

Approved
July 13, 2015

**June 8, 2015
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

6:30 pm: Town Board members audited and signed vouchers.

7:00 pm: The Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic held Highway Project meeting and Regular monthly meeting on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall. Supervisor Erik Tyree opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of Silence and Safety Review.

Present:	Erik Tyree	Supervisor
	Richard Skoda	Board Member (arrived at 7:45 pm)
	Ryan Skoda	Board Member
	Linda Swartz	Board Member
	Joyce Thompson	Board Member
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

Absent:

Guest Speaker: None

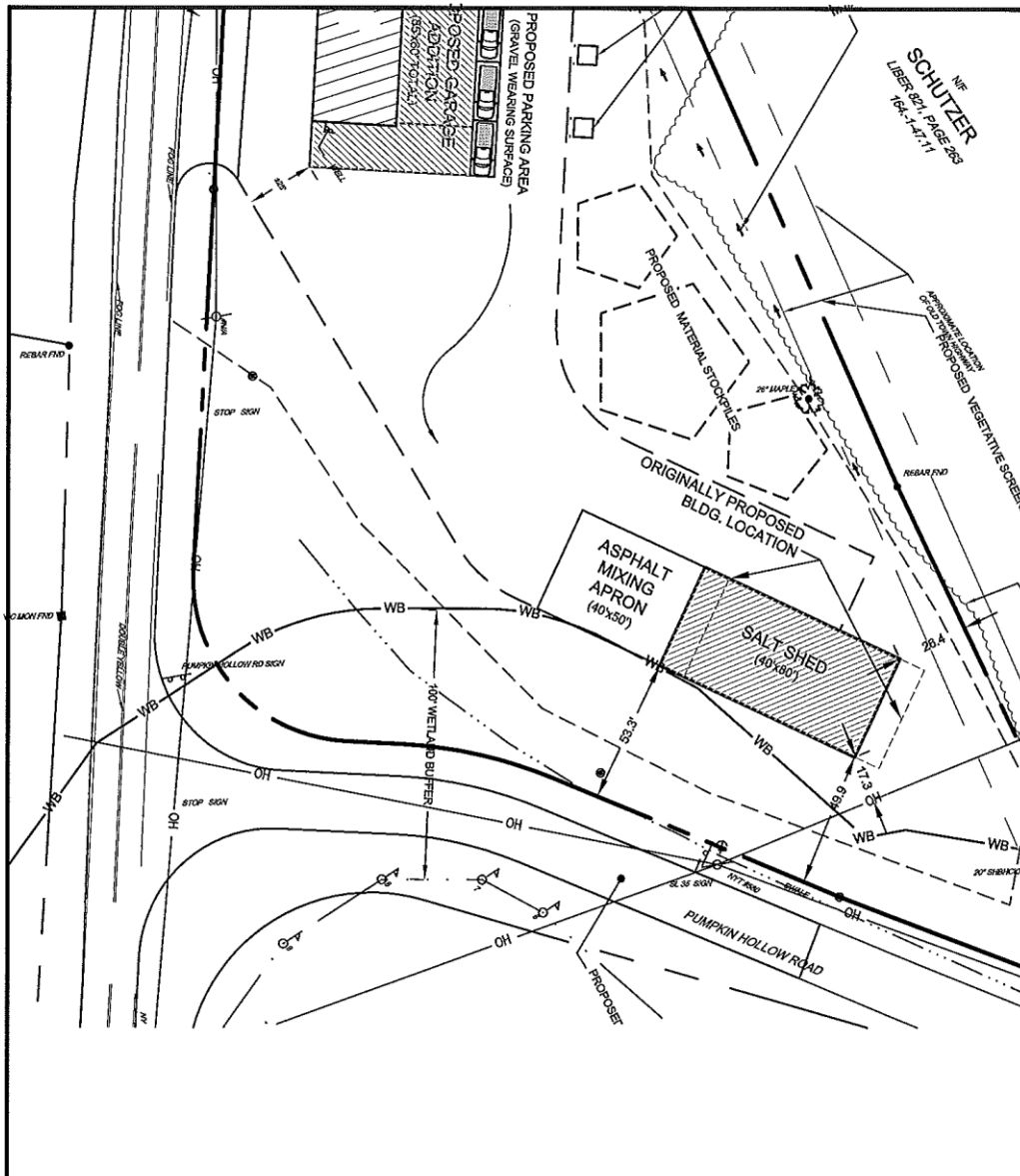
Highway Project Update: (Phase I):

Supervisor Erik Tyree asked Ray Jurkowski to update us on the progress of the project. Ray Jurkowski: on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015 I was contacted by the Highway Department regarding the potential of unsuitable organic soils (tree roots, topsoil, etc.) in the northeast corner of the proposed sand/salt building. The soils were found within the footprint of the proposed footing area and extended below the elevation of the footing. I conducted a site visit that morning and confirmed that the soils were not acceptable for the purposes of supporting the structure.


