

Approved
October 15, 2014

**September 25, 2014
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

6:30 pm: Town Board member audited and signed vouchers

7 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
Richard Skoda	Councilman
Ryan Skoda	Councilman
Joyce Thompson	Councilwoman
Ray Jurkowski	Town Engineer
Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

Absent:

7:05 pm: Public Hearing Local Law 1 – 2014 Grievance Day Amendment: Supervisor Erik Tyree opened the Public Hearing, Clerk Rogers read the Local Law. There was no public comment.

7:08 pm: Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Richard Skoda.

Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Carolyn, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)
0 Nays
0 Absent

Update on Highway Garage Project:

Ray Jurkowski,

- ✚ I have touched base with Jeff Wink, Northeastern Environmental response to DEC has been drafted and will be finalized in the next few days. Scheduling for remediation, we are looking at early November tentatively.
- ✚ Need to coordinate scheduling for the remediation with George and Claverack. When we have that all set, DEC will be ready when we are.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree, how long will the process take?
- ✚ Ray Jurkowski, if it is the 400 yds of material, one day. The material will be trucked to the Albany landfill. There will be a hole overnight and the highway staff will back fill a foot at a time, compacting with bank run material. That could take an additional two days.
- ✚ Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, back fill - was that factored in the cost of the project?

- # Ray Jurkowski, yes in Phase One.
- # Supervisor Erik Tyree, do you have a sense of what the compaction testing costs?
- # Ray Jurkowski, around \$1,000 totally.
- # Ray Jurkowski, concern with color of the cover-all, the manufacturer will send me color swatches and I will forward them to Cheryl. Also, Ryan did you have any luck finding the forms?
- # Councilman Ryan Skoda, no.
- # Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, you will be coordinating with George and DEC?
- # Ray Jurkowski, not with DEC but will get a more definitive schedule from Northeastern and a work schedule from George.
- # Ray Jurkowski, October 9, vote on bids for salt shed, October 20, start salt shed for about 2 weeks, then jump off to do remediation for a week.
- # Councilman Richard Skoda, when does Colarruso's shut down doing asphalt?
- # Ray Jurkowski, around November 15.
- # Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, with the cover-all, the salt and sand covered there will not be leaching?
- # Ray Jurkowski, correct. Also the guys felt they would need 3 to 4 weeks for the concrete; they will be using 400 PSI concrete.
- # Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, what kind of payment schedule? Accounting?
- # Ray Jurkowski, at time of delivery. Accounting letter will be out tomorrow.
- # Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, \$22,000 is that correct?
- # Ray Jurkowski, correct, which covers structure, concrete reinforcements, concrete, vibrator, and asphalt. If there is a time constraint we can always do asphalt in spring.
- # Arthur Baker, placement of salt shed is going to be on the side?
- # Ray Jurkowski, correct, on the side toward Pumpkin Hollow. When finished it will be one foot higher than the garage, thirty inches below existing grade.
- # Councilman Ryan Skoda, what are we doing with the material removed?
- # Ray Jurkowski, material removed can be used to fill the ponds but not for remediation.
- # Supervisor Erik Tyree, how are things coming with Pumpkin Hollow?
- # Ray Jurkowski, spoke with Dean Knox and he has reviewed the formal review and DPW is OK with it. It has been turned over to County Attorney and should be finalized by November.
- # Councilman Richard Skoda, the upper area is being graded down 30 inches?
- # Ray Jurkowski, the whole front area will be graded down 30 inches.
- # Arthur Baker, Phase II will start next year? Are the finances in line?
- # Ray Jurkowski, Construction will begin in 2015, design and bidding during the winter.
- # Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, for the salt shed.

Supervisor Erik Tyree I would to address Arthur Baker's email:

Q, Does the TB intend to respond to M Blechman 8, 8.14 and my 8.7.14 1 letters?

Supervisor Erik Tyree I would like to to address Arthur Baker's email:

- A. *Supervisor Erik Tyree, we did address the letters at the August 28th meeting:*
"Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, I carefully reviewed and thought about Mr. Baker's letter. We are doing our best not to raise taxes. We have had many informational meetings with drawings, this has been a long process, making sure we have crossed all our Ts and dotting all our Is. The process that we are initiating now is to meet the legal schedule for the residents to have 30 days to submit a petition for a full referendum in time for the proposition to be on the November ballot."
"Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, the questions asked in both Moisha and Arthur's letters have been answered numerous times. Before the last informational meeting Ray Jurkowski placed markers where the salt shed was going to be erected so people could get an idea of its location"
"Supervisor Erik Tyree, so doing a mockup would be money spent on something that may not happen."
- Q. **Does the TB intend to prepare a timetable indicating proposed schedule of work and approvals necessary by the TB prior to commencement of any site work, together with public meetings required to inform Town Residents of progress?**
A. *Ray Jurkowski, anticipated schedule has been consistent.*
- Q. **What is the progress of the SEQR submission for approval to the DEC?**
A. *Ray Jurkowski, the SEQR does not require DEC approval. The Town Board is the lead agency on this and as such its disposition is final.*
- Q. **Date of completion of preliminary drawings fully illustrating the Proposal plus a model?**
A. *Supervisor Erik Tyree, the picture on the town-wide letter is the drawing.*
- Q. **Will the concrete walls be constructed by the highway staff or a contractor?**
A. *Supervisor Erik Tyree, Yes, they feel very confident they can do it. Highway Superintendent George Hotaling, that is correct.*

Ray Jurkowski, Just an FYI from talking to Dean Knox, the temporary bridge on New Forge will be moved in the spring.

