

**January 12, 2026
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, Highway Superintendent, 4 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 2 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
	Hannah Calhoun	Board Member
	Linda Mirabelli	Board Member
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk
	Eric Gaylord	Highway Superintendent

APPROVED 2-9-2026

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 (.72 1/2)

Town Hall Custodian – Tara Buffa

ZEO/CEO/Building Inspector - Dennis Callahan, Deputy Vincent Santarelli

Budget Officer – Ryan Skoda

Bookkeeper: Jean Adele Howard

Accountant: Robert Patterson, The Town CPA PLLC

Payroll: Priority One Payroll

Sole Assessor: Brittany Santarelli

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

Website: Doug Craig

Columbia County Traffic Safety Board – Linda Mirabelli

EMC- Robert Brush:

Columbia Country Planning – Terry Porter from Gallatin

Building Maintenance – Raymond Colgrove

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

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

Highway Superintendent – Eric Gaylord

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to appoint **Eric Gaylord Highway Superintendent**, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**

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

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

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

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hanah, 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, Eric, Linda
<u>Legal:</u>	Town Board
<u>Fire</u>	Ryan, Dennis, Betsy
<u>Insurance:</u>	Betsy, Perry, Hannah
<u>Planning:</u>	Ryan, Betsy, Perry
<u>Assessment:</u>	Ryan, Brittany, Hannah
<u>Zoning:</u>	Ryan, Linda, Perry
<u>Senior Citizens:</u>	Linda, Hannah, Perry
<u>Buildings:</u>	Ryan, Hannah, Betsy
<u>L.O.S.A.P.</u>	Ryan, Dennis, Linda
<u>Union Contract</u>	Ryan, Linda, Elena

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

Joseph Cordato	12-31-2029
Kent Sammons	12-31-2030
Thomas Mirabelli	12-31-2026
James Romaine (Chair)	12-31-2028
Raymond Colgrove	Alternate
Open	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
Celine Kagan	12-31-2031
James Alvarez	12-31-2028
Peter Paden	12-31-2032
Ivan Alfonso Saavedra	12-31-2027
Joshua Plass	12-31-2030
Katherine Bainer (Chair)	12-31-2029
Wayne Kawadler	Alternate
Open	Secretary/Clerk

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

Chair Linda Mirabelli
 Perry Ascher
 Elaine Dellavecchia

Board of Assessment Review Members:

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

Conservation Advisory Committee:

Co-Chair Charlene and Peter Paden

Larry Kadish	Tony LaSalvia	Tim Kennelty
Doug Craig	Augusto Quiros	

Climate-Smart Task Force:

Co-Chair Charlene and Peter Paden

Tony LaSalvia	Betsy Albert	Tim Kennelty	Perry Ascher
Robert Brush	David Koehler	Robin Randisi	Doug Craig
Larry Kadish			

Digital Communications Committee:

Chair Nadja Palenzuela

Doug Craig	Elisabeth Albert	Iona Framboluti
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7:08 pm: The Organizational Meeting was completed 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