

**July 5, 2006
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

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August 7, 2006

6:30 PM. Plaque Dedication:

Public Hearing for Local Law # 1 – 2006: Supervisor Young opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm by reading the notice that was published in the paper and a letter from the Columbia County Planning Board with their recommendation. Supervisor Young than opened the floor for public comment. With no public comments, motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:20 pm was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilwoman Edwards.

Approved 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
 0 Nays

The Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic opened its Regular monthly meeting at 7:20 pm, on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall. Supervisor Young opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silent Prayer.

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| Present: | Elizabeth L. Young | Supervisor |
| | Erin Edwards | Councilwoman |
| | William Hilscher | Councilman |
| | Anthony P. LaSalvia | Councilman |
| | Carolyn Sammons | Councilwoman |
| | Cheryl Rogers | Clerk |

Absent:

The minutes of June 5, 2006 regular Meeting: were accepted as written on a motion by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons,

Approved 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
 0 Nays

The Correspondence consisted of:

1. Mary and Dan Udell
2. State of NY State Board of Real Property Services
3. Quinlan Publishing Group
4. Barry Schwartz
5. State of NY Office of the State Comptroller
6. Daniel L. Hooker
7. Flint Law Firm: Craryville Road Abandonment
8. Needham Risk Management Resource Group

Then followed reports from the Boards:

ZBA: Barbara Hermance, report submitted.

Planning Board: Karen Gaylord, report submitted and read (at the special meeting)

Assessor: Arthur Griffith report submitted and read.

ZEO/CEO: Dennis Callahan report submitted and read.

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Historian: Nancy Griffith, report submitted and read.

Traffic Safety Board: Linda Swartz, no report submitted.

Cable Vision Committee: Dan Udell, no report submitted.

Environmental Management Council: Anthony LaSalvia, no meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Committee: Barbara Hermance report submitted and asked for blanket permission to appoint interested person for the sub committees. On a motion by Supervisor Young, seconded by Councilman LaSalvia:

Permission Granted 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
0 Nays

Clerk/Collector: Cheryl Rogers, reports were submitted to the Board.

Accountant/Bookkeeper: Mark Fitzgerald, report was submitted to the Board.

Supervisor: Elizabeth Young, spoke about a three-hour training on FEMA.

Reports were accepted as submitted and read on a motion by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman Hilscher.

Accepted: 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
0 Nays

Old Business:

A. S.E.Q.R.A. Local Law # 2: Barbara Hermance submitted and read the S.E.Q.R.A. application. A motion to accept and approve the S.E.Q.R.A. application was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman LaSalvia:

Approved 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
0 Nays

B. Local Law # 2 amending Local Law # 4 – 2005 allowing for Alternates:

On motion by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons, Local Law # 2 – 2006 was accepted and passed.

Approved 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
0 Nays

****Addition of full Local Law 2 - 2006 for approval as follows:**

Local Law No. 2 of the year 2006

A local law allowing for alternate members of the Town Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic as follows:

Section 1. This local law shall be known as Local Law No. of the Year 2005.

Section 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT: Local Law No. 4 of the year 2005 established the positions of alternate members for the Zoning Board of Appeals and

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Planning Board. The Town of Taghkanic wishes to further clarify the role, powers and duties of alternate members. The Town finds that at times Persons sitting as planning or zoning board members have conflicts of interest or may for other reasons choose to recuse themselves from consideration of a pending application due to outside contacts with the application or applicant. To ensure that an applicant gets full consideration of the application in a timely manner, the Town Board herein chooses to allow for alternate members of such boards to substitute for any member who cannot consider an application. The Town Board finds and believes that having alternate members is within the best interest of the town and community at large.

Section 3. Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic as follows:

Section 4. ENACTMENT

- A. Pursuant to Section 267 of the Town Law, the Town Board hereby creates the position of an alternate member for the Zoning Board of Appeals for purposes of substituting for a regular member in the event a regular member is absent or unable to participate because of a conflict of interest or recusal from consideration of a matter before the board.
 - a. Such alternative members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be appointed by resolution of the Town Board for a one-year term.
 - b. The alternate one member shall substitute for a regular member when a regular member is unable to participate in review of an application or matter before the board.
 - c. When acting, the alternate member shall possess all the powers and responsibilities of such regular member of the board. Such member shall sit with the regularly constituted board for purposes of considering the application or matter; and such shall be entered into the minutes of the initial Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at which the substitution is made.
 - d. Such alternate member shall be compensated for his or her services pursuant to resolution of the Town board.
- B. Such alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be subject to all of the rules, requirements and procedures of Section 267 of the Town Law. Pursuant to Section 271 of the Town Law, the Town Board hereby creates the position of an alternate member

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for the Planning Board for purposes of substituting for a regular member in the event a regular member is absent or unable to participate because of a conflict of interest or recusal from consideration of a matter before the board.