Old Business:

1. **Health Insurance:** the Board would like Steve Acciani to come to the October 9th meeting. Clerk Rogers will extend the invitation.
- County stay or leave: Email from Laurie Halstead, Columbia County Human Resources "I wanted to let you know your question regarding leaving and possibly returning to the County health insurance plan is still up in the air. Our Supervisors will need more time to think about this as we have many recent changes happening here at the County and they are not prepared to discuss it at this time. They are aware of the situation and plan to deliberate on this in 2015. For now all towns currently on County insurance will be "grandfathered" in for 2015."
 - Board needs to decide about an HRA or an HRS for the deductible
 - Buy out policy.

New Business:

- A. **Local Law 1-2014 Grievance Day Amendment:** Councilwoman Joyce Thompson motioned to approve LL 1-2014, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons.

Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Carolyn, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)
0 Nays
0 Absent

- B. **BAN/BOND:** Councilwoman Joyce Thompson, continue working on a long term plan, shop for BAN or BOND. My question, do we go with a BAN now for \$200,000 and roll it again to keep the lower payment or should we consider going for a bond now – or in 2015 - to take advantage of the low interest rates before they begin to increase?
- C. **Sign for Town Hall:** Councilwoman Joyce Thompson motioned to approve the installation of the sign being donated by CUTH as we are exempt from our own

Zoning Ordinances regarding permitting and Planning Board review for signs on municipal buildings, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, as follows:
The Zoning Code, (Page ZO-31), Section V. E.8. "Exemptions" paragraph f. allows municipal or non-advertising signs" as may be authorized by the Town Board.

Section V.E.12. is the section that requires Planning Board approval for permits for erection or alteration of signs. If the Town Board has approved the municipal sign, it wouldn't appear to need to go through the permit process and therefore would not go to the Planning Board.

D. Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Carolyn, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)

0 Nays

0 Absent

E. November and December Calendar: Councilwoman Joyce Thompson motioned to approve the November and December as prepared by Clerk Rogers, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons.

Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Carolyn, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)

0 Nays

0 Absent

The bills were audited and approved for payment: on a motion by Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons, seconded by Councilman Ryan Skoda.

September 25, 2014 Abstract:

2014 General Fund Vouchers # 278 - 287 \$ 7,197.52

Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Carolyn, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)

0 Nays

0 Absent

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment: [None](#)

Next Building Committee: October 9, 2014 with Budget Workshop

Budget Workshop:

General Appropriations

Town Board	1010.1	No Change	7,305.00
Town Justice	1110.1	No Change	15,766.00
	1110.13	Increased 2%	10,245.00
	1110.4	Increased 2%	5,778.00
Supervisor	1220.1	No Change	5,500.00
	1220.41	Decreased	1,000.00
Accounting	1340.41	Increased 2%	12,382.00
Bookkeeper	1340.4	No Change	200.00
Bookkeeper	1340.1	Increased 2%	1,891.00
Payroll	1340.42	Increased request by Co.	2,940.00
LOSAP	1340.43		

Assessors	1355.1	No Change	17,500.00
	1355.13	Increased request by Assessor	6,240.00
	1355.2	No Change	600.00
	1355.4	Decreased request by Assessor	7,422.00

Clerk/Collector	1410.4	Increased 2%	27,941.00
	1410.2	Added	1,500.00
	1410.4	Increased request by Clerk	12,535.00

Attorney 1420.4 No Change 20,000.00
 Councilman Ryan Skoda motioned to do RFP's for Town Attorney for the upcoming year, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons.

Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Carolyn, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)
0 Nays
0 Absent

Engineer	1440.4	Decreased (6,500.00)	3,500.00
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Building	1620.1	Increased	2,207.00
	1620.11	Added	1,080.00
	1620.2	Added	1,000.00
	1620.4	Decreased (12,000.00)	9,500.00

Special Items

Insurance	1910.1	Decreased	17,500.00
Municipal Dues	1910.2	No Change	800.00
Contingent	1990.4	No Change	1,500.00

Public Safety

Animal	3510.1	Increased 2%	4,351.00
Contractual	3510.4	No Change	1,000.00

Building Inspector

Building Insp.	3620.1	Increased 2%	9,935.00
Equipment	3620.2		
Contractual	3620.4	Increased	3,392.00

Health

Registrar	4020.4	Remove	00.00
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Transportation

High Supt	5010.1	Increased 1.5%	48,466.00
	5010.4	Increased 300.00	480.00

Garage

Maintenance	5132.1	Added		360.00
Capital outlay	5132.2	No change		1,000.00
Contractual	5132.4	Decreased		18,000.00

