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July 13, 2026
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting
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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers July 10, 11 and 12.

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, 4 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 6 residents attending via Zoom.

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

Guest Speaker: NONE

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

June 8, 2026: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli*** seconded by ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert.***

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

The Correspondence:

a) Joseph Cordato, resignation from ZBA
b) Vincent Santarelli, resignation as Deputy Building Inspector
c) Perry Ascher, article ZOMBIE Properties
d) Senior Scoop

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: *Kyle Miller*, report submitted. 260713 DOG CONTROL OFFICER RI
ZBA: *James Romaine*, Chair, NO meeting no report submitted.
Planning Board: *Katherine Bainer*, Chair report submitted. 260713 PB REPORT.pdf
Assessor: *Brittany Santarelli*: report submitted. 260713 ASSESSOR REPORT.pdf
ZEO/CEO/Building Inspector: *Dennis Callahan* report submitted. 260713 ZEO REPORT.pdf 260713 Permit Log (6).pdf
Historian: *Nancy Griffith*, report submitted. 260713 Historian report.pdf
Traffic Safety Board: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, no meeting no report submitted
Environmental Management Council: *Robert Brush* NO report submitted:

Office for the Aging: *Celine Kagan and Susan Silverman*, NO report submitted: Committee is meeting Wednesday more to come.

Clerk/Collector: *Cheryl Rogers*, reports were submitted to the Board. 260713 Town Clerk Monthly Report.pdf

Supervisor: *Ryan Skoda*, report submitted. 260713 Town of Taghkanic financial re

Highway: *Eric Gaylord*, report submitted. 260713 HIGHWAY REPORT.pdf

Advisory Board reports:

Financial Advisory Committee Report: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* 260713 FAC Monthly Report to Town Boarc

Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community: ***Co-Chair Charlene and Peter Paden***: 260713 CAC-CSC Report June 2026.pdf

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

- ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert***; I would like clarification on posting political notice on the website and the Tgazette. All agreed political notices for **both parties** may be posted on the town website and the Tgazette for events but not political commentary.
- **Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force:** ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert***

Old Business:

A. **Old and New Town Hall:**

Old TH*: Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* I have met with a plumber about the hot water hook up he was not willing to do the work as he did not install the unit, but I have another appointment with a different plumber, will see what he says.

- ***Clerk Rogers:*** I have received complaints about the smell coming from the basement (the standing water).

New TH: ***Supervisor Ryan Skoda:*** We have a gentlemen's agreement for both parcels 3 acres $90,000 and the 2 acres $85,000. Title search has found two deed restrictions one from the Catholic Diocese and one from the Ilenburg family Attorney Howard has received the release from the Catholic Diocese and is working on find someone from the Ihlenburg family to discuss the deed restriction Removal.

B. **Zoning Review dates:**

- **August 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm**
- **August 25 2026 at 6:30 pm**

New Business:

A. **September 2026 Calendar*:*** ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli*** motioned to accept the September 2026 calendar with the addition of the Budget Workshop on September 8, 2026 at 7 pm, seconded by ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert.***

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

B. **Notice for ZBA Open Seat:** ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert*** motioned to approve posting a notice for the open seat on the ZBA crated by the resignation of Joseph Cordato, seconded by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli***.

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

C. **Notice for Deputy Building Inspector:** ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert*** motioned to approve posting a notice the open position of Deputy Building Inspector created by the resignation of Vicent Santarelli, seconded by ***Board Member Hannah Calhoun***

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

D. **Notice for RFP Culvert Replacement/Rehabilitation Project:** ***Supervisor Ryan Skoda*** I would like to thank Doug Craig for his dedication and hard work in filing the application for the culvert grant and all the road blocks he has endured. ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert*** motioned to approve posting a notice for an RFP for Culvert Replacement/Rehabilitation Project, seconded by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli***.

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

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

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

2026 General Fund Vouchers	#	208	- 215	$	2,565.24
2026 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	62	-	$	

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

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

2026 General Fund Vouchers	#	216	- 243	$	29,526.58
2026 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	62	- 78	$	44,973.62

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

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

2026 General Fund Vouchers	#	244	- 246	$	5,034.18

2026 Highway Fund Vouchers # 79 - $

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

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ***Debbie Colgrove:*** Taghkanic Road placing a sign to remind driver to be careful
- ***Supervisor Ryan Skoda;*** will have a discussion with Superintendent Gaylord on what can be done.
- ***Ray Colgrove:*** Flag pole I need help to get the pole to sit straight.
- ***Supervisor Ryan Skoda:*** I will take a look at it with you after the meeting.

7:46 pm: Executive Session: ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert*** motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, seconded by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli.***

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

7:59 pm Executive Session: ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli*** motioned to close Executive Session, seconded by ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert.***

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

With no further business, on a motion by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli***, seconded by ***Board Member Elisabeth Albert*** the meeting was adjourned at **7:59** pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **August 10, 2026** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall:	Ray Colgrove Dennis Callahan	Debbie Colgrove	Peter Paden	Charlene Paden
Audience via Zoom:	Celine Kagan	Joyce Thompson	Steven Smollens	Doug Craig