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JULY 14, 2025
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers July 13 and 14.

7 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its Regular meeting on the above date with a combination of Supervisor Ryan Skoda, Board Members, Town Clerk, 1 resident at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 5 residents attending via Zoom.

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

Absent:

7 pm: *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* opened the **Public Hearing** for **LL 3 – 2025:** A local law Regulating the Running of Dogs at Large/Impound Fees.

 *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* If there are no further comments, concerns or questions I will entertain a motion to close the Public Hearing for LL 3 -2025.

7:01 pm: Public Hearing Closed: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to close the Public Hearing for LL 3 - 2025, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

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

Guest Speaker: NONE

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

June 9, 2025: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*.

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

The Correspondence:

- Donald MacCormack VP and Jonathan Halligan AVP Bank of Greene County
- Jay Lee ASH, MAAA and Yijun Pan Penflex, 2024 Annual Audit for LOSAP
- Eli Fieser, Resignation Letter
- Ray and Deb Colgrove, Noise issue

- e. Zoriana Stawnychy, Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Company LOSAP Report.
- f. Columbia County Dumpster rental

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: Kyle Miller, no 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.



Supervisor Ryan Skoda spoke with Dennis concerning the resignation of Eli, he would like to post a notice for the position.

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned to post a notice for the open position for a Deputy Building Inspector, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

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

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: Board Member Linda Mirabelli: no meeting no report submitted:

Environmental Management Council: Robert Brush no report submitted:

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



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



Supervisor: Ryan Skoda, report submitted.



Highway: Eric Gaylord, report submitted.



- **Superintendent Eric Gaylord:** the Highway Dept. will be on Syndertown Road with the town paver paving this week.
- **Delivery of new trucks:** I have been in contact with Glen Plaisted, sales manager TENCO, the delivery of the (2) two Western Star 10-wheel truck will be August – September.
- **Murcott: Superintendent Eric Gaylord,** Gate has been moved and Fran has made a road to her property.
- **Board Member Perry Ascher:** at intersection of State and County roads with our town roads how do you determine who fixes any damages?
- **Superintendent Eric Gaylord:** I do communicate with both.
- **Board Member Doug Craig:** the problem with the New York Statewide Financial System vendor portal and Supervisor Skoda being able to login has been fixed and I have been added as a Primary Contact. I have been informed that the culvert project on Tagh/Churchtown at the intersection of Cross Street and Tagh/Churchtown Road has been postponed till next summer.

- **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** I am waiting for a copy of the signed contract with the State for the culvert project on Tagh/Churchtown at the intersection of Cross Street and Tagh/Churchtown Road. Once we have that we can start prepping for the project clearing trees and stocking up on material needed for the project.
- **Surplus Equipment: Superintendent Eric Gaylord,** I have all the paperwork for Auction International online auction contract to be approved tonight and the information needed to surplus the following equipment:
 - (1) 3-ton Dresser Roller
 - (1) 2005 International 750 Dump truck:
 - (1) 2005 Kenworth T880 Dump Truck
 - (1) Henke snow Plow

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to grant permission for Superintendent Eric Gaylord to surplus the above-mentioned equipment, seconded. **Board Member Perry Ascher.**

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

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to contract with Auction International online auction sell the above-mentioned surplus equipment, seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher.**

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

Advisory Board reports:

Financial Advisory Committee Report: **Board Member Linda Mirabelli,** committee meet Thursday July 10, 2025, the committee had one concern about the \$50,000 grant monies being over spent and what needed to be done to correct the overage? Clerk Rogers emailed Robertson Patterson, Town Accountant the following is his response: **“I realized that the 50k grant was fully spent and overdrawn in 2024. Technically, the funds should have been accrued as revenue in 2024 so at this point no amendment need be done. I would just let the revenue fall back to fund balance at year end. If we do an amendment to spend it in 2025, then we've spent it twice. The 50k received is just paying back last year's overspend.”**



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

- ✚ **Local Stewardship Grant support letter:** **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to send a letter of support of the (CLC's) application for a Local Stewardship Grant, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli.**

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

Digital Communication Advisory Committee: **Nadja Palenzuel** no meeting held.

Old Business:

- 1. New Town Hall:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda*, still waiting for engineer's determination and finalization of survey maps
- 2. Sample Shipping Container LL present to the Board by ZEO Callahan in December:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* I spoke with Dennis with the resignation of Eli and his office is very busy right now this has been put on the his to do list.
- 3. Court Attorney/Special Counselor:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* I have received and email from Ann Weaver showing interest. I need to reach out to her with what the position involves, more to come next month.

New Business:

- 1. September 2025 Calendar:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to accept the September 2025 calendar as presented, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

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

- 2. Local Law # 3 – 2025 Running of Dogs at Large/Impound Fees:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* If there are no comments, concerns or questions from the Board I will entertain a motion to adopt LL 3 -2025. *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned we adopt Local Law # 3 -2025 Running of Dogs at Large/Impound Fees, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

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

- 3. Taghkanic LOSAP Annual State Mandated Audit by TCB:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to sign the Engagement letter with Teal, Becker and Chiramonte, CPAs, P.C. for the services they will provide the Town of Taghkanic FPD#2 LOSAP for the 2024 State mandated audit, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*.



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

- 4. Resolution 10 – 2025 Acceptance of the Churchtown Cemetery and**


Authorizing an Intermunicipal Agreement: *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to approve Resolution 10 – 2025 Acceptance of the Churchtown Cemetery and Authorizing an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Claverack, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*.

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


5. Setting Dates for Zoning Code Review: *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* I would like to suggest we set a few dates to get back on track with the review of the zoning code. All agreed to the following dates:

-  **August 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm**
-  **September 25, 2025 at 6:30 pm**

The Board also set a **Budget Workshop** for the following date:


-  **September 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm**

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

 **June 16, 2025 Reissued Checks:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.


RE-ISSUE	MCGUIRE ARTHUR 12/29/2021 13611	8020.4	60.00	15615
	CRAIG DOUGLAS 4/15/2022 13808	1410.41	175.50	15612
	COLGROVE RAYMOND 9/15/2022 14022	1620.4	7.60	15611
	KLING STEPHEN 4/10/2024 14974	8020.4	80.00	15614
	KEYSER RAYMOND 4/10/2024 14973	8020.4	20.00	15613

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

 **June 25, 2025 Abstract:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

2025 General Fund Vouchers # 195 - 205 \$ 2,573.36
 2025 Highway Fund Vouchers # \$

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

 **July 14, 2025 Abstract:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

2025 General Fund Vouchers # 206 - 224 \$ 21,390.22
 2025 Highway Fund Vouchers # 54 - 64 \$ 24,235.52

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

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** asked **Ray and Debbie Colgrove via ZOOM** the Board discussed this before you entered the meeting, we would like to know how things are going with your noise complaint?
- ✚ **Ray and Debbie Colgrove via ZOOM:** we sent a certified letter to the property owner; he contacted us right away he was unaware of the problem and plans to have it resolved as soon as possible. This past weekend was very quiet.
- ✚ **Arthur Griffith:** County Executive?
- ✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** I'm not understanding your question.
- ✚ **Board Member Elisabeth Albert:** A group of county residents submitted a petition looking to change Columbia County's form of government which was denied by the clerk of the Board of Supervisors, is seeking a court order to get the initiative on the November ballot.

Executive Session: none

With no further business, on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher** the meeting was adjourned at **7:55** pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **August 11, 2025** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall: Arthur Griffith

Audience via Zoom: Celine Kagan Susan Silverman Ray Colgrove Debbie Colgrove
Joyce Thompson