - \$3,083, Hospitalization 9060.8 - \$3,667. Totaling \$6,750.00. Highway Fund increasing appropriations General Repairs 5110.4 - \$3,336, Snow Removal 5142.1 - \$5032, Social Security 9030.8 - \$48. Decreasing Highway appropriations Chips 5112.2 - \$3,336, Hospitalization 9060.8 - \$5,080, totaling \$8,416.00. Motion to approve transfers was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman Hilscher, with all members present voting Aye.
- F. Procurement Policy and Investment Policy: - Tabled till next month for the Board to have time to look them over.

The Bills were audited and approved for payment, General vouchers # 1 – 16 totaling \$35,909.51 and Highway vouchers # 1 – 5 totaling \$5,580.17 on a motion by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons, with all members present voting Aye.

Supervisor Young then asked for comments from Board and floor. Cheryl Rogers thanking everyone for their donations, the Fire Company for the use of the hall, Bill Hilscher for driving Santa to the fire in the fire truck, and Tony for being the man in red. The Christmas Party was a great success and everyone had a lot of fun. Cheryl Rogers also announced that she would like to adopt a family in need at Christmas time. Supervisor Young asked for a motion to approve adopting a family at Christmas, approval was granted on motion by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons, with all members present voting Aye. Linda Swartz instead of letters, submit history on State Route 82, speeding tickets, accidents, ect. Councilwoman Sammons Comprehensive Plan looking into helping with Route 82 speed limit reduction. Cindy Hilscher demographics and zoning. John Roberts the town should look into asking the Town of Copake to borrow their portable speed signs. Mary Udell we should upgrade the looks of route 82. Renee Nostrand the agenda if done five days before meeting and something needs to be added, it may be done by an addendum.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. on a motion by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons, with all members present voting Aye. The next Regular meeting will be **Monday February 6, 2006** 7:30 pm. at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:	Gregory Fingar	Richard Osborn	Barbara Hermance
	Barbara Roemer	Martha Meier	Arthur Griffith
	Beverly Rochler	Robert Rochler	Nancy Griffith
	Lydia Leete	Bill Leete	Deputy Dunspaugh
	Diane Valden	Christine Tallackson	Jeff Tulluck
	Debra Schermerhorn	Jim Schermerhorn	Joyce Thompson
	Moisha Blechman	Paul Nostrand	Walter Thompson
	Renee Nostrand	Cindy Hilscher	Scott Stackpole
	John Roberts	Carmen Nero	Linda Swartz