

Approved
1/12/2026

**December 8, 2025
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers November 8, 9 and 10, 2025.

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, 0 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 3 residents attending via Zoom.

Present:

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

ZOOM

Absent:

Guest Speaker:

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

November 10, 2025: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli*** seconded by ***Board Member Perry Ascher***.

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

November 25, 2025: Town Board Zoning Review meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli*** seconded by ***Board Member Perry Ascher***.

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

December 15, 2025: Town Board Zoning Review meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli*** seconded by ***Board Member Perry Ascher***.

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

The Correspondence:

- a) Katherine Bainer, letter of Interest for the BAR
- b) Kent Sammons, letter of Interest ZBA
- c) Celine Kagan, Letter of Interest ZBA
- d) Ray Colgrove, Letter of Interest ZBA
- e) National Grid, Emergency Plan

- f) Peter Paden, Letter of Interest PB
- g) Doug Craig, resignation letter PB

Board Member Elisabeth Albert with heavy heart motioned to accept **Board Member Doug Craig's** letter of resignation effective January 1, 2026, seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

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

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to notice for the Town Board open position, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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


- h) CLC Proposed PILOT
- i) EMS Agreement
- j) Wayne Kawadler Letter of Interest PB
- k) Jean Feinberg, parking at town hall blocking view for cars to enter Route 82 from County Route 10.

The Board discussed purchasing parking block.

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: *Kyle Miller*, no report submitted.  251208 DOG CONTROLLER OFFICE


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

Planning Board: *Katherine Bainer*, Chair report submitted.  251208 PB REPORT.pdf

Assessor: *Brittany Santarelli*: report submitted.  251208 ASSESSOR Monthly Report_Town

ZEO/CEO/Building Inspector: *Dennis Callahan* no report submitted.

Historian: *Nancy Griffith*, no report submitted.


Traffic Safety Board: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*: report submitted  251208 TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT.pdf

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


Office for the Aging: *Celine Kagan and Susan Silverman*, no report submitted:  251208 TSN Report.pdf

Celine Kagan: Our storytelling workshop on 11/16 was very successful. Up next, is the cookie decorating party on the 14th. We are working on 2026 committee meeting schedule.

Clerk/Collector: *Cheryl Rogers*, reports were submitted to the Board.  251208 Town Clerk Monthly Report.pdf

Supervisor: *Ryan Skoda*, report submitted.  12082025 Town of Taghkanic financial re

Highway: *Eric Gaylord*, report submitted.  251208 HIGHWAY REPORT.pdf **Superintendent Eric Gaylord** good month cleared trees for passage of snow vehicles, prepared for the winter weather getting all truck ready for snow.

Superintendent Eric Gaylord:  4 QUOTES FOR LOADERS.pdf I have gathered 4 quotes for loaders per our discussion during the budget workshop meetings. The quotes include a broom for sweeping the roads. I am leaning towards two of the quotes Abele and Montano.

Advisory Board reports:

Financial Advisory Committee Report: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*,  251208 Financial Advisory Report to th

Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community: *Charlene Paden*



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

Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force: *Board Member Elisabeth*

Albert report submitted



Old Business:

1. **New Town Hall:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda*, Assessor Santarelli provided me a phone number I called and left a message. I have received no response from (Mr. Powell) the property on Route 82. *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* will also reach out to Mr. Alvarez about the 2-acre parcel.

✚ *Board Member Perry Ascher:* Proposal Addendum to Contract #24017 - attached is the quote from Taconic Engineering for their proposed preparation of a Base Flood Elevation Analysis of our Town Hall site.

2. **Sample Shipping Container LL present to the Board by ZEO Callahan in December:** *Tabled*

3. **Court Attorney/Special Counselor:**

✚ *Board Member Perry Ascher: Kyle Patzwahl* suggested reaching out to Robert Fitzsimmons for names.

4. **Zoning Review dates:**

✚ December 15, 2025 at 5:30 pm

New Business:

1. **Year-End Meeting:**

✚ December 30, 2025 at 9 am

2. **February 2026 Calendar:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to accept the February 2026 calendar with suggested corrections, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

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

3. **BAR, PB and ZBA Appointments:**

BAR:

✚ *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to appoint **Katherine Bainer** as the **BAR Member** term ending September 30, 2030, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

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

Planning Board:

✚ **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to appoint **Peter Paden** as **PB Member** term ending December 31, 2032, seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

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

✚ **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to appoint **Wayne Kawadler** as **PB Alternate Member** term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

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


ZBA

✚ **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to appoint **Kent Sammons** as **ZBA Member** term ending December 31, 2030, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

✚ **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to appoint **Raymond Colgrove** as **ZBA Alternate Member** term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

4. CLC Proposed PILOT:  The Board tabled to gather more information. According to the Good Neighbors Policy of the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC), CLC makes a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for all lands we own that are used for public recreation and wildlife habitat, as well as donations to all fire departments that serve properties we own. Although we are a nonprofit organization and are legally exempt from paying these taxes, we choose to make these payments voluntarily.

5. EMS Agreement:  **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to sign the EMS Agreement, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

6. Budget Amendment #6 – 2025:

Town of Taghkanic				
8-Dec-25		Budget Amendment # 6-2025		
			Increase	Decrease
GENERAL FUND				
GARAGE CONTRACTUAL		A5132.4	6,500.00	
HOSPITAL & MED INS		A9060.8		7,150.00

PLANNING CONT	A8020.4	400.00	
PB CLERK	A8020.11		400.00
ACCOUNTANT CONT	A1340.41	650.00	
		7,550.00	7,550.00
HIGHWAY INTERFUND TRANSFER			
DISABILITY	DA9055.8		1,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	DA9030.8	1,000.00	
		8,550.00	8,550.00

Board Member Perry Ascher motioned to approve Budget Amendment # 6 – 2025 as presented, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

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

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

December 8, 2025 Abstract: on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

2025 General Fund Vouchers	# 384 - 420	\$	16,838.14
2025 Highway Fund Vouchers	# 114 - 120	\$	16,697.10
2025 Capitol Project	# 2 - 4	\$	6,383.30

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

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment: NONE

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 **8:20** pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **January 12, 2026** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall:

Audience via Zoom: Joyce Thompson Celine Kagan Susan Silverman