

**January 8, 2024
Town of Taghkanic
Organizational Meeting**

7 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its Organizational and Regular monthly meeting on the above date with a combination of Supervisor Skoda, Board Members, Town Clerk, 8 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 6 residents attending via Zoom. Supervisor Ryan Skoda opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Present:	Ryan Skoda	Supervisor
	Elisabeth Albert	Board Member
	Perry Ascher	Board Member
	Doug Craig	Board Member
	Linda Mirabelli	Board Member
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

Absent:



Official meeting date – 2nd Monday of month meeting starts at 7 PM

Two (2) months of approved meeting calendars will be posted on the website beforehand. The Town Board will hold Saturday meetings as needed.

Supervisor Ryan Skoda appointed Kara Gilmore as Deputy Supervisor:

Attorney for the Town: Andrew Howard

Registrar of Vital Statistics - Cheryl Rogers,

Records Access Officer – Cheryl Rogers

Official Newspaper – Register Star and Columbia Paper

Town Historian - Nancy Griffith

Dog Control Officers – Kyle Miller and Cheryl Rogers

Dog Shelter – Columbia Greene Humane

Official Bank- Community Bank

Mileage by County Rate (.67)

Town Hall Custodian – Keegan Buffa

ZEO/CEO/Building Inspector - Dennis Callahan

Budget Officer – Ryan Skoda

Bookkeeper: Jean Adele Howard

Accountant: Robert Patterson, Certified Public Accountant

Payroll: Priority One, Jeannine Dubiac

Sole Assessor: Craig Surprise

Grievance Board Salaries – \$50 per day

Insurance Carrier – NYMIR and Fingar Insurance as the Agent

Town Engineer – Patrick Prendergast

Office of the Aging – Celine Keegan, and Susan Silverman - Alt. Joanne Klein 1/29/2024

Website: Doug Craig

Columbia County Traffic Safety Board – Linda Mirabelli

EMC- Robert Brush:

Columbia Country Planning – Terry Porter from Gallatin
Building Maintenance – Raymond Colgrove
Highway Superintendent – Robert Burns 4 year term

The above appointments were approved on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

Permission for the Supervisor to invest the Town monies: So moved by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

Price of gravel to be set by Highway Superintendent: So moved by **Board Member, Elisabeth Albert**, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

Paid hospitalization for all Highway Workers and Clerk/Collector

Paid hospitalization for all highway workers and Clerk/Collector hired before January 1, 2018 are paid in full and any employee hired after January 1, 2018 paid hospitalization will be for the employee only.

Supervisor Ryan Skoda announced Liaisons Appointments:

<u>Highway:</u>	Ryan, Rob, Linda
<u>Legal:</u>	Town Board
<u>Fire:</u>	Ryan, Dennis, Betsy
<u>Insurance:</u>	Betsy, Perry, Doug
<u>Planning:</u>	Ryan, Betsy, Perry
<u>Assessment:</u>	Ryan, Craig, Doug
<u>Zoning:</u>	Ryan, Linda, Perry
<u>Senior Citizens:</u>	Linda, Doug, Perry
<u>Buildings:</u>	Ryan, Doug, Betsy
<u>L.O.S.A.P.</u>	Ryan, Dennis, Linda

Board Member, Linda Mirabelli motioned to approve the Supervisor's Liaison appointments seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned the ZBA and Planning Board Members be paid \$50.00 a meeting attended and the Chair of each Board \$50.00 a meeting attended and \$100.00 monthly, seconded **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

ZBA Board Members: 4th Monday of month at 7 PM.

Members \$50.00 per meeting. Chair \$50.00 per meeting \$100.00 monthly

ZBA Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons

Elizabeth O'Donnell	12-31-2027
Stephen Fass	12-31-2024
Kent Sammons	12-31-2025
Thomas Mirabelli	12-31-2026
James Romaine (Chair)	12-31-2028
Joseph Cordato	Alternate
Clara Cordato	Secretary/Clerk

Planning Board Members: 1st Tuesday of month at 7 PM.

Members \$50.00 per meeting. Chair \$50.00 per meeting \$100.00 monthly

Planning Board Attorney Andrew Howard from Freeman Howard

Raymond Keyser	12-31-2026
John Roberts	12-31-2024
James Alvarez	12-31-2028
Stephen Kling	12-31-2025
Ivan Alfonso Saavedra	12-31-2027
Joshua Plass	12-31-2030
Katherine Bainer (Chair)	12-31-2029
Peter Paden	Alternate
Clara Cordato	Secretary/Clerk

Financial Committee: 2nd Thursday of each month at 11 am

Chair Linda Mirabelli
Kara Gilmore
Perry Ascher

Board of Assessment Review Members:

Chair Tara Buffa	09/30/27 Term Ends
Thomas G. Mirabelli	09/30/26 Term Ends
Katherine Bainer	09/30/25 Term Ends

Conservation Advisory Committee:

Chair Tony LaSalvia

Larry Kadish	Anna Kadish	Scott Marinoff
Auggie Queros	Charlene Paden	Eve Kaplan
Joyce Thompson	Tim Kennelty	Doug Craig

Climate-Smart Task Force:

Chair Doug Craig

Tony LaSalvia	Anna Kadish	Scott Marinoff
Elisabeth Albert	Joyce Thompson	Tim Kennelty
Perry Ascher	Robert Brush	David Koehler

Digital Communications Committee:

Chair Nadja Palenzuela

Doug Craig

Elisabeth Albert

Iona Framboluti

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to approve the above ZBA, PB, Financial Committee, Board of Assessment Review, CAC, CSTF, and DCC appointments as mentioned, seconded by **Board member Linda Mirabelli**.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

Board Member Doug Craig motioned to appoint *Linda Mirabelli* as the Town of Taghkanic Primary point of contact and *Elisabeth Albert* as secondary point of contact for the Columbia County All Hazards Mitigation Planning, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

Supervisor Ryan Skoda we also need a Town representative for the Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force (CCCSCTF) if anyone is interested.

7:20 pm: The Organizational Meeting was completed on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent