

Approved
September 10, 2018

**August 13, 2018
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

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6 pm: Interviews held with:
Andrew Howard, Freeman Howard, Town Attorney
William Decaire, Carter Conboy, Town Attorney

6:30 pm: Town Board members audited and signed vouchers.

7 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall. Supervisor Ryan Skoda opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence.

Present:	Ryan Skoda	Supervisor
	Arthur McGuire	Board Member
	Richard Skoda	Board Member
	Linda Swartz	Board Member
	Joyce Thompson	Board Member
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

Absent:

Guest Speaker:

Supervisor Ryan Skoda then asked for a motion to approve the following minutes:

July 9, 2018 Town Board meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes and amendments, motioned by Board Member Richard Skoda, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

Approved **4 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Linda, Richard)**
0 Nays
0 Absent
1 Abstained (Joyce)

The Correspondence consisted of:

1. K.I.S.S. September 10-September 21, 2018
2. Catskill Casting, roadside Historical Markers
3. NYS Deferred Compensation Plan
4. NYS Dept. of Transportation, Bridge Replacement CR 27
5. William Decaire, Carter Conboy, RFP
6. Columbia County Board of Election
7. Andrew Howard, Freeman Howard, RFP
8. Municipal Surplus Solution Specialists
9. NYS Office of Real Property, certificate of the Final State Equalization Rate

10. Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program
11. Robert Fitzsimmons, Fitzsimmons & Mills, P.C.
12. Columbia County Dept. of Public Works, New Recycling Protocol

Then followed reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: Wes Powell, report submitted.

ZBA: James Romaine, Chair, no report.

Planning Board: Katherine Bainer, Chair report submitted.

Assessor: Craig Surprise report submitted.

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

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: Linda Swartz, report submitted.

Environmental Management Council: Anna Kadish, no report submitted.

Zoning Commission: Joyce Thompson, report submitted and read as follows.

The Zoning Commission met on 2 and 16 July 2018.

The Commission completed a thorough review of uses and assigned regulations in light of the feedback received to date. Significant questions raised by this feedback have led to important and continuing discussions regarding the current business district.

Comprehensive minutes of these meetings are available on the Town Website or upon request to Joyce Thompson at 518.851.3487.

Next meetings: 6 & 20 August and 3 and 17 September. Meeting time continues to be 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. All meetings are held at Town Hall and open to the public. If a meeting date or time is changed, it will be noticed on the town website at www.taghkanic.org.

Office for the Aging: Joyce Thompson, report submitted

✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: announced that the OFA is holding a Senior Day on Thursday September 13, 2018 from 11:30 to 2:30 at the Stuyvesant Falls VFW. There will be vendors and a DJ.

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

Supervisor: Ryan Skoda, report submitted and the written report was available on the back table for the public.

Highway: George Hotaling, report submitted.

Financial Advisory Committee Report: Board Member Joyce Thompson reported the following:

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) audited July financials on Thursday, 9 August, as scheduled. Attending were Town Board Members Linda Swartz and Joyce Thompson.

Audit: No discrepancies were found.

Revenue and Expenditure Review

Revenues: the second quarter Sales Tax is higher than budgeted so that line is at 58% with 50% of payments received.

Expenditures: A few expenditure lines in both funds (General and Highway) continue to run higher than the 58.3% for end of July but no line is seriously outside of expectation.

The Highway Department has approved the \$270,676.32 invoice for paving Taghkanic Road and will await the invoice for the completed chip sealing of Woodland Road. This Taghkanic Road bill will be submitted to qualify for receipt of our CHIPS funds.

As planned, a \$200,000 transfer from the Highway Fund Balance to the 2018 Operating Budget will be presented for final approval at the 13 August Town Board meeting. It will cover \$81,387 of the Taghkanic Road invoice.

The remaining \$118,613 will cover the incoming bill for the completed chip sealing of Woodland Road and on-going hot patching and paving. The possible amount of work going forward depends on the cost of asphalt and the weather.

Advisory Board reports:

Conservation Advisory Committee: Anna Kadish, report submitted.

