

**APPROVED**  
**5/11/2026**

**April 13, 2026**  
**Town of Taghkanic**  
**Town Board Meeting**

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers April 11, 12 and 13 at 6 PM.

**7:04 pm:** The Taghkanic Town Board held its Regular meeting on the above date with a combination of Supervisor Ryan Skoda, Board Members, Town Clerk, 8 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 4 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:

**March 4, 2026:** 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, Hannah, Linda)  
0 Nays  
0 Absent

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

**March 16, 2026:** 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, Hannah, Linda)  
0 Nays  
0 Absent

**March 30, 2026:** 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, Hannah, Linda)  
0 Nays  
0 Absent

**April 6, 2026:** 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, Hannah, Linda)**  
**0 Nays**  
**0 Absent**

**The Correspondence:**

- a) Greenport Rescue Squad, Inc. 2025 Impact Report & EMS Report
- b) Laura M. Crisafulli, Assistant Counsel Office of the State Comptroller
- c) KISS Dates
- d) Elisabeth Albert, Road Naming
- e) Gallatin Transfer Station
- f) Behn’s Best Perennials, Inc
- g) Tiny Town Public Hearing notice letter
- h) NYS Deferred Compensation Plan
- i) Elisabeth Albert, Unified Solar Permit
- j) Anonymously submitted by as Taghkanic Resident
- k) Rodenhousen Chale & Polidoro LLP, Final paperwork for BOND
- l) Mahon Rider McKay, Reservoir Road
- m) Anonymously submitted by as Taghkanic Resident

**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*, 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: I am planning on sending Fred to get his class A driver’s license.
- ✚ May 9, 2026 9-12 Highway Dumpster Cleanup Day
- ✚ March 17, 2026 NYMIR Risk Management Survey Superintendent Eric Gaylord and Clerk Rogers meet with Shaun Pitcher Risk Control Specialist NYMIR, attached is the a letter from Shaun with his recommended findings and the town’s response to how we corrected
- ✚ Nancy Cernglia: I came to a meeting a few months ago with concerns with the intersection of Hoyle Road and County Route 27 being very dangerous and there has been nothing done so far. I asked for a mirror to placed.



- ✚ Superintendent Gaylord; I have looked into a mirror and as a town we cannot install a mirror.
- ✚ All agreed to draft a resolution for a speed limit review for the intersection of County Route 27 and Hoyle Road and also look into a weight limit.

**Advisory Board reports:**

**Financial Advisory Committee Report: Board Member Linda Mirabelli**   
**Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community: Co-Chair Charlene**

**and Peter Paden:**  

- ✚ **Peter Paden:** CAC/CSC are gathering information to move forward with a Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) and Open Space Inventory and Plan (OSP) for Taghkanic.
- ✚ **Betsey Albert:** April 18, to celebrate Arbor Day the committee will be planting a tree.

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

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

**Albert** 

- ✚ **Resolution 11 – 2026 CARP:**  **Board member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to approve Resolution 11 - 2026 Adopt Taghkanic Local Climate Change Adaption and Resilience Plan, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**

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

**Old Business:**

- A. New Town Hall:** **Supervisor Ryan Skoda** I have Attorney Howard investigating the property on Route 82 and the deed restrictions.
- B. Zoning Review dates:**  
                          ✚ **April 30, 2026 at 6 pm**

**New Business:**

- A. June 2026 Calendar:** **Board Member Perry Ascher** motioned to accept the June 2026 calendar as presented, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.
- B. ZBA and PB posting of minutes and Application:** A discussion was held concerning the posting of the minutes/applications for the ZBA and PB on website. The Board would like to meet with the Chairs soon to clarify these items.
- C. Empire Passes are now available first come:** please post tomorrow on the web site and Tgazette
- D. Taghkanic 2025 LOSAP annual Audit by Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte CPA:** **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to sign the Engagement letter with

Teal, Becker and Chiaramonte, CPAs, P.C. for the services they will provide the Town of Taghkanic FPD#2 LOSAP for the 2025 State mandated audit, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

**E. Budget Amendment #2 – 2026:** **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** motioned to approve Budget Amendment # 2-2026 as presented seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

| Town of Taghkanic           |                           |           |  |           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| 13-Apr-26                   | Budget Amendment # 2-2026 |           |  |           |
|                             |                           | Increase  |  | Decrease  |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>         |                           |           |  |           |
| Capital Outlay              | A5132.2                   | 32,820.12 |  |           |
| Insurance Recovery          | A2680                     |           |  | 32,820.12 |
| INSURANCE                   | A1910.4                   | 400.00    |  |           |
| Unappropriated Fund Balance |                           |           |  | 400.00    |
|                             |                           | 33,220.12 |  | 33,220.12 |

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

**The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:**

**✚ March 17, 2026 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

2025 General Fund Vouchers # 99 - \$  
 2025 Highway Fund Vouchers # 23 - 24 \$ 195,474.92

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

**✚ March 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 # 99 - 118 \$ 22,714.51  
 2025 Highway Fund Vouchers # 25 - \$

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

**✚ April 13, 2026 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

2026 General Fund Vouchers # 119 - 140 \$ 15,376.06  
 2026 Highway Fund Vouchers # 25 - 39 \$ 34,906.69

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

✚ **April 13, 2026 # 2 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**,  
was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

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| 2026 General Fund Vouchers | # | 141 | - | 143 | \$ | 16,877.06 |
| 2026 Highway Fund Vouchers | # | 40  | - |     | \$ |           |

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

**The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:**

- ✚ **Sam Pratt:** Reservoir Road letter from his attorney.
- ✚ **Deborah Gilbert:** Attorney Howard and Patrick Pendergast represent the City of Hudson; it would be a conflict of interest if they represent the town as well.
- ✚ **Louis Brawley:** there have been deliveries on Reservoir Road by a big trailer truck that has be stuck and blocked County Route 27.

**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 **May 11 9, 2026** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

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| <b><u>Audience at Town Hall:</u></b> | Brawley Louis   | Sam Pratt   | Deborah Gilbert | Ray Colgrove         |
|                                      | Debbie Colgrove | Peter Paden | Nancy Cernglia  | Christine Tallackson |

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| <b><u>Audience via Zoom:</u></b> | Joyce Thompson | Celine Kagan | Larry Kadish | Susan Silverman |
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