

Approved
January 9, 2017

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF TAGHKANIC
November 14, 2016**

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6:30 pm: The Town Board signing vouchers.

7 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its Regular monthly meeting on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall. Supervisor Erik Tyree opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of Silence.

Present:	Erik Tyree	Supervisor
	Arthur McGuire	Board Member
	Ryan Skoda	Board Member
	Joyce Thompson	Board Member
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

Absent:	Richard Skoda	Board Member
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Guest Speaker: William Hilscher, Chief of the Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Company:

- ✓ The Taghkanic Fire Company was established in March 1944 as a Fire Protection District, at this time we have 23 active members and 25 support members.
- ✓ Our youngest member, Cordel Hall graduated from Fire Fighter school yesterday.
- ✓ One of our biggest purchases totaling \$92,000 was for new air packs.
- ✓ We have also purchased additional gear racks for \$3,000.
- ✓ We have paid off the loan on our building early.
- ✓ We are at 100% solar.
- ✓ The siren is being rebuilt and painted red and white.
- ✓ To be FEMA compliant we will renumber all the trucks.
- ✓ Thanks to the county and tax payers' money, \$1.2 million has been expanded for a new County-wide High Band radio system. To be used by all fire companies and all firefighters have pagers.
- ✓ We have a new flag pole in front of the fire house, thanks to an Eagle Scout and his project.
- ✓ We will be celebrating our 75th anniversary in 2017 and all the festivities are 100% funded by donations.
- ✓ Friday, December 30 to January 26, 2017 we will be serving pizza again. We would like to thank the Highway Department for everything they do to help us during the winter weather.
 - ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: reminded Bill in 2017 the five year contract with the Town needs to be renewed. We would like to start early during budget time to work everything out.
 - ✚ William Hilscher: financial discussion for the contract should be done with Tony LaSalvia, and Paul Nostrand the Directors of the Fire Company.
 - ✚ Clerk Rogers: informed Mr. Hilscher that she may contact the fire company for a letter of support for the request for a lower speed limit on Route 82.

Building Project Update: Ray Jurkowski, Town Engineer, reported that the project is moving along, The Electrical Contractor has submitted documents with NYSEG for the electric, the General Contractor has submitted documents with the progression of work done. I will need a decision on the colors.

- ✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: will the slab be poured before the weather gets cold?
- ✚ Ray Jurkowski: the weather is with us right now, they plan on pouring on Friday after Thanksgiving or the following Monday. General Contractor will be getting the results of the 7 day cylinder test for the concrete. If the results are good they can proceed.
- ✚ Moisha Blechman: one color, red is nice to look at; it needs to make a statement a gutsy statement.
- ✚ Susan Raymond: a color that is more agricultural and country.
- ✚ Moisha and Susan suggested Ivy green sides, with brown doors and windows with a brown roof or rustic red sides with brown doors and windows with a brown roof.
- ✚ Dennis Callahan: the brown doors will fade.
- ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda: I like the colors that have been displayed.
- ✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: I like the dark colors.
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: The renderings have been presented multiple times, have been available for consideration over a long period of time and the purpose was to make everyone aware and give them time to present their ideas. The best dark colors were not available in the specified material category. While I understand the reasoning for darker colors, I am still in favor of the lighter colors to blend in with the fields in the background and the green roof to match the salt shed.
- ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned the siding color be a single color, Light Stone, and the roof be Ivy Green, the doors and windows are to be white, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

Ray Jurkowski the interior will be Polar White.

Supervisor Erik Tyree then asked for a motion to approve the following minutes:

October 5, 2016: Town Board meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

October 10, 2016: Regular Meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

October 19, 2016: Town Board meetings minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

The Correspondence consisted of:

1. Brain O'Grady Sr. Vice President, Sales
2. Blue Shield of Northeastern, NY
3. Board of Fire Commissioners Craryville Fire District, 2017 Operation Budget
4. Assoc. of Towns, 2017 Training School and Annual Meeting
5. MVP Living Well

Board Reports:

Animal Control: Wes Powell, report submitted.

ZBA: James Romaine, Chair, report submitted.

Planning Board: Katherine Bainer, Chair report submitted.

As part of the Gasland application for site plan review, they requested a reduced speed limit on rt. 82 from NYSDOT. This would make for a safer entrance and exit at their location.

I know that the Board has previously requested a lower speed limit and it was denied.

I am now requesting that the Board consider making the request again, both in support of public safety for the Gasland application and other businesses on rt. 82. The request may get more consideration in connection with the Gasland development.

The Town Clerk will prepare a resolution for December meeting.

Assessor: Craig Surprise no report submitted.

ZEO/CEO/Building Inspector: Dennis Callahan report submitted.

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: Linda Swartz, no report, no meeting.

Environmental Management Council: Anna Kadish, no report submitted.

Zoning Commission: Joyce Thompson, report submitted.

Office for the Aging: Joyce Thompson, report submitted.

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

Supervisor: Erik Tyree, report submitted and the written report was available on the back table for the public. **Supervisor financial report is attached.**

Highway: Superintendent George Hotaling report submitted.