In order to determine the extent of the organic soils, I instructed the excavator to conduct a test excavation approximately 10 feet away from the building corner, and in-line with length of the building. The test excavation was extended to a depth of approximately 5 feet, where virgin soils were encountered.

Based on the above, I instructed the highway department to shift the building location approximately 10 feet to avoid the organic soils from falling under the footing area.

The slight building shift is minimal and will result in the building being located further from the rear lot line. The original proposed building set back was 20.1 feet from the rear lot line. The new building location will result in a rear lot line setback of 26.4 feet. Attached is a sketch of the change.



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REV. No. TOWN OF TAGHKANIC HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TOWN OF TAGHKANIC COLUMBIA COUNTY, NY	DESCRIPTION REVISED SALT SHED LOCATION	DATE 6/16/2015	BY DWG 1-1
DATE 6/16/2015	SCALE 1" = 50'	DESIGNED BY: GS DRAWN BY: GS CHECKED BY: RJJ	FILE No. 213912

♦ **Ray Jurkowski:** I was also informed by the contractor John Foglia that he will not be able to hold the price he bid as he was unaware of the extent of the work that needed to be done. I stopped the work and asked Mr. Foglia to present a new bid for the work. The new proposal is \$8,000.00. The second bidder was Gaylord Contracting in the amount of \$4,650.00. Because Mr. Foglia modified his bid it is the

Board's decision whether to accept his new proposal or accept the second bidder's proposal (I met with Mr. Gaylord today and he will stand by his bid from back in the fall). Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to reject Mr. Foglia's new bid of \$8,000.00 and to cancel the stop work order, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to accept Gaylord Contracting bid of \$4,650.00 for the excavation work for the salt shed, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

- ✚ Arthur Baker: is the town liable to this contractor for canceling his bid?
- ✚ Ray Jurkowski: no he modified his bid.
- ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda: are the forms on site?
- ✚ Ray Jurkowski: yes, all materials for everything are on site. Also two (2) concrete mixes have been approved one for down the shoot and one for the pump truck.

*The town will receive a small bill from Mr. Foglia for work performed before the stop work order.

** The men may need to purchase 3/4" stone for the footings

◆ **Arthur Baker Letter:** Supervisor Erik Tyree, we have entertained all Mr. Baker's concerns at previous meetings, we have had multiple presentations and I do not feel there is anything else to discuss.

✚ Dennis Callahan I have met with Arthur Baker numerous times and showed him where in the Zoning Ordinance the Town is allowed build the salt shed as an accessory building.

Supervisor Erik Tyree then asked for a motion to approve the following minutes:

April 13, 2015: Regular Meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

May 11, 2015: Tabled

May 14, 2015: Special Meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

May 28, 2015: There was no quorum for this meeting but notes were prepared to cover unofficial discussion. Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to approve the notes, seconded by Supervisor Erik Tyree.

Approved: 2 Ayes (Erik, Joyce)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)
2 Abstain (Linda, Ryan)

June 3, 2015: Special Meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

Approved: 3 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)
1 Abstain (Ryan)

The Correspondence consisted of:

1. Roeliff Jansen Historical Society, summer Exhibits/ annual meeting
2. NYMIR, Risk Management Tech for Law Enforcement Professionals
3. NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, Tentative Equalization Rate 112.25
4. Peter R. Paden Executive Director Columbia Land Conservancy, sent copy of The Nature of the Place: A History of Living with the Land in Columbia County, NY
5. Arthur McGuire, Secretary, Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1, copy of the resolution the fire company has adopted
6. NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, certificate of Final Telecommunications ceiling.
7. Deanna Oliveri, Campaign Manager Bike MS, requesting the use of the town hall property September 19, 2015 10:30 – 2
8. Robert Bodratti, Director of Community Services, 1 day training classes for Microsoft Excel 2010 and 2013
9. Livingston Free Library sponsoring Cup Cake Decorating Workshop June 16th at Linlithgo Reformed Church
10. Vince Grimaldi, thank you
11. CDPHP, subscriber Notice of Proposed Premium Rate Change
12. Arthur Baker, email

