

Approved

April 11, 2016

**March 14, 2016
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

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7:05 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its 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
Arthur McGuire Board Member
Richard Skoda Board Member **arrived at 7:10 pm**
Ryan Skoda Board Member
Joyce Thompson Board Member
Ray Jurkowski Town Engineer
Cheryl Rogers Clerk

Absent:

Building Project Update: Ray Jurkowski, Morris Assoc., Town Engineer, presented the Board with the following proposal:

Town of Taghkanic Highway Garage Rear Addition to Existing Garage Increasing Depth To 60 Feet				
Item	Amount	Units	Unit Cost	Cost
Garage Site Work				
Selective Building Demolition	0	SF	\$ 25.00	\$0.00
Soil Remediation	50	CY	\$ 150.00	\$7,500.00
Slab Preparation	1950	SF	\$ 5.00	\$9,750.00
Foundation Excavation	1950	SF	\$ 0.50	\$975.00
Pipe Bollards	4	EA	\$ 150.00	\$600.00
Asphalt Pavement	0	S.F	\$ 3.00	\$0.00
			Subtotal	\$18,825.00
Garage Building Construction				
Strip Footings	125	LF	\$ 45.00	\$5,625.00
Pier Footings	125	LF	\$ 50.00	\$6,250.00
Floor Slab	1950	SF	\$ 10.50	\$20,475.00
Wood Framing	1950	SF	\$ 15.00	\$29,250.00
Wood Trusses	4000	SF	\$ 10.00	\$40,000.00
Metal Siding and Roof	6400	SF	\$ 9.00	\$57,600.00
Building Roof Insulation	4000	SF	\$ 3.00	\$12,000.00
Building Wall Insulation	2400	SF	\$ 2.50	\$6,000.00
Doors	1	SF	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Perimeter Slab Insul.	125	SF	\$ 5.20	\$650.00
New Windows	2	EA	\$ 750.00	\$1,500.00
Interior Partitions	0	SF	\$ 9.75	\$0.00
Suspended Ceiling	0	SF	\$ 4.25	\$0.00
Specialties	0	LS	\$ 3,000.00	\$0.00
Overhead Doors w/oper.	2	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Painting	0	SF	\$ 5.20	\$0.00
			Subtotal	\$190,850.00
Garage Electric				
Building Wiring	1950	SF	\$ 3.00	\$5,850.00
Smoke Detection System	1950	SF	\$ 2.00	\$3,900.00
Int. Building Lighting	1950	SF	\$ 2.50	\$4,875.00
Emerg. Lighting	2	EA	\$ 250.00	\$500.00
Ext. Lighting	3	EA	\$ 250.00	\$750.00
			Subtotal	\$15,875.00
Garage Heating and Ventilation				
Air Conditioning	0	SF	\$ 10.50	\$0.00
Gas Fired Radiant Heat	2000	SF	\$ 11.50	\$23,000.00
Exhaust Ventilators	1	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00
			Subtotal	\$28,000.00
Total Construction Cost				\$253,550.00
10% Const. Conting.				\$25,355.00
10% Soft Cost (eng., legal, insp.)				\$27,890.50
Total				\$306,795.50
SAY				\$310,000

- ✦ Ray Jurkowski: This proposal is the base bid per the amount I was given at the last meeting, multiple phase, additional floor space; door at each end of the rear bay, this proposal does not include a side bay. This is something in the middle. BAN documents for a long term project can be prepared, and this will help determine how we can proceed. The County has approved conveying the property to the Town and we are just awaiting paperwork to be finalized.
- ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: George, what is your #1 concern.
- ✦ Superintendent Hotaling: a bay that we can work on the trucks with the dump body up.
- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: does the proposal include landscaping?
- ✦ Ray Jurkowski: no.
- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: and it does not include the old floor being repaired, siding or painting?
- ✦ Ray Jurkowski: these would be 'add' alternates.
- ✦ Alice Platt: giving up aesthetics, how ugly is this going to be?
- ✦ Ronald Wagner: the proposal has no demo cost?
- ✦ Ray Jurkowski: no, there will be no demo done. A new truss roof will keep the old roof in place.
- ✦ Supervisor Erik Tyree: no siding, no slab in old bays, no landscaping and no plumbing.
- ✦ Ray Jurkowski: correct, we can do 'add' alternates as follows:
 1. Easterly bay
 2. Slab for old bays
 3. Plumbing
 4. Siding
- ✦ Board Member Richard Skoda: I'm not sold on radiant heat.
- ✦ Ray Jurkowski: it is not slab radiant; it would be overhead radiant.
- ✦ Supervisor Erik Tyree: does this proposal include the LP (?).
- ✦ Ray Jurkowski: yes, above ground tanks.
- ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: would the roof be able to handle solar?
- ✦ Ray Jurkowski: would need to look into that and the benefits.
- ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: we will review this proposal.