Minutes CAC meeting Monday July 23, 2018

Present were: Tracey Testo, Audrey Kropp, George Hotaling, Joyce Thompson, Valerie Hoffman, Ryan Skoda, Anna Kadish and Larry Kadish

The funding application which was submitted last week was for 2 year stewardship of Taghkanic watershed planning including stream-road crossings. This is managed by Trout Unlimited, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties and Housatonic Valley Assn. Culvert grade modeling as to barrier for organic organisms and modeled for flood water capacity by Cornell's Water Resources Institute. Engineer involvement re culvert design, etc will be applied, Conceptual Design, 2-3 concepts, one funding if possible. CAC will visit culverts to see possible problems. Etc. This may be done on second Thursday in Sept. Date to be determined in a short time.

✚ Larry Kadish: CAC will visit culverts to see possible problems Thursday September 13, 2018 5 pm, an email will be sent to set meeting spot

Broadband Advisory Committee: Arthur McGuire, report submitted.

The Broadband Committee did not meet in July. We do continue to monitor GTel's progress as shown in its monthly reports. We are also following New York State's revocation of its approval of the Charter/Spectrum merger with Time Warner Cable.

Old Business:

- 1. County Route 15 Complaint:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda, turned over to Attorney Decaire Default Judgement has been filed waiting for the Supreme Court Judge Nichols to sign. After the judge signs court date will be set, order to appear will be served on the defendant.
 - ✚ John Thompson: is there a list of what he has to do and remove?
 - ✚ Attorney Decaire: he can't just move a car on the property.
 - ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: there is a scope of what needs to be done and removed?
 - ✚ Attorney Decaire: correct. The determination is at the judge's discretion.
- 2. Newsletter:** Board Member Joyce Thompson: The group is working on the first issue.
- 3. Highway Facility Landscape Plan:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: on hold until Pumpkin Hollow and County Route 27 Intersection is done.
- 4. Culvert Inventory:** Covered under the CAC report.

5. **Time Clock:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: all agreed to purchase whole hand scan time clock.
6. **Resolution11-2018 to adopt Columbia County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to approve Resolution 11-2018 to adopt Columbia County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.
7. **Approved** **5 Aye (Ryan, Arthur, Linda, Richard, Joyce)**
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

New Business:

- A. **September 2018 Calendar:** Board Member Joyce Thompson moved to accept the September 2018 calendar with suggested changes, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Linda, Richard, Joyce)**
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

- B. **Budget Amendment # 2-2018:** Board Member Arthur McGuire motioned to approve Budget Amendment # 2, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

		Budget Amendment # 2	Increase	Decrease
HIGHWAY FUND				
	GENERAL REPAIRS	DA5110.4	\$ 200,000.00	
	UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	DA9910		\$ 200,000.00
			\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Linda, Richard, Joyce)**
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

- ✦ **July 23, 2018 Abstract:** on a motion by Board Member Richard Skoda, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

2018 General Fund Vouchers	# 250 - 271	\$ 13,786.90
2018 Highway Fund Vouchers	# 160 - 161	\$ 6,274.34
2018 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	#	\$
2018 Escrow Fund Vouchers	# -	\$

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Linda, Richard, Joyce)**
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

- ✦ **August 13, 2018 Abstract:** on a motion by Board Member Richard Skoda, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

2018 General Fund Vouchers	#	272 - 289	\$	14,448.00
2018 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	162 - 173	\$	277,575.96
2018 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	#	-	\$	
2018 Escrow Fund Vouchers	#	-	\$	

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Linda, Richard, Joyce)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ✚ Karen Lansing: upset with the road maintenance on Old Oak Road, it needs to be paved or to do something with dust control. It was paved in the 70s.
- ✚ Superintendent Hotaling: Old Oak has been patched three times and to pave a road needs to be 16 feet wide. Old Oak Road has never been paved, back in the 70s we oiled the roads for dust control not allowed to do that anymore, oil and stone is dust control.
- ✚ Joshua Plass: upset with the road maintenance on Pumpkin Hollow, road need to be closed and repair the culvert pipes before someone gets hurt.
- ✚ Arthur Griffith: are we all getting free movie passes.
- ✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: would the Town get noticed of Commercial property being foreclosed?
- ✚ Attorney Decaire: not always.

Executive Session: None

With no further business, on a motion by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz, the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **September 10, 2018** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience: John Thompson Larry Kadish Arthur Griffith George Hotaling
 Joshua Plass Samantha Plass Schnackenberg Philip Karen Lansing