Correspondence with discussion:

- (#4) Board Member Joyce Thompson requested a thank you letter be sent to Mr. Paden for the copy of the book he sent to the town.
- (#7) Clerk Rogers asked for the board to grant permission for the Bike MS to use the town property on September 19th from 10:30-2:00 as a rest stop as they have for the past few years. Permission granted on a motion by Board Member Linda Swartz, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

- (#11) CDPHP, Board Member Joyce Thompson: I have read through and I do not see what the new rates will be. I think we need Mr. Acciani to gather information for us. Supervisor Erik Tyree will call Steve. Acciani.

Then followed reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: Wes Powell, no report submitted.

ZBA: James Romaine, Chair, no report.

Planning Board: Katherine Bainer, Chair report submitted.

Assessor: Craig Surprise report submitted.

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

- Board Member Joyce Thompson: I noticed that this month there were a lot of permits for solar.

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: Linda Swartz, report submitted.

Environmental Management Council: Anna Kadish, report submitted as follows:

- ✦ Columbia County EMC – Meeting of Tues May 26, 2015
- ✦ The meeting was a full meeting, but there was no quorum.
- ✦ A booklet on “better building” was given to EMC members to be given to each town building supervisors. I gave it to Dennis Callahan for Taghkanic.
- ✦ The recent fire in the Kinderhook DPW which was caused by a cigarette spark was discussed.
- ✦ The taskforce to monitor the Dewey Loefel Landfill has (fortunately) found no significant contamination. DEC sampling of Kinderhook Lake showed very low or minimal levels of contaminants.
- ✦ Radon monitoring in various towns was discussed. Apparently there are NO LAWS in New York State requiring radon measurements! In many states, like Maine, both landlords and tenants are required to do regular radon testing. However NYS has no such laws! It is recommended that all homeowners and landlords be required to regular radon monitoring.
- ✦ The importance and/or benefits of Natural Resource inventories for towns in Columbia County was discussed. There will be a County-wide CAC forum on June 1 in Greenport. Many members of the Taghkanic CAC are expected attend.

Zoning Commission: Joyce Thompson, report submitted.

Office for the Aging: Joyce Thompson, report submitted.

Building Committee Highway Garage/Salt Shed: Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to dissolve the Advisory Building Committee and send thank you notes to the committee members, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

Clerk/Collector: Cheryl Rogers, reports were submitted to the Board

Bookkeeper and Accountant: reports were submitted to the Board.

Supervisor: Erik Tyree, report submitted and the written report was available on the back table for the public. **Supervisor financial report is attached.**

Highway: George Hotaling, report submitted.

Board reports were accepted as submitted and read on a motion by Board Member Ryan Skoda seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

Financial Advisory Committee Report: Board Member Joyce Thompson reported the following:

The Financial Advisory Committee met on 4 June 2015. Town Board members Linda Swartz and Joyce Thompson attended. Town Board member Ryan Skoda was not able to attend and resident members Laura Perlman and Susan Benton were out of town.

The two attending members reviewed the Superintendent's Report for levels of revenue and spending. The Revenue & Expenditures – Budget vs. Actual January through May 2015 report shows the following:

May Revenues: Great news! The first of two Mortgage Tax payments was received in May in the amount of \$17,453.33. Based on the very low amount received in 2014 the town budgeted only \$15,000 for 2015. This means we are likely to receive double the budget this year. Both funds continue to be ahead of schedule. In the General Fund, Fines and Forfeitures are now 15% ahead of budget. There was no new activity in the Highway Fund.

May Expenditures: Both funds have spent well below the 41.7% expected for end of May.

The committee will conduct a thorough audit next month and provide the town board with a six-month financial condition report.

Board Member Linda Swartz moved to accept the financial report as submitted, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

Advisory Board reports:

Broadband Advisory Committee: Dissolved, this is being handled on the count level.

Conservation Advisory Committee: Anna Kadish, report the following: There was no Taghkanic CAC meeting in May. However, many Taghkanic CAC members attended a meeting in Catskill discussing the major roles and the importance of CACs,

Fracking Advisory Committee: Dissolved

Website Advisory Committee: Dissolved

Insurance Advisory Committee: Dissolved

Creek Walk Advisory Committee: Dissolved

Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to dissolve the following advisory boards, Broadband, Fracking, Website, Insurance, and Creek Walk, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

Board Member Ryan Skoda moved to accept the Advisory report as submitted, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

Supervisor Erik Tyree asked the clerk to send thank you notes to each advisory board chair.