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

January 28, 2016: Special Meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

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

February 8, 2016: Regular Meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

The Correspondence consisted of:

1. Climate Smart Communities, 2/20/16
 - ✚ Discussion held under new business
 2. BlackRock, Multi-Asset Income Fund 10 Reasons to Invest. 2/10/16
 3. National Grid, Title 16 NYCRR 255.803 and 259.5 Filing of Names of Responsible Company Officials, 2/10/16
 4. Churchtown Fire Protection Contract 2016, February 16, 2016
 5. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, Action Needed: Town of Taghkanic Community Profile, 2/19/16
 6. Ken Flood Re: Broadband, 2/23/16
 7. Arthur McGuire, Application for Arbor Day Community Grant, 2/11/16
 - ✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: informed the Board that we were not approved for the grant and he had called for an explanation but had not received a call back.
 8. RBC Wealth Management Special Report, 2/26/16
 9. The Chazen Companies, Re.: Barrier Culverts and Bridges, 3/5/16
 10. Columbia County KISS Program, (Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe) 3/2/16
 - ✚ Discussion held under new business
 11. Peter Paden, Executive Director, Columbia Land Conservancy, I Lieu Tax payment 3/9/2016
 12. Spring 2016 Employer Forum 3/9/16
 13. Kathleen A. Marchione, State Senator 43rd District, Report outlining our Committees' many substantive achievements. 3/6/16
 - ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson; asked Clerk Rogers if there was more information which outlines the achievements?
 - ✚ Clerk Rogers: responded yes it is a book too big to copy, it is in the correspondence book on the back table.
 14. Hudson Valley Office Equipment Inc. Maintenance Agreement 3/7/2016
 - ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to approve the Hudson Valley Office Equipment maintenance agreement, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.
- Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Arthur, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)**
0 Nays
0 Absent
15. Linda Swartz, Large Vehicles 3/10/16
 16. Taconic State Park Plan Public Information Meeting 3/10/16
 17. Assoc. Of Towns and the NYS Office of the State Comptroller, 16th Annual Town Finance Schools.
 - ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: informed the Board that she will be attending on May 12th and 13th, cost is \$200.00.

Then followed reports from the Boards:

- Animal Control:** Wes Powell, 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.

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: Linda Swartz, report submitted no meeting till March 24th.

Environmental Management Council: Anna Kadish, no report submitted.

Zoning Commission: Joyce Thompson, report submitted.

Office for the Aging: Joyce Thompson, no report submitted no meeting.

Clerk/Collector: Cheryl Rogers, 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.

Superintendent Hotaling reported that the walls have been sealed, need a few more warm days for oil to set, so the salt can be put in the shed.

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

Approved: 5 Ayes (Erik, Arthur, Joyce, Richard, Ryan)

0 Nays

0 Absent

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

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) met on 10 March. Those attending were Susan Benton, Ryan Skoda, Linda Swartz, and Joyce Thompson.

After reviewing the actual Beginning-year Fund Balances for General and Highway Funds and updated bank estimates the FAC recommends the following Capital Fund Management Plan:

- ◆ Pay off the Salt Shed BAN of \$191,865 in 2016 from General Fund Balance
- ◆ Take out a \$500K BAN for Phase II of Garage Capital Improvement Plan in 2016
- ◆ Turn the \$500K BAN into a BOND in 2017 or earlier if the market indicates that is wise.
- ◆ Fund the BOND debt by increasing General Fund budget by debt amount and decreasing debt amount from Highway Fund budget. Total town budget remains flat. General Fund is authorized by law to transfer funds in the event that the Highway Fund needs them.

