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**September 16, 2015
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Special Meeting**

8:17 a.m. The Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic held a Special Meeting on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Present:	Joyce Thompson	Board Member
	Linda Swartz	Board Member
	Richard Skoda	Board Member
	Ryan Skoda	Board Member
	Ray Jurkowski	Town Engineer
Absent:	Erik Tyree	Supervisor
Excused:	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

In the absence of the Town Clerk, Minutes were taken by Board Member Linda Swartz.

Highway Project: Bids for concrete work: Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski said that the bid from Harkins was \$98,850 and the bid from Onge was \$111,432.

- Harkins will not be able to meet the proposed schedule; they expect that they would have the foundation completed by October 9 and the walls completed by October 30. That leaves a 15-day window for the Highway Crew to put down the asphalt.
- Onge had no exceptions to their bid and said they can meet the timeframe. However, Onge's bid package was incomplete in that there was no certificate of non-collusion. The Town could waive the requirement at this time but it must be submitted before the contract can be signed.

When bids were requested last year, Harkins bid \$97,800 and Coons submitted a bid for \$89,800, but the scope of work has changed since then. Ray tried to contact Harkins yesterday about their bid, but could not reach them.

Dewitt has indicated that he would be willing to come back to work, but he can't lift and he can't contribute except for oversight. Ray is concerned that he might re-injure his hand because of some unfortunate circumstance. There is not enough manpower at the Highway Garage to get the job done. Ray feels that the Town needs to make a decision to move forward which will mean spending money.

Asphalt plants usually stop producing asphalt around mid-November, unless the weather is unusually mild.

Ray will contact Harkins to see if they could possibly complete their work at least a week earlier than stated. Mike Conn asked if the asphalt had to be completed this year. Ray said that if they did all the other work and only had a gravel base in the salt shed, they would have to remove all the remaining material in the spring in order to put down the asphalt then; there would be less material there to be removed after winter.

Arthur Baker suggested that the walls be built only to 6 feet rather than to 10 feet to save money on material, labor, and forms. This would also serve to lower the profile of the salt shed. Mike Conn said that the rebar that has already been placed would have to be cut since it was done in anticipation of a 10 foot wall. Ray J. said that the taller walls would allow for a larger building that could hold more material which could be purchased at a lower price earlier in the year and stored. Most of the cost is based in labor; a little money would be saved in materials. To respond to Arthur's concern for the visual impact of the taller structure, Ray said that only about 6' of the wall would be above grade on the sides and rear of the building. The full height will only be visible at the truck entrance at the front of the salt shed.

Ray said that based on Harkins' schedule, the decision by the board could be made at the upcoming Saturday (September 19) meeting. Ray will **not** be at the Saturday meeting. Ray will contact both Harkins and Onge to see if he can get them to bring their bid prices down a little and try to have a recommendation for the Board by Friday evening (September 18). Ryan suggested that Ray ask both companies how many workers will be on the site. Ray also will make sure that "timely completion" is enforced in the contract.

Joyce said that we currently have \$94,638.78 in the Project Fund, with a bill for \$3000 for forms rental. We will need to pull some money from the General Fund Balance. We have already spent \$10,000 (the down payment on the BAN. Ray will ask the contractors whether they plan to use the forms that are already in place or their own forms. If they use their own forms, we can pull out the rental forms so we can stop paying rent on them.

Ray to determine the following: number of workers, use of forms, time frame, cost.

Joyce briefly went over the RFPs for Zoning Commission consultant, Planning Board and ZBA attorneys, Bookkeeper, Accountant, and Payroll Company.

The RFPs were approved on a motion made by Board Member Ryan Skoda and seconded by Richard Skoda.

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

The calendars for October and November as revised following discussion at the Town Board Meeting of Monday, September 14 were approved on a motion made by Linda Swartz and seconded by Ryan Skoda.

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

With no further business on a motion by Board Member Ryan Skoda and seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m., carried unanimously by all members present. The next regular meeting will be on September 19, 2015 at the Taghkanic Firehouse.

Audience: George Hotaling, Mike Conn, Arthur Baker