

**Jnue 26, 2014**  
**Town of Taghkanic**  
**Town Board Meeting**

**Approved**

July 14, 2014

**7:05 pm:** The Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic held its Town Board and Building Committee meeting on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall. Supervisor Erik Tyree opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of Silence and Safety Review.

**Present:**

Erik Tyree	Supervisor
Carolyn Sammons	Councilwoman
Ryan Skoda	Councilman (arrived at 7:10)
Joyce Thompson	Councilwoman
Cheryl Rogers	Clerk
Ray Jurkowski	Town Engineer

**Absent:**

Richard Skoda	Councilman
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**Present from the Advisory Building Committee (ABC):**

Arthur Baker
Thomas Keily
Susan Raymond

Supervisor Erik Tyree asked Ray Jurkowski how he thought the meeting on Saturday went.

Ray Jurkowski, I feel the meeting was good, all questions and concerns were valid. No one is in favor of the mafia blocks, so the Board needs to make a decision between the 6 foot and 10 foot pre-cast concrete walls. If the Highway Dept. employees and other towns' Highway Department employees and equipment help as well, there could be large savings.

Supervisor Erik Tyree, how do we compensate the other towns?

Superintendent George Hotaling, we will step up when needed for them.

Supervisor Erik Tyree, does the Board feel comfortable at this time to move forward with the salt shed?

Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, I think so. Do we need the 10 foot walls for the salt we use? Also, with the 10 foot wall, won't that make the peak too high?

Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, mafia blocks are off the table, working with the pre-cast option and keeping the cost down. To my surprise some of the neighboring residents are happy with the added height of a wood structure.

Ray Jurkowski, 40' x 80' x 6'      high walls = approx. 1,500 tons  
40' x 80' x 10'      high walls = approx. 2,000 tons

Councilman Ryan Skoda, the peak of our barn is 55 feet.

Supervisor Erik Tyree can we site the salt shed so that later down the road we can add on in the rear?

Ray Jurkowski, yes we have done that.

Arthur Baker, what is the benefit of 6 foot vs. 10 foot walls? The use of salt meters can change the amount used.

Ray Jurkowski, 10 foot walls give a definite increase for height, additional 4' for storage.

Superintendent George Hotaling, we use meters now, we are losing salt because of the way we are storing it now.

Councilman Ryan Skoda, what is the price difference between the 6 foot and 10 foot? Do we have the salt shed so we can access both ends?

Ray Jurkowski, 6 foot \$133,000/10 foot \$167,000. No, with only 2 surfaces you will lose volume.

Susan Raymond, 1<sup>st</sup> decision is to build the salt shed?

Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, we are thinking of the whole project, but to move specifically on the type of salt shed.

Arthur Baker, SEQRA is for the whole project?

Ray Jurkowski yes.

Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, you talked about another form.

Ray Jurkowski, yes, the Monroe document, does not need to be done before the salt shed. We will need the Town Attorney to help with this document. It is my suggestion to complete the Monroe documents now so if we do not put on the 3<sup>rd</sup> bay now, we are able to do so down the road.

Arthur Baker, do you intend to have the financing before you move forward.

Councilwoman Joyce Thompson yes.

Supervisor Erik Tyree, again do we feel comfortable?

Councilman Ryan Skoda, I have a few more questions, how deep will the walls be set, how thick are the walls going to be?

Ray Jurkowski below the frost line and thickness of walls 12" possibly 10".

Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, for the financing we are working with different options to come up with the right figure to take to the banks.

Supervisor Erik Tyree if we make a decision tonight then Ray can give us firm numbers to go with.

Ray Jurkowski, possible use of CHIP money.

Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, \$119,000 CHIPS  
14,000 winter

Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, George are you following a 10 year plan like Ed or something different.

Superintendent George Hotaling, no, a 5 year plan

Arthur Baker, is there a disadvantage of Ray doing all the plans now?

Ray Jurkowski, the salt shed is first; during the construction period the garage design stage will move forward, and noticing for competitive bidding when board concurs on design.

Supervisor Erik Tyree, again do we feel comfortable moving forward on the salt shed and if so, do I have a motion. Councilwoman Joyce Thompson moved to move forward to construct a salt shed with 10 foot cast in place walls with canvass roof, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons.

**Approved:**    **3 Ayes**            **(Erik, Carolyn, Joyce)**  
                  **1 Nays**            **(Ryan)**  
                  **1 Absent**            **(Richard)**

Councilman Ryan Skoda, I cannot see spending the extra \$30,000 for 10 foot walls with the canvass that has a 10 to 15 year life span, we can save the \$30,000 and do 6 foot walls.

Tom Kiely Ray, what do you recommend, Ray?

Ray Jurkowski, I recommend the 40 x 80 with 10 foot walls.

Ray Jurkowski, I will start the design and modify the EAF. Next meeting we need to work on SEQRA.

Susan Raymond would like to know if she could be a part of the color choose of the canvass. All agreed that would be possible.

Supervisor Erik Tyree, compensation for highway employees?

Ray Jurkowski, I will work with Superintendent Hotaling on that.

Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, if it is OK I will work with Town Attorney Decaire on how to move forward with the Bank (Bond or BAN).

Supervisor Erik Tyree, Ray I would like to go over the letter from Dave Everett to Dave Pickett.

Ray Jurkowski, I have shared the letter with Northeast Environmental, they also are taking it under consideration and also feel we wait for the determination from Dave Pickett, DEC. Northeast also agrees the loss of vegetation is from salt runoff not from the ploom.

Supervisor Erik Tyree, we have an estimate from John Caiola for the handrail on the steps by the new door of \$283.00. What is the Board's pleasure? Councilman Ryan Skoda moved to have the handrail installed, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Carolyn, Ryan, Joyce)  
0 Nays  
1 Absent (Richard)

Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, Linda Swartz has made a flower bed by the walkway which looks great.

**Councilman Ryan Skoda asked for an update on the washout on Old Route 82:**

- Ray Jurkowski, extension has been approved for 30 days; will meet (or has met?) with the contractor and the Highway Dept. has done some of the clearing.
- Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, if not done within the 30 days, will there be fines?
- Ray Jurkowski, if DEC sees you are trying they will work with you.
- Councilwoman Joyce Thompson confirmed that Linda Swartz is documenting all the storms and damage.

The following meetings were set for the building committee:

July 16<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Taghkanic Town Hall

**July 30<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Taghkanic Town Hall**

**With no further business,** on a motion by Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, seconded by Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **July 14, 2014** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience: Walter Thompson      George Hotaling      Arthur Baker      Susan Raymond  
Tom Kiely

## Action List:

Clerk Rogers will contact John Caoila. *Done*