

APPROVED

7/10/2023

**June 12, 2023
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers on June 11 and 12, 2023 separately, due to the COVID-19 social distancing.

7 pm. The Taghkanic Town Board held its Regular monthly meeting on the above date with a combination of Supervisor Skoda, Board Members, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, 2 residents and 2 Boy Scouts at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 4 residents attending via Zoom. ***Supervisor Ryan Skoda*** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Present:	Ryan Skoda	Supervisor
	Joyce Thompson	Deputy Supervisor
	Elisabeth Albert	Board Member
	Elizabeth Craig	Board Member
	Kara Gilmore	Board Member
	Linda Mirabelli	Board Member
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk
	Robert Burns	Highway Superintendent

Absent:

Guest Speaker:

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

May 8, 2023: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli*** seconded by ***Board Member Elizabeth Craig***.

Approved ***4 Aye*** ***(Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)***
 0 Nays
 1 Abstained ***(Ryan)***

The Correspondence:

1. Columbia County Department of Public Works, Reinstatement of County Bags
2. Councilman Eugene Cook Town of Huntington, Voter ID Resolution
3. RYCOR, Preseason Maintenance Special
4. Dennis Callahan, Taghkanic Building Dept., Boaz Road name change

Board All Agreed: As long as no one expects the town to adopt this road into our inventory, or provide snow and ice or other maintenance, we see no reason to object to the request. It's their road, their burden.

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to approve the renaming of the private driveway from "Boaz Road" to "Ondawa Way" requested by the residents of the road and for 911 purposes, seconded by ***Board Member Elizabeth Craig***.

Approved: ***5 Ayes*** ***(Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)***

0 Nays

0 Absent

5. David Bloodgood, Vice President, Risk Management N

6. Charles Schwab, Taghkanic LOSAP monthly

7. Perry Ascher, Towns meet with CMH about future of Rapid Care facility

Perry Ascher: hoping the Town of Taghkanic would like to support the plan to work with CMH to find a way to keep the Rapid Care facility open and to do a better job of staffing for more hours a week, and do a better job of marketing and communications to make people aware of the Rapid Care Center and attract more patient business. The effort to keep the Copake Rapid Care Center open will include reaching out to Assembly Member Barrett and State Senator Hinchey for additional financial aid.

Perry Ascher volunteered to reach out to Ancram's Councilwoman Amy Gold for more information.

8. Barbara Otty, speed limit request update

9. NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance, certificate of the Final State Equalization Rate.

10. Betsy Albert, Beaver Tales

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: *Kyle Miller*, no report submitted.

I have no new entries for this month.

ZBA: *James Romaine*, Chair, no report.

Planning Board: *Katherine Bainer*, report submitted as follows

Taghkanic Planning Board Report for May 2023

There was one meeting in May. Big Towels LLC was reviewed for the ZBA special use permit - recreational use in a residential area. An advisory opinion was sent by attorney.

Assessor: *Craig Surprise*, report submitted.

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

Historian: *Nancy Griffith*, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: *Board Member Linda Swartz*,

The Columbia County Traffic Safety Board met at the Public Safety Building in Hudson on Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Columbia County Highway Department received ten speed limit reduction requests from the Town of Gallatin, one of which – East Klein Road - had an associated request from the Town of Taghkanic. All ten of the requests were processed by County Engineering and sent to NYSDOT.

New York State DOT advised that a culvert Route 23 over Millhouse Creek between CR 11A and CR 7 in Copake will be replaced during the 2024 construction season. Route 23 between CR 11A and CR 7 in Copake will be closed for approximately three weeks; detour will be posted.

We have not received an update from NYSDOT regarding the new traffic signals at Bells Pond intersection. DOT has been informed that there have also been complaints about the turn signs at the intersection which are hung overhead near the signals. They are visually confusing and should be slightly turned to properly align with the leg of the intersection they are associated with or shielded to avoid confusion.

Governor's Traffic Safety Committee 2024 Grants: The CCTSB reviewed and endorsed 2024 the following grant applications:

- Three from CCSO: Police Traffic Services, Accident Reduction Through Speed Monitoring, and Child Passenger Safety Program.
- Two from HPD: Child Passenger Safety Program and Police Traffic Services
- One from the Town of Chatham for Radar Speed Signs
- And one from the Village of Chatham PD for Child Passenger Safety Program

The next meeting of the Columbia County Traffic Safety Board is scheduled for July 27, 2023.

Environmental Management Council: *Robert Brush* no report submitted:

Office for the Aging: *Joyce Thompson*, no report submitted.

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

Supervisor: *Ryan Skoda*, no report submitted at this time.

