

**July 2, 2007
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

The Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic held its Regular monthly meeting at 7:35 p.m., 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.

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

Approved August 6, 2007

Absent:

Guest Speaker:

The minutes of last month's Regular meeting June 4, 2007 were accepted with the following, Correspondents **12.** E-mail from Jeff Tallackson to Town Board ****Addition** 7-2-07 (Oath of Office)** **13.** ****Addition**7-2-07 (E-mail from Rob Fitzsimmons, response to Tallackson Oath of Office)** and **June 1, 2007 Special, June 26, 2007 Special Meeting** were accepted as written on a motion by Councilwoman Edwards seconded by Councilman LaSalvia,

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

The Correspondence consisted of

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| 1. Proposed Draft Boundary/Lot Line Adjustment Law | 13. RBC Dain Rauscher |
| 2. Proposed Draft Escrow Procedures | 14. RBC Dain Rauscher |
| 3. Art Griffith, Assessor | 15. Robert Fitzsimmons, Oath of Office |
| 4. Granger Group, Appeal and Request for Interpretation. Councilwoman Edwards concerned that FOIL request are not being handled in a timely fashion. | |
| 5. Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP | |
| 6. Cindy Hilscher, Planning | |
| 7. Hudson Valley Equipment board agreed for Clerk to look into smaller copier for up stairs. | |
| 8. Hudson Valley Equipment | |
| 9. Taconic Hills Performing Arts, Summer Season | |
| 10. Jeff Tallackson, Oath of Office, (Town Board, Planning Board, and ZBA Members present were all sworn in by Attorney Fitzsimmons, as previous oath taken involved a paragraph concerning Executive.) | |
| 11. Countywide Opportunities | |
| 12. Cindy Hilscher, Planning | |

Then followed reports from the Boards:

ZBA: Richard Skoda, Chair report submitted and read.

Planning Board: Cindy Lu Hilscher, Acting Chair report submitted and read.

Assessor: Arthur Griffith report submitted and read.

ZEO/CEO: Dennis Callahan report submitted and read.

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: Linda Swartz, no report submitted.

Cable Vision Committee: Councilwoman Edwards reported meeting with Attorney Fitzsimmons, Stuart Smith from Mid- Hudson Cable, Supervisor Young, Pat Johnson, State of New York Public Service Commission and herself has to be set up for all to go over the contract together.

Environmental Management Council: Anthony LaSalvia, no meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Committee: Erin Edwards, report submitted and read.

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

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

Supervisor: Elizabeth Young, no report submitted.

Board 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
 0 Absent

Old Business:

A. Cable - Update stated above.

B. Code of Ethics: Motion to approve Code of Ethics with changes was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman Hilscher.

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

C. Local Law Boundary/Line Adjustment, Subdivision Definitions, “Club or Recreation”: Tabled for next months meeting for Attorney Fitzsimmons review.

D. Mail Box: Tabled

E. Planning Board Alternate Appointment: Motion to appoint Patricia Gravett made by Councilwoman Edwards, seconded by Councilman LaSalvia. Motion to appoint William McCraffrey, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons. Councilman Hilscher responded that he was not able to be in attendance for the interviews for Ms. Gravett or Mr. McCraffrey, he liked Ms. Thompson but in all fairness he would like the opportunity to interview the others. Councilwoman Sammons replied that she was not in attendance to interview Ms. Gravett. All agreed that Councilman Hilscher should have the opportunity to interview both. Councilwoman Sammons will sit on the interview with Ms. Gravett.

Agreed **5 Ayes** **(Young, Edwards, Hilscher, LaSalvia, Sammons)**
For further interview **0 Nays**
 0 Absent

F. Greenway Grant: Motion to approve Supervisor Young to sign the Greenway Grant final paper work, made by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons.

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

New Business:

A. **Planning Board Chair Appointment:** Supervisor Young made motion for Cindy Lu Hilscher be appointed for Chair of the Planning Board (per the Planning Board recommendation), seconded by Councilwoman Sammons. Councilwoman Edwards questioned if the board was also going to appoint a Vice Chair per the Planning Board’s recommendation? Supervisor Young responded that the Planning Board makes that decision.

Appointment **4 Aye** **(Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons)**
Approved **0 Nays**
 0 Absent
 1 Recused **(Hilscher)**

B. **Town Web email:** Procedure for email on web needed to be worked on first.

C. **Resolution Supporting County Broadband:** Tabled

D. **Budget Amendment # 2:** Motion to authorize the Supervisor to make the following budget amendment to the 2007 budget for new mower: Increase machinery account #5130.2 \$12,194.00, Decrease snow removal account #5142.4 \$12,194.00, was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman Hilscher.

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

Public Comment – Ten Minutes – Supervisor Young asked for a motion to pay the bills and with that we will combined the open comment time. The following people were signed up to speak.

- Scott Fuchs
- Jeff Tallackson
- Debra Schermerhorn
- Patricia Gravett
- Joanne Klein

The Bills were audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Hilscher seconded by Councilwoman Sammons.

General Fund Vouchers # 220 - 259 \$21,302.39
Highway Fund Vouchers # 70 - 80 \$17,697.34

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

Supervisor Young then asked for comments from Board and floor.

- Councilwoman Edwards, budget meeting with Accountant, Planning and Town Boards
- Councilwoman Edwards, article 78 update with Attorney Fitzsimmons and ZBA
- Debra Schermerhorn, property taxes, Attorney fees, advertisement for positions
- Scott Stackpole, Attorney for Planning, taxes
- Chris Tallackson, FOIL very satisfied
- Martha Meier, commending the CPC

- Scott Fuchs, park-n-ride, lighting
- Councilman (Chief) Hilscher, Fire Company received grant of \$1,000 from DEC, thank you to the Highway Dept. for moving the sign on New Forge Road.
- Ardith Truhan, Salt Shed
- Attorney Fitzsimmons, Salt Shed criteria of State
- James Romaine, ZBA
- Mary Udell, DOT-wild flowers-trees-lighting on Route 82, park-n-ride
- Gene Dianda, park-n-ride
- Anthony LaSalvia, Post Office – letter - tabled
- Moisha Blechman, Article 78

Executive Session:

Motion to enter Executive at 9:23 pm by Councilman Hilscher, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons to discuss pending litigation, Wilzig v. Taghkanic.

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

Attorney Fitzsimmons updated the board on the pending litigation.

****Not announced but was discussed:** Clerk Rogers informed the board a clerical error was found when collecting information requested by Planning Board Member Meier, concerning the terms of the Planning Board and ZBA Members.

Motion to close Executive at 10:13 pm was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman Hilscher.

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

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman LaSalvia, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 pm. carried unanimously. The next Regular meeting will be **Monday August 6, 2007** 7:30 pm. at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:	Barbara Roemer	Arthur Griffith	Scott Fuchs	Jeff Tallackson
	Christine Tallackson	Erik Tryee	Scott Stackpole	Audrey Koran
	Erin Goldman	Ardith Truhan	Richard Skoda	Gene Dianda
	Jim Schermerhorn	Diane Rodriguez	Dorothy Bauhoff	Joyce Thompson
	Melissa Skoda	Edward E. Waldron	Moisha Blechman	Diane Valden
	Mary Udell	Raul Garip	Alice Platt	Joanne Klein
	Ralph Gorgone	Joe Romaine	Martha Meier	Dennis Callahan
	Tina Romaine	James Romaine	Patricia Gravett	Dan Udell
	Cindy Hilscher	Debra Schermerhorn	Robert Fitzsimmons	Jeff Brown