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN MANAGEMENT	
ACTION	IMPACT
Pay \$191,865 BAN with \$180,000 from General Fund Balance \$ 11,865 from General Fund Budget \$191,865 Total	General Fund Balance maintains its base of \$120,000. The \$2,289 appropriated for budget remains untouched. Remaining funds for capital programs are \$148,812. General Fund Budget executes its plan to pay out the BAN interest and roll over 5% down payment.
Pay a Down Payment of \$25,000 (5%) for a \$500K BAN in 2016 to get Phase II started.	General Fund Balance has remaining funds for capital programs of \$123,812.
Budget for and initiate a BOND process for ~ \$500K early in 2017	Most financial advice in seminars is to establish a debt level sooner rather than later. Using 2016 to understand the need and bonding next year recognizes this advice.

HIGHWAY FUND CAPITAL PLAN MANAGEMENT	
Pay cash (Estimated \$405K) for: 1 Five-Ton Truck (2WD) 1 Backhoe 1 Tractor	<p>Highway Fund Balance maintains its base of \$185,000. The \$11,000 appropriated for budget remains untouched. Remaining funds for capital programs WITHOUT CHIPS is \$ 84,472 WITH CHIPS is \$204,272</p> <p>While the town cannot budget for CHIPS, the outlook at this time is positive for the continuance of CHIPS over the next few years.</p> <p>Highway Fund Budget history shows that it comes in at or under budget. This is done while accomplishing the road repair plan as planned or amended to address emergency projects. This budget should be able to sustain the lower level without a negative impact on roadwork.</p>

Advantages	Disadvantages
No additional legal fees in 2016	Interest rates may indicate an earlier conversion would be appropriate.
Plan for BOND fees in 2017 budget and establish debt level going out 15 years.	The town will carry approximately \$50K / year debt for 15 years.
Total Town Budget will remain flat in terms of debt level. Highway Fund should be able to handle capital investment out of Fund Balance.	Budgets will have to be managed accordingly.
Project cost of the Garage Capital Improvement Program is not yet clear. A BAN gives us greater flexibility and time to understand the costs. We have asked for a building plan based on \$350K that would require several phases. This would allow us to reach completion sooner.	
Highway Fleet will be close to overall excellent condition and more of it will be under warranty to reduce maintenance costs.	
An improved garage will make it possible to store equipment inside, extend the life of trucks and equipment and reduce maintenance costs.	

The FAC requests that the Town Board consider this proposal and work toward implementing it or some version. We have a time frame of the \$191,865 payment in May. The earlier we put into motion the Garage Capital Improvement Plan – Phase II, the sooner we can improve the working conditions for our highway crew, the highway equipment and the improvement of our roads.

2016 ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE		2016		BASED ON 2015 AUD	
HIGHWAY FUND					
FUND BALANCE @ 6/1/2016		487,797	487,797		
+ BUDGETED REVENUES TO DATE JANUARY 2016		793,435	793,435		
- EXPENDITURES TO DATE BUDGET 2016		793,435	793,435		
BALANCE TO DATE		487,797	487,797		
+ PROJECTED REVENUES TO DATE			115,000		
- PROJECTED EXPENDITURES TO DATE					
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE AT YEAR END (2016)		487,797	602,797		
ALLOCATION OF FUND BALANCE					
CASH PAYMENT FOR TRUCK		200,000	200,000		
CASH PAYMENT FOR BACKHOE & TRACTOR		200,000	200,000		
UNRESTRICTED / ASSIGNED, APPROPRIATED		1,135	1,135		
CAP RESTRICTED		2,011	2,011		
UNRESTRICTED / ASSIGNED, UNAPPROPRIATED		282,651	201,661		
TOTAL		487,797	602,797		
UNRESTRICTED / ASSIGNED, UNAPPROPRIATED + CAP RESTRICTED		284,662	203,672		
BASE: 3 MONTHS AVAIL CAP OF \$100K + \$170K FOR EMERGENCIES / UNBUDGETED WORK		150,000	150,000		
PROJECTED REMAINING FOR INVESTMENT AT END OF YR		134,662	453,672		
2016 BEGINNING FR FROM 2015 AUD					