Highway: *Roberts Burns*, report submitted as follows:

- ✚ **Rob Burns Hwy. Sup.:** reported the 1 ton dump rear-end is blown, to replace is \$6,000.
- ✚ **Rob Burns Hwy. Sup.:** Dig Safe will be marking the Taghkanic/Churchtown Road on June 19th, will be starting work from Cross Street to County Route 10 first. I will make 911 aware of the work closure.
- ✚ **Rob Burns Hwy. Sup.:** need to purchase a plate compactor.
- ✚ **Town Board:** purchase
- ✚ **Rob Burns Hwy. Sup.:** will be chip sealing Bloody Hill.
- ✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** update on ten wheeler.
- ✚ **Rob Burns Hwy. Sup.:** still at Zwack for the alterations to be done.

✚ **Claverack Well & Pump**

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to proceed with the proposal from Claverack Well & Pump to connect the new well at the Highway Garage, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

Approved: **5 Ayes** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)**
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

MACHINERY	DA5130.4		15,000.00
		15,000.00	15,000.00
MACHINERY	DA5130.2	25,000.00	
UNRESERVED, UNAPPROPRIATED FB	DA9110		25,000.00
		25,000.00	25,000.00

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to approve Budget Amendment #3-2023 as presented, seconded by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig** as follows:

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

Financial Advisory Chair Joyce Thompson: the committee would like to know how Hwy Sup. Rob Burns decide what is for appropriation line 5130.4 and 5130.41?

Board Member Linda Mirabelli: the Financial Advisory Committee would like to see Supervisor Ryan Skoda invest some of the Money Market Account.

Supervisor Ryan Skoda: I will work on that will Clerk Rogers.

Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community: *Doug Craig* no meeting no report.

+ **Larry Kadish:** small group of the Taghkanic Headwaters stakeholder met to discuss how to spread the word to with grant monies.

Digital Communication Advisory Committee: *Betsy Albert:* no meeting.

Old Business:

1. Zoning Law Review:

June 19, 2023 6:30 pm

- + Introduction for Section 40 stating that uses that require permits or review do not include the home-based businesses that are outlined in Section 60.
- + Zoning District Map
- + Updated STR regulations

2. Answer for vested LOSAP participates: *Supervisor Skoda and Attorney Howard* have been in contact with the NYS Comptroller but have not received an answer as of yet. I have an Attorney’s name that specializes with the LOSAP program. I am suggesting we retain his services.

Board Member Kara Gilmore motioned to retain Attorney Terry Hannigan, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert.**

Approved: 5 Ayes (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)

0 Nays
0 Absent

3. **Resolution 12-2023:** Tabled
4. **Application to the Comptroller:** Tabled
5. **Solar on Highway Garage:** Doug Craig I am looking into proposals.

New Business:

A. **August 2023 Calendar:** *Board Member Kara Gilmore* motioned to accept the August 2023 as presented, seconded by *Board Member Elizabeth Craig*.

Approved: 5 Ayes (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

B. **LL – 2 – 2023 Firefighters/Ambulance Exemption PH:** *Board Member Elizabeth Craig* motioned to set a Public Hearing for July 10, 2023 at 7 pm, seconded by *Board Member Kara Gilmore*.

Approved: 5 Ayes (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
1 Nays
0 Absent

C. **Taghkanic LOSAP annual Audit 2022 by Teal, Beck & Chiaramonte:** *Board Member Kara Gilmore* motioned to approve Teal, Beck & Chiaramonte to audit the Taghkanic Fire 2022 LOSAP, seconded by *Board Member Elizabeth Craig*.

Approved: 5 Ayes (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✚ **May 22, 2023 Abstract:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Elizabeth Craig*.

2023 General Fund Vouchers	#	145	-	158	\$	12,535.14
2023 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	66	-		\$	

Approved: 5 Ayes (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

✚ **June 12, 2023 Abstract:** on a motion by on a motion by *Board Member Elizabeth Craig* was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*.

2023 General Fund Vouchers	#	159	-	189	\$	24,957.44
2023 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	66	-	80	\$	104,304.90

Approved: 5 Ayes (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
2 Nays
0 Absent

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- + *Arthur Griffith*: Thank you all for all you do and good night.
- + *Celine Kagan*: problems with watching zoom links of meetings.
- + *Larry Kadish*: update of the refrigerator.
- + *Joanne Klein*: any sense of who's utilizing the program
- + *Betsey Albert*: we have regulars, all is going well and being used daily.
- + *Doug Craig*: I will add link for June 19th meeting.

Executive Session:

8:03 pm Executive Session: *Board Member Kara Gilmore* motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation seconded by *Board Member Elizabeth Craig*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

8:15 pm Executive Session: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by *Board Member Kara Gilmore*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

With no further business, on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* the meeting was adjourned at **8:15 pm**, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular Town Board meeting will be **July 10, 2023** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall: Perry Ascher Art Griffith Brayden Skoda Julyan Ulfik

Audience via Zoom: Joyce Thompson Joanne Klein Doug Craig Celine Kagan
Larry Kadish