

APPROVED
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March 9, 2026
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers March 9th at 6 PM.

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 3 residents attending via Zoom.

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

Absent:

Guest Speaker: NONE

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

February 9, 2026: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

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

0 Nays

1 Abstained (Elisabeth)

March 4, 2026: *tabled*

The Correspondence:

- a. Merridith Glabman
- b. NYS Department of Transportation

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 no report submitted.

Assessor: *Brittany Santarelli*: no report submitted.


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

Historian: *Nancy Griffith*, report submitted.


Traffic Safety Board: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, no report submitted next meeting **March 26, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** at the Public Safety Building in Hudson.

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 Gaylord** reported the Loader is at the dealership they are going through to make sure everything is functioning correctly.

✚ **Superintendent Gaylord** I have been searching for a used trailer with no success. I have found a company Kraftsman Trailer which is direct purchase for them. I have 3 quotes for the boards review; my recommendation would be the Kraftsman Trailer HP-40 PS. 

✚ **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to moved forward with the purchase of the Kraftsmen Trailer HP-40 PS as recommended by Superintendent Gaylord, seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)

0 Nays

0 Absent

✚ **Board Member Elisabeth Albert:** the salt shed roof ripped, when did that happen?

✚ **Superintendent Gaylord:** during the last storm. I have contacted companies and I am awaiting calls back. Clerk Rogers has let the insurance company know so a claim is open.

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 have called the appraiser to start the process; he has the deeds and found there are deed restriction. I have contracted Attorney Howard and, in his opinion, we should not pursue this option. We are back to square one. Ryan will contact the owner of the property located at 1419 County Route 10 to discuss the possibility of a portion of the land being sold to the town to locate a new town hall.

2. **Taghkanic Fire LOSAP 2025-points:** **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** motioned to approve the Taghkanic Fire Company LOSAP 2025-point record as submitted, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)

0 Nays

0 Absent

3. Zoning Review dates:

- ✦ **March 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm**
- ✦ **March 30, 2026 at 6 pm**
- ✦ **April 6, 2026 at 6 pm**
- ✦ **April 30, 2026 at 6 pm**

New Business:

A. **Town Wide Yard Sale:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* asked if all would be OK with posting for interested residents in the town wide yard sale this year? All agreed to proceed.

B. **May 2026 Calendar:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to accept the May2026 calendar with suggested changes, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

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

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✦ **February 25, 2026 Abstract:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

2025 General Fund Vouchers	#	61	-	76	\$	6,499.88
2025 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	12	-		\$	

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

✦ **March 9, 2026 Abstract:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

2026 General Fund Vouchers	#	76	-	98	\$	13,073.85
2026 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	12	-	22	\$	44,438.10

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

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

✦ ***Sam Pratt:*** Questions and concerns why there has been no work done to repair the culvert under the bridge on Reservoir Road so it can be reopened. **Suggested the Board may be in collusion with another party for some nefarious reason, and that he would pursue legal action if the town did not treat this road closure as an emergency and find the funds to pay for the repair.**

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 **8:28** 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: William Hilscher Sam Pratt

Audience via Zoom: Joyce Thompson Celine Kagan Susan Silverman