Board reports were accepted as submitted and read on a motion by Board Member Ryan Skoda seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

Advisory Board Reports:

Conservation Advisory Committee: Anna Kadish report submitted as follows:
Taghkanic CAC Meeting, October 20, 2016
Present: Anna Kadish, Valerie Hoffman, Charlene Paden, Frost White, Leslie Chambers, Larry Kadish

Frost White and Leslie Chambers came to the meeting as potential new members of our CAC. This must be approved by Taghkanic Town Board in the coming weeks.

Summaries of the Planning Board meeting and the Public town meeting about the plans for a gas station and a Dunkin Donuts on County Rte 18 were presented.

We discussed possible future lectures for the town: First, the cancelled talk about wild turkeys must be rescheduled. A talk about black bears which seem to be increasing in number in our area would be interest. We need to identify a speaker on that subject.

We discussed future walks in town. Suggestions included a walk on Sam Pratt's property, the Kadish property and also a possible walk on a property near Frost White's home. Further possibilities will be considered. Walks will most likely be in late April, early May and another walk in September. These have to be scheduled.

We discussed the grant for production of a Columbia County NRI (Natural Resource Inventory) obtained by the CLC. Future information will be presented when available.

Next CAC meeting will be on November 17, 2016

Anna Kadish request Board approval for Frost White to be a member of the Conservation Advisory Committee.

Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to approve Frost White a member of the Conservation Advisory Committee, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

Broadband Advisory Committee: Arthur McGuire asked the board to grant permission to send a letter of support for G-Tel's application for the NY Broadband Program grant to expand broadband service in Taghkanic.

- ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda: I am concerned with just supporting one company.
- ✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire; I can check with Mid-Hudson Cable to see if they are applying as well.

✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: we should make it available to both companies. The Board agreed the sample letter should be edited, sent to Clerk Rogers to be placed on town letterhead, and Supervisor Erik Tyree is empowered to approve or dis-approve the letter. Then it is to be offered to both companies.

Advisory Board reports were accepted as submitted and read on a motion by Board Member Ryan Skoda seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **LOSAP Investment Company:** Reminder, November 30, 2016 starting at 6 pm the Town Board will be holding interviews/presentations with the following investment company companies:

- ✚ Ackerman Quinn Financial Services
- ✚ Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Co.
- ✚ Morgan Stanley – Albany Office
- ✚ UBS – Albany
- ✚ Comerica Bank

Board Member Joyce Thompson asked board members whether they had their questions ready. She was concerned that everyone be prepared to make the most of the interviews. Board Member Ryan Skoda I want to know what they can project for us.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **December 2016 Calendar:** Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to approve the December Calendar with changes, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

2. **Notice for letter of interest for open positions on the ZBA and PB:** Clerk Rogers asked for permission to notice for the open positions. Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to grant permission to place the notice with the letter to be in to the clerk by November 9th, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

3. **Budget Amendment # 9:** Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to approve Budget Amendment # 8 as follows, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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Taghkanic
November 14,
2016**

Budget Amendment # 9

GENERAL FUND		Increase	Decrease
Inter-fund transfer	A 9901.9	\$150,000.00	

Budget Appr. Fund
Bal.

	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
	<u>\$150,000.00</u>

9/28/2016 Abstract

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

AUDIT OF MONTH'S BILLS:

October 28 2016 Abstract: Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned that October 28, 2016 abstract has been audited and approved for payment, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

✚ 2016 General Fund Vouchers	#314 – 321	\$ 10,568.61
✚ 2016 Highway Fund Vouchers	#126 – 127	\$ 4,964.10

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

November 14, 2016 Abstract: Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned that November 14, 2016 abstract has been audited and approved for payment, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

✚ 2016 General Fund Vouchers	#322 – 349	\$ 41,676.41
✚ 2016 Highway Fund Vouchers	#128 – 155	\$ 34,776.36
✚ 2016 Highway Project Fund Voucher	# 18 - 20	\$ 12,398.00
✚ 2016 Escrow	# 14 - 16	\$ 6,028.57

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – FIFTEEN MINUTES:

- ✚ Linda Swartz: I will not be collecting this year for pet food and pet toys.
- ✚ Larry Kadish: the Fire Company will be collecting toys for the Edith Casey Stocking Fund, on December 8th at 6:30 we will be having tea, coffee, and dessert and accepting toys all are welcome.

9:13 PM: EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to enter Executive Session, seconded by Supervisor Erik Tyree to discuss personnel.

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

9:25 PM: EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED: Board Member Arthur McGuire motioned to close the Executive Session, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Arthur, Joyce, Ryan)

0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

Supervisor Erik Tyree announced he is appointing Ryan Skoda as his Deputy as Elizabeth Young does not feel she is able to continue.

✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson asked to confirm with Attorney William Decaire that a Board Member could be appointed Deputy.

With no further business, on a motion by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm. carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **Monday December 12, 2016** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience: Ray Colgrove
Larry Kadish
William Hilscher
Arthur Griffith

Linda Swartz
Susan Raymond
Moisha Blechman

Anna Kadish
George Hotaling
Tony LaSalvia