- a. Such alternative members of the Planning Board shall be appointed by resolution of the Town Board for a one-year term.
 - b. The alternate one member shall substitute for a regular member when a regular member is unable to participate in review of an application or matter before the board.
 - c. When acting, the alternate member shall possess all the powers and Planning Board meeting at which the substitution is made.
 - d. Such alternate member shall be compensated for his or her services pursuant to resolution of the Town board.
 - e. Such alternate members of the Planning Board shall be subject to all of the rules, requirements and procedures of Section 271 of the Town Law.
- C. Alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board shall attend all meetings of the boards for purposes of becoming familiar with laws, regulations, policies, procedures and applications. In the event an alternate member fails to attend 3 meetings, such alternate members' term shall expire. The Town Board shall appoint a new member at its earliest convenience.

Section 5. VALIDITY & SEVERABILITY.

If any section or part of this local law is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section of this local law.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Town Board.

New Business:

A. Website Update: Councilwoman Edwards informed the Board that Don Critchell has been working on the website and has been in contact with Mid-Hudson Cable. Hoping to be up and running soon.

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B. Meeting Schedule Amended: Motion to approve Monthly Board Meeting Schedule Policy amendments was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman Hilscher,

Approved 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
0 Nays

Monthly Board Meeting Schedule Policy

Purpose: To provide information to Board members for their review prior to the monthly meetings and to provide timely information to the public.

Event

Time Frame

Town Clerk notifies news media of meetings.

One week after annual organizational meeting

All correspondence, reports, and documentation for agenda topics due to Town Clerk.

As soon as possible

Town Clerk delivers board packets to Council Members.
To include but not limited to: agenda; previous month's meeting minutes; correspondence; documentation to be acted upon; all committee, officers', department, Supervisor's, and accounting reports (with understanding that some month-end reports may be unavailable due to date of meeting); and other information as needed.

Friday prior to meeting

Town Clerk posts agenda for public on Town Hall outside bulletin board **and Website**

Wednesday prior to meeting

Town Clerk posts draft meeting minutes on Town Hall outside bulletin board **and Website**

Fourteen days after meeting

Town Clerk posts approved meeting minutes on Town Hall outside bulletin board **and Website**.

Two days after approval

Town Board to review and revise policy

Annual organizational meeting

C. Morris Associates Contract as the Consultant: Tabled till July 12, 2006, 5 pm.

D. Budget Amendment: General Fund increase Building Inspector 3620.4 \$800.00, decrease Contingent 1990.4 \$800.00, on a motion by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons, authorization granted.

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0 Nays

E. L.O.S.A.P. For Churchtown Fire Company: Tabled till July 12, 2006, 5 pm.

F. F.E.M.A. Mitigation: Supervisor Young asked for permission to write a letter in support of F.E.M.A., permission granted on a motion by Councilman LaSalvia, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons,

Approved 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
0 Nays

G. Abandonment of Craryville Road: A motion to have Town Attorney Fitzsimmons to draw up the appropriate papers for abandoning a road was made by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilman LaSalvia,

Approved 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
0 Nays

Public Comment – Ten Minutes –

- Jeff Tallackson, website great idea, would like to see zoning ordinance on the site too.

The Bills were audited and approved for payment: on a motion by Councilman LaSalvia, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons:

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| General Fund Vouchers | # 164 – 204 | \$13,980.24 |
| Highway Fund Vouchers | # 61 – 72 | \$18,798.62 |

Approved 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)
0 Nays

Supervisor Young then asked for comments from Board and floor:

- Scott Stackpole - Taghkanic Neighbors is holding a meeting July 15, 2006 11 am. at the Taconic Hills School Cafeteria, speaker James Sheldon.
- Paul Nostrand – Website.
- Councilman LaSalvia – asked for permission to look into a post office for Taghkanic or a zip code, something to identify the Town. Permission granted unanimously.
- Supervisor Young – letter to editor.
- Councilman (Chief) Hilscher – announced the Taghkanic Fire Company replaced a 1970 truck with a new 2006 truck.

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With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Sammons, second by Councilwoman Edwards, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Carried unanimously. The next Regular meeting will be Monday August 7, 2006 7:30 pm. at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Cheryl E. Rogers, Town Clerk
Town of Taghkanic

Audience:

Arthur Griffith
Paul Nostrand
Kate, Register Star
Ardith Truhan
James Romaine
Jame Schermerhorn
Don Critchell
Edward E. Waldron
Audrey Koren

Christine Tallackson
Renee Nostrand
Diane Valden
Nancy Griffith
Barbara Roemer
Cindy Hilscher
Robert Rochler
Joe Roimaine

Jeff Tallackson
Scott Stackpole
Scott Fuchs
Tina Romaine
Debbie Schermerhorn
Linda Swartz
DebbieHotaling
Barbara Hermance