

APPROVED
3/9/2026

February 9, 2026
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting

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

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, 2 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 4 residents attending via Zoom.

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

Guest Speaker: NONE

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

January 12, 2026: Town Board Organizational meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* seconded by *Board Member Hannah Calhoun*.

Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Elisabeth)

January 12, 2026: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* seconded by *Board Member Hannah Calhoun*.

Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Elisabeth)

January 20, 2026: Town Board Zoning Review meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* seconded by *Board Member Hannah Calhoun*.

Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Elisabeth)

January 23, 2026: Town Board Audit meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* seconded by *Board Member Hannah Calhoun*.

Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Elisabeth)

The Correspondence:

- a. Chris Liberati-Conant, District Attorney
 - b. NYS Department of Ag and Markets Shelter Inspection Reprot
 - c. Michael Degano, Business Agent, Teamsters Local 294
 - d. Dennis Callahan, Town CEO/ZEO
 - e. Community Bank, proposal for Bond
 - f. Perry Ascher, Granicus in Hillsdale
 - g. Betsy Albert, The County Task Force Earth Day Tree Planting Event
- 👥 All member agreed to participate.

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.

Historian: *Nancy Griffith*, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, 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.

Advisory Board reports:

Financial Advisory Committee Report: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*

Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community: *Co-Chair Charlene*

and Peter Paden:

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

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

Old Business:

1. **New Town Hall:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda*. I met with Mr. Alvarez the 2 acres parcel he is asking for \$70,000 and 3 acres parcel he is asking for \$90,000, al are Board of Health approved and all have driveway permits as well. I received a call from Mr. Powell 2 acres on Route 82; he is open to selling for a reasonable price. Supervisor Ryan Skoda I have called the appraiser to start the process.
2. **Sample Shipping Container LL:** tabled
3. **Zoning Review dates:**

- ✦ February 24, 2026 at 5:30 pm
- ✦ March 4, 2026 at 5:30 pm
- ✦ March 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm

New Business:

A. **April 2026 Calendar:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to accept the April 2026 calendar with suggested changes, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*.

Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Elisabeth)

B. **Taghkanic Fire LOSAP 2025-points for 30-day posting:** *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve the Taghkanic Fire Company LOSAP 2025-point record for approval for the 30-day posting, seconded by *Board Member Hannah Calhoun*.

C. **Teamsters Local 294 Union Contract:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* we have come to an agreement and have a signed MOA for a 3-year contract. Some of the highlighted changes are call-ins will start with senior personnel and revolving through the list, no uniforms (going back to town providing (10) tee and (5) hooded sweatshirts and a winter jacket), new hires DOT physicals paid for by the town and Juneteenth is an added holiday. Raises first year Working Foreperson, Senior MEO and MEO \$1.50, seconded \$1.00 and third \$.75. Highway Equipment Maintenance Mechanic first year \$2.00, seconded \$1.00 and third \$.75. *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve the MOA, seconded by *Board Member Hannah Calhoun*.



Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Elisabeth)

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✦ **January 25, 2026 Abstract 2025 Payables:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Hannah Calhoun*.

2025 General Fund Vouchers	#	451	-	\$	802.00
2025 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	134	-	\$	

Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Elisabeth)

✦ **January 25, 2026 Abstract:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Hannah Calhoun*.

2026 General Fund Vouchers	#	26	-	34	\$	3,053.77
2026 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	1	-	2	\$	

Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)

0 Nays
1 Absent (Elisabeth)

✦ **February 9, 2026 Abstract 2025 Payables:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Hannah Calhoun**.

2025 General Fund Vouchers	#	452	-	\$	12,232.00
2025 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	134	-	\$	

Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Elisabeth)

✦ **February 9, 2026 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Hannah Calhoun**.

2026 General Fund Vouchers	#	35	-	60	\$	621,307.93
2026 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	3	-	11	\$	34,583.50

Approved 4 Aye (Ryan, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Elisabeth)

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ✦ **Joyce Thompson:** I attended the Pro-Housing meeting, Ryan would you share what is happening for the County.
- ✦ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** Not much is going in the southern end of the County, Ghent has been approved for the acquisition of Affordable housing, more information to come. The Land Bank has acquired 1 piece of property. Taghkanic's ADU Local Law has been submitted and the town residents can apply for grant money. This is advertised through RUPCO, on the town website and the Tgezette. No Taghkanic have applied as of yet.

Executive Session: NONE

With no further business, on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, seconded by **Board Member Hannah Calhoun** the meeting was adjourned at **7:38** pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **March 9, 2026** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall: Renee Nostrand Paul Nostrand

Audience via Zoom: Joyce Thompson Steven Smollens Celine Kagan Susan Silverman