2016 ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE		2016		BASED ON 2015 AUD	
GENERAL FUND					
FUND BALANCE @ 6/1/2016		481,181	481,181	NEW 2016 FR 100K PROJECTED	
+ BUDGETED REVENUES TO DATE JANUARY 2016		413,794	413,794	EXPENSES \$1,200,000	
- EXPENDITURES TO DATE BUDGET 2016		413,794	413,794	TRANSFERRED TO PROJ. UNBUDGETED WORK TO PROJECT OF 430K	
BALANCE TO DATE		481,181	481,181		
+ PROJECTED REVENUES TO DATE					
- PROJECTED EXPENDITURES TO DATE					
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE AT YEAR END (2016)		481,181	481,181		
ALLOCATION OF FUND BALANCE					
CASH PAYMENT FOR BANK OF US BANK WORK		193,876	193,876		
UNRESTRICTED / ASSIGNED, APPROPRIATED		2,288	2,288	2016 APPROPRIATED FR	
CAP RESTRICTED					
UNRESTRICTED / ASSIGNED, UNAPPROPRIATED		285,017	285,017		
TOTAL		481,181	481,181		
UNRESTRICTED / ASSIGNED, UNAPPROPRIATED		285,017	285,017		
BASE: 3 MONTHS AVAIL CAP OF \$100K + \$170K FOR EMERGENCIES / UNBUDGETED WORK		150,000	150,000		
PROJECTED REMAINING FOR INVESTMENT AT END OF YR		135,017	135,017		
2016 BEGINNING FR FROM 2015 AUD					

✚ Linda Swartz: please explain the difference between a BAN and a BOND.

✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: Bank Anticipation Note (BAN) a short-term **note** usually, but not always, issued by a municipality and used to **finance** some project. Bank anticipation notes are often issued with a **maturity** of one year or less; the proceeds are paid by the issue of a larger **bond** with a longer **maturity**.

✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: please explain General and Highway funds.

✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: there are two funds for the town budget that the financial expenses are paid from:

➤ General fund pays for the expenses for all departments as follows:

- ✓ town board
- ✓ Justice
- ✓ Supervisor
- ✓ Clerk
- ✓ Attorney
- ✓ Buildings
- ✓ Planning board
- ✓ Zoning Board
- ✓ Building Inspector
- ✓ Assessor
- ✓ ETC.

➤ Highway Fund pays for the expense for road repairs and maintenance of the vehicles for the highway.

✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: Monies can be transferred from the General Fund to help the Highway Fund but cannot be transferred from Highway to General. So with that said, we are reallocating more funds to the General to make it more workable.

✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree, I am comfortable with the proposal as suggested by the Financial Committee, what are everyone else's feelings?

✚ Board Member Richard Skoda: very comfortable, update new building to accept new equipment.

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

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

Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to pay \$191,865 BAN with, \$180,000 from General Fund Balance and \$ 11,865 from General Fund Budget, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to pay a Down Payment of \$25,000 (5%) for a \$500K BAN in 2016 to get Phase II started, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to have Ray Jurkowski, Town Engineer, draft a proposal for the 'add' alternates as follows:

- ✓ Easterly Bay
- ✓ Slab for old floor
- ✓ Plumbing
- ✓ Siding
- ✓ Landscaping

Seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda. Supervisor Erik Tyree will contact Ray.

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

- ✚ Board Member Richard Skoda: I am not in favor of radiant heat
- ✚ Highway Superintendent Hotaling: Town of Livingston Highway Department hates the radiant heat.
- ✚ Dennis Callahan: with the new roof will there be more insulation? What about a hot air blower?
- ✚ Jessie Scofield: most of the large box stores like Walmart use the dual system, hot air blower and radiant.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: these are all question for Ray, which we will have to address at our next meeting.

Advisory Board reports:

Conservation Advisory Committee: Anna Kadish, no report submitted.

