

**Approved**

February 8, 2016

**December 29, 2015  
Town of Taghkanic  
Town Board Meeting**

**5 pm:** The Taghkanic Town Board held its Year-End meeting on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall. Board Member Joyce Thompson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of Silence and Safety Review.

<b>Present:</b>	Richard Skoda	Board Member
	Ryan Skoda	Board Member
	Linda Swartz	Board Member
	Joyce Thompson	Board Member
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk
<b>Absent:</b>	Erik Tyree	Supervisor

**The Correspondence consisted of:**

- a. Columbia County Office for the Aging, Col. Co. Senior Citizen of the Year 2016, Nomination Form

**Business to be discussed**

1. **Budget Amendment #3:** Budget Amendment 3 needs to be approved as it was overlooked on December 14<sup>th</sup>; Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to approve Budget Amendment 3-2015, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

**Town of Taghkanic  
December 14, 2015**

**Budget Amendment # 3**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Hospitalization	DA 9060.8	10,000.00	
Personnel Services	DA 5110.1		10,000.00
		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

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

2. **Budget Amendment #5** Board Member Richard Skoda motioned to approve Budget Amendment 5-2015, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

**December 29, 2015**

**Budget Amendment # 5**

<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Accountant Contractual	A 1340.41	75.90	
Superintendent contractual	A 5010.4	0.33	
Planning contractual	A 8020.4	454.02	
Zoning Commission contractual	A 8010.41		530.25

		<u>530.25</u>	<u>530.25</u>
<b><u>Transfer of Funds</u></b>			
Capitol Project Acct.	<b>345</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>	
General Money Market Acct	<b>5588</b>		<b>45,000.00</b>
		<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>

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

**3. Banks (Bank of Greene County or Kinderhook Bank):**

- + Board Member Linda Swartz: both presentations were very good, they both compare apples to apples, they are equally good. I see no reason to change at this point.
- + Board Member Ryan Skoda: I agree with Linda, have there been any problems with customer service?
- + Board Member Joyce Thompson: None that I am aware of.
- + Clerk Rogers: none.

Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to stay with Kinderhook Bank, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

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

**4. ZBA and PB Attorney (Robert Fitzsimmons or John Lyons):**

- + Board Member Joyce Thompson: I feel it is better to have different attorneys for all boards.
- + Kathy Bainer: I am very satisfied with Mr. Lyons; we had Mr. Howard previously. I take it he did not apply. I have had no dealings with Mr. Fitzsimmons. I would like to keep John Lyons as the Planning Board Attorney.
- + Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to appoint John Lyons Planning Board Attorney, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

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

- + Dennis Callahan: I am not happy with John Lyons I disagree with his opinion concerning the Lido's II application; I have been discussing it with Town Attorney Decaire.
- + Clerk Rogers will make a copy of the opinion from Mr. Lyons for Kathy.
- + Board Member Ryan Skoda: Jim would like to have Robert Fitzsimmons for the ZBA Attorney.

- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: I feel there would be a conflict of interest if we were to use Rob Fitzsimmons as he is the County Attorney. There are other land Use Attorneys, I feel we need to reach out with another RFP.
- ✚ Board Member Linda Swartz: what happens if we don't appoint someone by the first of the year?
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: I suggest we ask Attorney Decaire to step in until we make our decision.
- ✚ Board member Richard Skoda: I have no problem with Rob. He is well rounded and that is who Jim wants to work with.
- ✚ All agreed to table till January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, and will ask Attorney Decaire to step in until then.
- ✚ Arthur McGuire: does Bill Decaire have any suggestions?

**5. 2016 Contracts:**

- a. Carter Cowboy:** Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to approve the contract to be signed, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

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

- b. PKHB:** Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to approve contract to be signed, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

- c. Columbia-Greene Humane Society:**

- ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda: the way the contract reads it will cost the town \$655.00 per dog for 10 days. That is double plus some.
- ✚ Debbie Colgrove: you need to let the residents know they need to register their dogs. Something else to put in a newsletter.
- ✚ Board Member Richard Skoda: humane society wrote it this way for a reason, to help them?
- ✚ Board Member Linda Swartz: do we have to use Columbia-Greene?
- ✚ Clerk Rogers: we need to have a contract with a shelter to be in compliance with the NYS Ag and Markets. Wes Powell tries hard not to place any dogs at the shelter; he calls to find the owners. If it is a stray he does not have a choice. The town does have a Local Law to recover the cost of the shelter but there were no instructions to how to do that.
- ✚ Board Member Richard Skoda: we should review that Law.
- ✚ Clerk Rogers: I will pull that law and email it to all the board members for January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: we have had a great discussion and we need to:
  - ✓ Look into finding another shelter.
  - ✓ Review our Local Law
  - ✓ Let residents know to register their dogs in the newsletter.
- ✚ Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to sign the contract with the Humane Society under protest, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

- d. **Pictometry:** Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to sign contract for Pictometry, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

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

- ✚ **December 29, 2015 Abstract:** on a motion by Board Member Linda Swartz, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda holding General Voucher #405.

2015 General Fund Vouchers	# 389 - 417	\$ 16,760.85
2015 Highway Fund Vouchers	# 204 - 212	\$ 13,508.68
2015 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	# 68 - 72	\$ 103,154.80

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

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

- ✚ Arthur Griffith: is the town doing a re-val?
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: the work is being done in 2016 and the re-val in 2017.
- ✚ Arthur Griffith: the equalization rate is 112%
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: duly noted.
- ✚ Debbie Colgrove: when are you going to discuss the truck problem? The Commercial Officials are going to change their hours because they are missing the truck leaving and returning during the day. There was a fatal tandem truck accident today on I-90 a four lane highway; I would hate to see it happen here.
- ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda: side note I have found a used 6 wheeler dump truck 14,000 miles one owner landscaper asking \$35,000.00, would like to go and look at it with George.
- ✚ Board member Linda Swartz: Town of Greenport is working through advertising on their website for home based business.
- ✚ Board member Ryan Skoda: let's let Greenport work out the problems.

**With no further business,** on a motion by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **January 11, 2016** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:     Melissa Skoda  
                  Ray Colgrove

Dennis Callahan  
Arthur McGuire

Arthur Griffith  
Kathy Bainer

Debbie Colgrove