Economic Assistance

Aged Programs				
Contractual	6772.4	No Change		600.00
Meals on Wheels				
Contractual	6772.41	No Change		100.00

Culture& Recreation

Youth Program	7310.4	No Change	(1,000.00)	1,000.00
Library	7410.4	Increase	(750.00)	1,500.00
Historian	7510.4	Increase		100.00

Home & Community Services**Zoning**

Personal Chair	8010.10	No Change		1,500.00
Personal Clerk	8010.11	Decreased	(1,000.00)	520.00
Contractual	8010.4	Increase	(6,200.00)	3,960.00
Commission	8010.41	Decreased	(22,200.00)	20,000.00

Planning

Personal Chair	8020.10	Increase		1,500.00
Personal Clerk	8020.11	Increase	(1,000.00)	1,560.00
Contractual	8020.4	Decreased	(6,200.00)	4,920.00
Comp Plan	8020.41			

Cemetery	8810.4	No Change		50.00
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Undistributed

Retirement	9010.8	Increase	(19,146.00)	28,397.00
Social Security	9030.8	Increase	(2%)	12,240.00
Disability	9055.8	No Change		300.00
Hospitalization	9060.8	Decreased	(28,758.00)	18,298.00

Gen-Rev

Property	1001	Increase	(general %)	108,030.00
Payment In lieu	1080	No Change		425.00
Int./Penalties-	1081	No Change		00.00
Tax Penalties	1090	No Change		6,000.00
Sales Tax	1120	Increase	(2 %)	121,800.00

Departmental			
Clerk/DogFees	1255/2544	No Change	1,200.00
Dog control Fees	1550		00.00
Zoning Fees	2110	No Change	1,000.00
Planning Fees	2115	No Change	(1,000.00) 1,000.00
		Lower Rates are lower so kept flat	
Tobacco	2389	Increase	(11,000.00) 11,250.00
Use of Money			
Interest	2401	No Change	120.00
Licenses			
Bingo	2540		00.00
Dog Lic.	2544		
Building Permits	2555	Decreased	(6,500.00) 6,500.00
Permits other	2590		
Fines			
Fines/Forfeitures	2610	Decreased	(125,000.00) 100,000.00
Miscellaneous			
Insurance			
Recovery	2680	remove	
Unclassified	2770	remove	00.00
State Aid			
Per Capita	3001	No change	5,200.00
Mortgage Tax	3005	Decrease	(40,000.00) 15,000.00
<u>Highway Appropriation</u>			
General Repair			
Personal Ser.	5110.1	Decrease	(111,420.00) 97,445.00
Contractual	5110.4	Decrease	(214,644.92) 200,000.00
Fuel – Diesel	5110.41	Added	25,000.00
Fuel – Gas	5110.42	Added	10,000.00
Machinery			
Equipment	5130.2	Decrease	(30,000.00) 10,000.00
Contractual	5130.4	Increase	(85,000.00) 95,000.00
Snow Removal			
Personal Ser.	5142.1	Decrease	(113,480.23) 69,603.00
Contractual	5142.4	Increase	(107,100.00) 110,313.00

Highway

Retirement	9010.8	Decrease	(30,302.00)	15,943.00
Social Security	9030.8	Increase	(13,000.00)	13,520.00
Disability	9055.8	No Change		300.00
Hospitalization	9060.8	Decrease	(69,839.00)	50,514.00
Unemployment	9050.8	Remove		

Debt

Bond's Principal	9710.6	Decrease	(27,340.00)	14,020.00
Ban's Principal	9730.6			
Bond's interest	9710.7			
Ban's interest	9730.7			

Highway Revenues

Property	1001	Decrease	(624,541.00)	612,170.00
Sales Tax	1120	Decrease	(120,000.00)	81,200.00
Service other	2300			
Interest	2401	No Change		200.00
Minor Sales	2555			
Sales of Equip	2665			
Insurance Rec.	2680			

S/A Chips	3501	Unknown		
S/A SEMA	3960	Unknown		
F/A FEMA	4960	Unknown		
Bond Proceeds	5710			

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Richard Skoda seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Sammons,, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next regular Town Board meeting will be **October 15, 2014** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience: Arthur Baker George Hotaling Walter Thompson

Meeting Dates:

October 9 TB/BC/Budget Workshop meeting
 October 15, Town Board Regular meeting
 October 16 TB/BC/Budget Workshop meeting

Action List:

- ✚ Clerk Rogers will invite Steve Acciani to October 9th meeting. *Done*
- ✚ Clerk Rogers will invite Robert P. from Churchtown Fire Co. to come to the October 9th meeting. *Done*
- ✚ Clerk Rogers will prepare LL 1-2014 to send to Attorney Decaire. *Done*
- ✚ Clerk Rogers will contact Linda Swartz about sign for Town Hall to let her know it has been approved. *Done*
- ✚ Clerk Rogers will post November and December calendars. *Done*