Advisory Board reports were accepted as submitted and read on a motion by Board Member Ryan Skoda seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

Old Business:

A. Finalization of the source and use of \$50,000 “Planning Money”: Board Member Joyce Thompson:

We have looked into the issue and proposed process for dealing with these unclaimed funds. I will respond here to the inquires in your email below:

1. I agree that with the recommendation to conduct “due diligence” to determine the source of the funds. Moreover, given the concerted efforts you outlined to locate the source of the funds, I believe the Town has more than satisfy any requirement to conduct due diligence.

2. The Town can publish a notice for a reasonable period of time that asks anyone with documentable knowledge of the source of these funds to contact the town, but I do not see that as a requirement. (*Attached is a Comptroller Opinion from 1988 which addresses a similar, but not identical, situation.*) There is nothing in the abandoned property law which requires the Comptroller to make such publications, so why would the Town be required to do so? I believe that publication of a Notice would only go to the “due diligence” aspect of the Town’s efforts and that has been satisfied. Plus, this Notice would create more questions than it is likely to answer. How would the Notice be worded in order to be effective, without being too narrow? How would claims against the money be vetted? How would the Town handle claims in excess of the \$50,000.00? If anyone had documented proof of entitlement to the money, why would they have remained silent for 40 years? Again, if the Board feels that a published Notice is desired, that is available and I will work with you on the language. The time frame for publication is entirely up to the Board.

3. If the Town does not publish a Notice, or no one responses to the Notice, the Town may deposit the funds into the General Fund and use it as the Board sees fit. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. While a legitimate claim to the funds would have to be honored, the likelihood of a legitimate claim is ultra-slim. Anyone with a legitimate claim would have to make that claim within six (6) years from when the money was turned over to the Town. Failure to make the claim within that time frame would be outside the statute of limitation and, therefore, dismissed. Essentially, unless the funds at issue were deposited within the last six years, it is deemed abandoned and now the property of the Town.

Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to move the \$52,300.00 to the general fund to be used as needed, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

- ✚ Board Member Richard Skoda asked who were the ones who spent so much time to recovery the information needed, so a thank you note can be sent to them.
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: responded Elizabeth Allen, Alice Platt, Cheryl Rogers and myself.
- ✚ Board Member Richard Skoda: just want to say the rumors that were being spread a few years ago that Betty Young embezzled the \$50,000 were not true; the money was there all along.

B. Court Audit Finalized: Board Member Joyce Thompson moved to approve the audits for the 2015 Justice Tallackson and Justice Prochera books, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

- ✓ Justice Tallackson 2015: Audit completed, and satisfactory.
- ✓ Justice Prochera 2015: Audit completed, and satisfactory (Attached are the sign audit reports)



C. LL #1-2016 Roads:

Supervisor Erik Tyree: we all agreed at our last meeting that we need to all think about how to handle this. A definition for commercial vehicles is key. The discussion will not include “Jesse” or “noise”. The discussion is to be about the roads and commercial vehicles.

Board Member Joyce Thompson: Local Law 1-2013 is in effect right now. It is our weight limit law, and I suggest that we amend LL 1-2013 to add the following roads:

- ✓ HALF CIRCLE
- ✓ LIST-BY PASS
- ✓ OLD ROUTE 82

I suggest that we extend the Local Law to add the connector roads as follows:

- ✓ TAGHKANIC
- ✓ NEAR
- ✓ TAGHKANIC/CHURCHTOWN
- ✓ NEW FORGE
- ✓ MANOR ROCK

Local deliveries are exempt.

Supervisor Erik Tyree: I feel this is going to be too restrictive.

Board Member Joyce Thompson: I have researched and found the following definitions for commercial vehicles:

Linda Swartz: read her letter to the Board.

Linda J. Swartz
 118 Livingston Road
 Elwyn, PA 17312

March 10, 2018

Town of Tipton
 Town Board
 300 Main St
 Tipton, PA 17320

Supervisor Erik and Board Members

This letter is signed by the four largest utilities on Tipton road, we met recently discussed at the Town Board meeting on February 8, 2018.

Over months I have been working with you on a potential problem in the definition of the term "commercial vehicle" as it applies to the town of Tipton. The definition of "commercial vehicle" is important to the town of Tipton because it determines whether or not a vehicle is subject to the town's rules and regulations. I am writing to you to express my concerns and to request that you consider my suggestions for a revised definition of "commercial vehicle" that would be more appropriate for the town of Tipton.