Old Business:

- A. **Report on Research to identify the source and use of \$50,000 "Planning Money"**: Board Member Joyce Thompson: Attorney Decaire is working on whether there is a statute of limitations on this money in either direction: 1) for the town to use, or 2) for claims to be made.

B. Highway Appointed/elected Superintendent referendum: tabled

C. Changing Banks: Board Member Ryan Skoda we had decided that we would take care of this in the beginning of next year. Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned that we do RFPs for the process, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

Approved: 4 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Ryan)
0 Nays
1 Absent (Richard)

D. Resolution Climate Change Draft 1 or Draft 2: Clerk Rogers you asked me to provide you with a copy of the Hillsdale Climate Change Resolution, thank you to Anna Kadish for sending me a copy. So I have provided you with draft 2 for your review. Board Member Linda Swartz suggested using Draft 2 but adding the following two WHEREAS paragraphs from Draft 1. All agreed. Clerk Rogers will make changes and send Draft 3 to the Board for their review for next month's meeting.

WHEREAS New York State "Executive Order No. 24 set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in New York State by 80 percent below the levels emitted in 1990 by the year 2050;" <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/80930.html>

WHEREAS the Union of Concerned Scientists has called "for government and corporate decision makers to reduce the threat of global warming by:

- Expanding the use of renewable energy and transforming our energy system to one that is cleaner and less dependent on coal and other fossil fuels.
- Increasing vehicle fuel efficiency and supporting other solutions that reduce U.S. oil use.
- Placing limits on the amount of carbon that polluters are allowed to emit.
- Building a clean energy economy by investing in efficient energy technologies, industries, and approaches;" http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/global_warming_101#.VPIobUvYkpE

- ✚ Kathy Bainer: feels resolution is useless if we are not doing something ourselves.
- ✚ Clerk Rogers: on the NYSEG we are paying an extra \$10.00 a month for wind power and we have signed up with Viridian as our delivery service which is power from solar and wind.

E. Advisory Board Resolution Review: tabled till next month

F. Resolution Investment Policy: tabled

*7:45 PM Board Member Richard Skoda arrived

New Business:

A. Resolution 13-2015 To Authorize The Town of Taghkanic to Participate in the Local Government Efficiency Plan: Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to approve Resolution 13-2015, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)
0 Nays
0 Absent

B. Credit Card Policy: Board Member Joyce Thompson: will prepare a draft policy for the July meeting.

C. Website: Clerk Rogers informed the Board that Jean-Adele Howard was interested in posting information on the website. Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to appoint Jean-Adele Howard as the website manager of posting for \$15.00 an hour, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)
0 Nays
0 Absent

D. Broadband: Board Member Joyce Thompson reported the following:

On Monday, 8 June 15, Assemblywoman Didi Barrett provided Town Board Member Joyce Thompson the contact information for a broadband service known as ASA Networks. That is the service that pioneered its service in Gallatin over the past several years.

Their goal is to work cooperatively with broadband service providers to extend their service using wireless technology to reach those who cannot receive it now. They use two types of transmission technology: 1) TV white space which is a lower frequency spectrum (and lower bandwidth) that can pass through foliage and walls and 2) an industrial version of WiFi that is much higher bandwidth but needs direct line of sight. The combination makes it possible to reach many places otherwise out of a service zone.

Theirs is a community-based model.

New Service Imminent: from a tower on County Route 7 in Copake. This might serve Taghkanic residents on the east side of the parkway.

New service under discussion: the Sopak tower in Taghkanic. This might serve residents in west Taghkanic well.

Potential Customer: Taghkanic State Park

What can the town do?

1. Encourage residents to go to www.asanetworks.com and sign up as a potential customer (no obligation). This will give the company some sense of the customer potential.

2. Host Sales and Marketing Manager, Joe Plotkin, at the July Town Board meeting to present the company and its services.

E. Saturday June 13th Meeting: Board Member Linda Swartz I have come up with a few things that we can discuss on Saturday and I would like to go over and meet with Superintendent George Hotaling to compile more information such as the five year plan, when the highway crew does mowing of the sides of the roads, sweeping of the roads, trimming of trees, etc. I have also gathered interesting facts about our town roads.

✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: I would like someone to speak about the emergency plan while the bridge is closed on Route 27.

✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: I will report on my findings concerning the Shop-n-Save and also ask the resident deputy to attend.

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✦ **June 8, 2015 Abstract:** on a motion by Board Member Linda Swartz, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

2015 General Fund Vouchers	# 179 - 199	\$ 5,602.94
2015 Highway Fund Vouchers	# 97 - 111	\$ 5,787.99
2015 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	# 20 - 23	\$ 746.85

Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Linda, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)
0 Nays
0 Absent

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ✦ Arthur Griffith; what time is the meeting on Saturday? Answer: 9:30 am.
- ✦ Larry Kadish: topic for a Saturday solar panel awareness
- ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: Emergency Plan for the Bridge Closure I have received information and would like to write up something that could be posted on the website. I will draft and send to the board for their review.
- ✦ Larry Kadish: Last month there was a discussion about the tax credit form that the town needed to fill out and file with the state for the residents to get a credit. What has happened with that?
- ✦ Supervisor Erik Tyree: we have piggy backed with the County and tonight we passed Resolution 13-2015 To Authorize the Town of Taghkanic to participate in the county's Local Government Efficiency Plan.

Executive Session: None

With no further business, on a motion by Board Member Linda Swartz, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **July 13, 2015** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:	Walter Thompson George Hotaling Meridith Glabman	Arthur Griffith Arthur Baker Dennis Callahan	Larry Kadish Ray Jurkowski	Anna Kadish Kathy Bainer
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Action List:

1. Supervisor Erik Tyree: investment policy.
2. Board Member Joyce Thompson will review and make changes to the advisory board resolution and email to the rest of the Board.
3. Board Member Joyce Thompson will draft a credit card policy and email to the rest of the Board for their review.
4. Clerk Rogers will send thank you notes to the advisory board chairs.
5. Clerk Rogers will send a thank you note to Peter Paden. *Done*
6. Clerk Rogers will add the paragraphs to Resolution Climate Change Draft 2 from Draft 1 that the Board suggested making it Draft 3 and send to the board for their review. *Done*

Town of Taghkanic
 Supervisor's report
 May 31, 2015

Receipts:

Justice Court Deposits	\$	18,268.00
Retiree health insurance		119.00
Other tax items - penalties		2,247.64
Building inspector		416.67
Clerk fees		23.93
Mortgage tax		17,453.33
Void dup health ins swipes/aging		3,675.98
BAN proceeds		190,015.68
Interest - MM		34.81
Interest - Escrow		0.04
Interest - Checking		0.27
Interest -Trust and Agency		0.04
Total receipts	\$	<u>232,255.39</u>

Disbursements:

Abstracts -General fund	(11,682.24)
Abstracts - Highway fund	(16,193.53)
Abstracts- Capital project	(3,780.15)
Payroll - May 15, 2015	(9,552.20)
Payroll - May 31, 2015	<u>(17,300.88)</u>
Total disbursements	<u>(58,509.00)</u>

Net receipts-disbursements 173,746.39

Cash balances at April 30, 2015 1,487,086.52

Cash balances at May 31, 2015 \$ 1,660,832.91

	Bank Statement Balance	Deposits in transit & o/s Checks	Book Balance
Multifund checking	\$ 25,388.22	\$ (357.00)	\$ 25,031.22
Multifund money market	1,461,811.37	(17,300.88)	1,444,510.49
Trust and Agency(payroll)	2,360.20	(1,856.35)	503.85
Capital account	190,015.68	-	190,015.68
Escrow savings	571.67	-	571.67
Petty Cash	200.00	-	200.00
Total Cash	<u>\$ 1,680,347.14</u>	<u>\$ (19,514.23)</u>	<u>\$ 1,660,832.91</u>

Total income from Quickbooks	\$ 38,443.41
Court fees deducted from income	\$ -
Voided duplicated Health swipes	\$ 3,675.98
Ban proceeds	\$ 190,015.68
Trust interest	\$ 1.32
Retiree Health insurance netted with A9060	119.00
*Total receipts	<u>\$ 232,255.39</u>

**Total net loss per Quickbooks	(19,946.59)
Ban Proceeds	190,015.68
Voided checks	3,675.98
Interest earned on escrow	1.32
Net receipts- disbursements	<u>\$ 173,746.39</u>