

APPROVED
7/14/2025

June 9, 2025
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers June 7, 8 and 9.

7:05 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its Regular meeting on the above date with a combination of Supervisor Ryan Skoda, Board Members, Town Clerk, 2 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 3 residents attending via Zoom.

Present:	Ryan Skoda	Supervisor	
	Elisabeth Albert	Board Member	
	Perry Ascher	Board Member	ZOOM
	Doug Craig	Board Member	
	Linda Mirabelli	Board Member	
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk	
	Eric Gaylord	Highway Superintendent	

Absent:

Guest Speaker: NONE

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

May 12, 2025: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** seconded by **Board Member Doug Craig**.

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

The Correspondence:

- NYS Department of Transportation, 25-26 funding
- Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood, Guaranteed income for Columbia County
- County Implements Occupancy Tax
 - Supervisor Ryan Skoda** the county is implementing the process for STRs.
 - Board Member Elisabeth Albert:** do we have a list of STRs in our town?
 - Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** the list will come from Granicus and sent to Dennis Callahan.
 - Board Member Elisabeth Albert:** I would like a copy for the whole Board.
- Lake Taghkanic State Park Master Plan

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: Kyle Miller, report submitted.



ZBA: James Romaine, Chair, no meeting no report submitted.

Planning Board: Katherine Bainer, Chair report submitted.



Assessor: Brittany Santarelli: report submitted.



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



Historian: Nancy Griffith, report submitted.

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- **Board Member Elisabeth Albert:** would like to ask Nancy to do a writeup about the celebration for next year for the Tgazette.
- **Clerk Rogers:** will ask Nancy to do that.
- **Board Member Elisabeth Albert:** local cemetery work cleanup and stone cleaning what is this about?
- **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** Taghkanic Cemetery head stones are in need of TLC.

Traffic Safety Board: Board Member Linda Mirabelli: report submitted:

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Environmental Management Council: Robert Brush no report submitted:

Office for the Aging: Celine Kagan and Susan Silverman, report submitted:

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

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Supervisor: Ryan Skoda, report submitted.

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Highway: Eric Gaylord, report submitted.

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- **Superintendent Gaylord:** What is the procedure for surplus equipment?
 - ✓ Supervisor Ryan Skoda: make a list for next month meeting for the board to declare the equipment surplus, with the contract for Auction International.
- **Superintendent Gaylord:** I went to Cornell Highway Training this past week. I learned about grant money that is available for equipment, I will be looking for more information to see if we are able to apply for money for the 2 trucks. I am working on a DEC application for an Article 15 permit for Craryville Road. We will be paving with our own paver Old Oak Road; the guys have been out doing patching on Snyderstown Road.
 - ✓ **Board Member Elisabeth Albert:** is Sopak Road on the list for patching? What is the setback for mowing along the roadways?
 - ✓ **Superintendent Eric Gaylord:** Sopak Road yes. Setback is 2 passes or 8 feet.
- **Murcott:** **Superintendent Eric Gaylord**, no updates at this time but will check on the progress tomorrow.
- **Board Member Doug Craig:** Culvert Taghkanic/Churchtown Road grant.
- **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** Clerk Rogers and I have been in contact with SFS Grants Management trying to get this corrected but at this point I am still locked out.

Advisory Board reports:

Financial Advisory Committee Report: Board Member Linda Mirabelli, committee are meeting Thursday June 12, 2025

Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community: Board Member Doug Craig: no report

Digital Communication Advisory Committee: Nadja Palenzuel no meeting held.

Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force: Board Member Elisabeth

Albert

 20250501 CSC Task Force - Meeting Minu

Old Business:

1. **New Town Hall:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda*, I just forwarded the email exchange with Andy, Taconic Engineering to all the Board Members:
 - Good afternoon, Andy, just checking in to see how progress is coming along with determining town hall feasibility? Ryan
 - Hi Ryan, we are still awaiting the survey and flood elevation certification. I have emailed them this morning to inquire. I'll let you know what I hear. Andy
 - Hi Ryan, we received the survey from Crawford yesterday. He is still working through the elevation certificate and will forward that when he gets final feedback from the DEC. We will forward/finalize the feasibility upon receipt. Andy

2. **Sample Shipping Container LL present to the Board by ZEO Callahan in December:** Dennis Callahan and Attorney Howard are working on the draft.

3. **Court Attorney/Special Counselor:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* asked *Supervisor Rayn Skoda* if he had heard anything from the other attorneys that Kyle P. had recommended?
 - *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* I have sent an email and have not received an answer.

New Business:

1. **August 2025 Calendar:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to accept the August 2025 calendar as presented, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*
Approved 5 Aye (*Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda*)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

2. **Second book in The Hill series:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert:* MaryAnn Proper Barto, has another book published and would like to come to speak like she did before at the Town Hall. All agreed September 13, 2025 10 am. Clerk Rogers suggested having the Fire House saved for that day if Betsy gets more than 47 RSVPs

3. **Local Law # 3 – 2025 Impound Fees** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* motion to set a public hearing date. *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to set July 14, 2025 at 7 pm for a Public Hearing for Local Law # 3 -2025 impound fees, seconded by *Board Member Doug Craig.*
Approved 5 Aye (*Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda*)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

- **May 25, 2025 Abstract:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Doug Craig.*

2025 General Fund Vouchers	#	159	-	164	\$	14,648.95
2025 Highway Fund Vouchers	#		-		\$	
- Approved* 5 Aye (*Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda*)
 0 Nays


0 Absent

- **June 9, 2025 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Doug Craig**.

2025 General Fund Vouchers	#	165	-	194	\$	14,390.22
2025 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	49	-	53	\$	17,585.67

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

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- **Arthur Griffith:** Jackie Salvatore spoke at the Democratic Caucus this past Saturday, if elected will be the first black women to hold the office of Sheriff in Columbia County. She also said she is a resident of Taghkanic, is this true?
- **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** yes, off of Route 82
- **Sam Pratt:** Share the attached information  img:20250611_074800 45.pdf
- **Board Member Elisabeth:** tomorrow all are welcome to come at 10 am to clean up the pollinator garden behind the Town Hall. I am working on the town wide yard sale, will be setting a date to use the Fire House, more information to follow.

Executive Session: none

With no further business, on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** the meeting was adjourned at **8:12 pm**, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **July 14, 2025** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall: Arthur Griffith Sam Pratt

Audience via Zoom: Celine Kagan Wayne Kawadlar Laurel Durst