The definition of "commercial vehicle" is currently defined as "any motor vehicle designed, built, or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property for hire or reward, or for the transportation of goods or materials for sale or lease, or for the transportation of goods or materials for use in the business of the owner or operator of the vehicle." This definition is problematic because it is too broad and includes many vehicles that are not used for commercial purposes. I am suggesting that the definition be revised to include only those vehicles that are used for commercial purposes and that are subject to the town's rules and regulations.

Part of the discussion has been about the proposed rules, and the cost of road maintenance, and while there are a lot of issues, and should be heard by the Board, my biggest concern for the utility and business of the town of Tipton is the definition of "commercial vehicle". As a utility, I hope the Board can consider my suggestions for a revised definition of "commercial vehicle" that would be more appropriate for the town of Tipton, and that would be in the best interests of the town.

Finally, I want to thank you for your time and attention, and for your consideration of my suggestions. I am sure that the Town Board will make a decision that is in the best interests of the town of Tipton.

Sincerely,
 Linda Swartz

Supervisor Erik Tyree: agreed with her last request for courtesy and respect for those who attend and speak at the Town Board Meetings.

Debbie Colgrove: three different police officials have stated that our roads are not safe for large truck traffic.

- ✚ Superintendent George Hotaling: dirt and gravel is cheaper than asphalt, which at this time of the year will not stay in the pothole either.
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: the roads are being repaired; the issue is we need to address heavy truck traffic on our roads. For the time being can we ask Jesse to just bring home the cab without the trailer until we figure this out?
- ✚ Jesse Murphy: I am willing to compromise; I need to make arrangements for parking the trailer.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: I am not in favor of the weight limit on all our local roads
- ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda: I am not in favor of the 5-ton weight limit on all roads.
- ✚ Dennis Callahan: suggested no combination vehicles.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: look into state and local regulation prohibiting trailers width and length.
- ✚ Debbie Colgrove: shared her contact information for commercial vehicle enforcement.

D. Emergency Preparedness Plan: Clerk Rogers all information has been updated, just need to know if the radio frequencies are the same?

- ✚ Dennis Callahan: yes, they are for now.
- ✚ Clerk Rogers: then the Emergency Preparedness Plan is updated for 2016.
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to approve the Emergency Preparedness Plan for 2016 as updated, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

E. Community Day update: Clerk Rogers informed the Board she would be available for the Community Day on April 23rd.

- ✚ Larry Kadish: asked if the design for the highway project would be available as well.
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: yes

F. Newsletter: Board Member Ryan Skoda reported that the Newsletter committee met on March 11th. They have a clearer draft and are just verifying the information to be sure everything is correct.

G. BAR Appointment: Clerk Rogers reported no letters of interest were received.

- ✚ Katherine Bainer volunteered.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree motioned to appoint Katherine Bainer as a member of the Board of Assessment Review term ending 9/30/2020, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree motioned to increase the BAR pay to \$50.00 a day, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

H. Planning Board Alternate Appointment: Clerk Rogers reported no letters of interest were received.

✚ Anna Kadish volunteered.

✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire motioned to appoint Anna Kadish as the Alternate Board Member for the Planning Board, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

I. LOSAP Points:

✚ **Taghkanic LOSAP:** Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to approve the 2015 LOSAP points as posted for thirty days, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

✚ **Churchtown LOSAP:** Board Member Richard Skoda motioned to approve the 2015 LOSAP points as presented and posted for thirty days, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

J. 2016 Churchtown Fire Protection Contract: Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to approve 2016 Churchtown Fire Protection Contract as presented, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

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

New Business:

A. March 2016 Calendar: Supervisor Erik Tyree asked for a motion to approve the changes made to the March Calendar (March 24th TB/Building Project meeting moved to March 30th), so moved by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

April 2016 Calendar: Supervisor Erik Tyree asked for a motion to approve the April Calendar, so moved by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Erik Tyree.

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

B. Broadband Plan: Supervisor Erik Tyree informed the Board that at a presentation by Economic Development Council (EDC) for the County Board of Supervisors, the EDC's proposal is for a federal grant or loan for a fiber back bone connecting schools.

✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson added that the Ghent Broadband Committee (BC) has invited representatives from other towns to attend their March meeting. She also reported that she and Town Board Member Arthur McGuire have spoken with Ghent BC Chair, David Berman. Mr. Berman is a professional in the telecommunications industry and offers valuable understanding of documents such as franchise and merger agreements. He gave us an overview of the several providers serving Columbia County and the challenges for getting service to our area, Town Board Member Thompson suggested that we reactivate the Broadband Advisory Committee.

C. New Broadband Advisory Committee: Board Member Richard Skoda motion to activate a Broadband Advisory Committee, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

D. Climate Smart Communities: Board Member Joyce Thompson the article that Leon Hoffman shared about Climate Smart Communities is a valuable goal for the town. We have passed Resolution 14-2015 Regarding Climate Change (*see attached resolution*). We are seeing many solar installations throughout our town. There has been discussion of installing solar at the highway garage if possible. I would like to see the Town Board adopt the Climate Smart Communities Pledge. The ZC will look at the land use section and I would think that storm water and culvert work would certainly both be areas to review in this light.

E. County wide KISS Program: Clerk Rogers announced that the town is participating in the county-wide **K.I.S.S.** Program (Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe). This program is for seniors to be able to get rid of documents safely by depositing them in the bins that are by the back table. The documents in the bins will be taken away and shredded. On top of the bins are packets explaining what documents should be shredded and the times that the town hall is open.

F. Wes Powell/Pine Plains Vet.: Clerk Rogers informed the Board that she has spoken to Wes Powell about Pine Plains Vet; he asked if there would be any more money

involved for the further travel. She also informed the Board Dennis Callahan found out the information about the Pine Plains Vet for her, she has not had the chance to contact them but will do so ASAP.

G. Budget Amendment #1: Board Member Ryan Skoda motion to approve Budget Amendment 1-2016, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

Town of Taghkanic March 14, 2016 HIGHWAY FUND		Budget Amendment # 1	
		Increase	Decrease
Insurance	A1910.4	\$ 2,054.89	
Contingent	A1990.4		\$ 1,000.00
Commission	A8010.41		\$ 1,054.89
		<u>\$ 2,054.89</u>	<u>\$ 2,054.89</u>

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

H. March 19, 2016 Meeting Topics: Supervisor Erik Tyree the topics for Saturday March 19th meeting are as follows:

- ✓ Taghkanic Fire Company update:
- ✓ Broadband:
- ✓ Financial Report:
- ✓ K.I.S.S. Program:
- ✓ News Letter update email address list:
- ✓ Conservation Advisory Committee, walks:

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

February 25, 2016 Abstract: on a motion by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

2016 General Fund Vouchers	# 53 - 61	\$ 14,159.97
2016 Highway Fund Vouchers	# 21 - 22	\$ 5,063.76
2016 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	#	\$

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

March 14, 2016 Abstract: on a motion by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

2016 General Fund Vouchers	# 62 - 91	\$ 249,954.10
2016 Highway Fund Vouchers	# 23 - 44	\$ 9,747.62
2016 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	# 1 - 5	\$ 2,530.08

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

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

Dennis Callahan: asking for guidance from the Town Board for accessory building

on vacant land.

- ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: what size of a building?
- ✦ Dennis Callahan: maybe 10'x12'.

With no further business, on a motion by Board Member Richard Skoda, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **March 14, 2016** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:	Debbie Colgrove	Ray Colgrove	Jesse Murphy	Amanda Murphy
	Kathy Sherman	Dennis Callahan	Arthur Griffith	Linda Swartz
	Diane Rodriguez	Walter Thompson	Kathy Bainer	Jessie Scofield
	Zita Kobus	Anna Kadish	Larry Kadish	Joseph Macri
	Alice Platt	Erin Edwards	Harriet Shur	Louise Regan
	Michael Regan	Ronald Wagner	Timothy Vandam	Meridith Glabman

Action List:

1. *Clerk Rogers will send letter to Kathy Bainer and Anna Kadish about their appointments. **Done***
2. *Clerk Rogers will notify Suzette Booy, Director Col. Co. Real Property Tax Service that the Board has appointed Kathy Bainer to the BAR. **Done***
3. *Clerk Rogers will have the corrected March Calendar posted on website. **Done***
4. *Clerk Rogers will have the April calendar posted on website. **Done***
5. *Clerk Rogers will call Pine Plains Vet.*
6. *Supervisor Tyree will contact Ray Jurkowski. **Done***

Town of Taghkanic
Supervisor's report
February 29, 2016

Receipts:

Justice Court Deposits	\$ 29,470.00
Retiree health insurance	140.00
Clerk fees	160.25
Building inspector	176.80
Town tax	962,511.95
Refund Colarusso	66.73
4th Qtr sales tax	58,583.67
Interest - MM	809.36
Interest - Escrow	0.04
Interest - Checking	0.27
Interest -Trust and Agency	0.04
Total receipts	<u>\$ 1,051,919.11</u>

Disbursements:

Abstracts -General fund	(21,782.42)
Abstracts - Highway fund	(29,696.55)
Additional 941 payment 3rd pty	(231.59)
Payroll -Feb 15, 2016	(9,066.20)
Payroll -Feb 29, 2016	(17,946.13)
Total disbursements	<u>(78,722.89)</u>

Net receipts-disbursements 973,196.22

Cash balances at January 31, 2016 1,068,769.69

Cash balances at February 29, 2016 \$ 2,041,965.91

	Bank Statement Balance	Deposits in transit & o/s Checks	Book Balance
Multifund checking	\$ 37,685.09	\$ (19,263.73)	\$ 18,421.36
Multifund money market	1,988,570.09	29,470.00	2,018,040.09
Trust and Agency(payroll)	10,077.14	(9,804.53)	272.61
Capital account	4,459.82	-	4,459.82
Escrow savings	572.03	-	572.03
Petty Cash	200.00	-	200.00
Total Cash	<u>\$ 2,041,564.17</u>	<u>\$ 401.74</u>	<u>\$ 2,041,965.91</u>

Total income from Quickbooks	\$ 981,501.08
Court fees deducted from income	11,670.00
Adjustment for AR	58,583.67
Trust interest	24.36
Retiree Health insurance netted with A9060	140.00
*Total receipts	<u>\$ 1,051,919.11</u>

**Total net profit per Quickbooks	914,819.78
Adjustments for AP and AR	58,352.08
Interest earned on escrow	24.36
Net receipts- disbursements	<u>\$ 973,196.22</u>

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2015
TOWN OF TAGHKANIC
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 909 Route 82, Ancram, New York, on the 13 day of July, 2015 at 7 p.m. there were:

PRESENT:

Erik Tyree	Supervisor
Richard Skoda	Board Member
Linda Swartz	Board Member
Joyce Thompson	Board Member

ABSENT:

Ryan Skoda	Board Member
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Board Member Linda Swartz offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas an overwhelming majority of credentialed scientists, in the United States and abroad, support the findings that climate change is happening and that human activities are key contributors to it;

Whereas the U. S. National Academy of Sciences and the U. K. Royal Society have stated, “It is now more certain than ever, based on many lines of evidence, that humans are changing Earth’s climate. The atmosphere and oceans have warmed, accompanied by sea-level rise, a strong decline in Arctic sea ice, and other climate-related changes;”

Whereas the 2014 National Climate Assessment, reviewed extensively by the National Academy of Sciences and a Federal Advisory Committee, states that in the Northeast “Heat waves, coastal flooding, and river flooding will pose a growing challenge to the region’s environmental, social, and economic systems... [which] will increase the vulnerability of the region’s residents, especially its most disadvantaged populations;”

Whereas the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review of the U.S. Department of Defense states that the effects of climate change are “threat multipliers that will aggravate stressors abroad such as poverty, environmental degradation, political instability, and social tensions – conditions that can enable terrorist activity and other forms of violence;”

Whereas the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change has reported “Impacts from recent climate-related extremes, such as heat waves, droughts, floods, cyclones, and wildfires, reveal significant vulnerability and exposure of some ecosystems and many human systems to current climate variability ... and “All aspects of food security are potentially affected by climate change, including food access, utilization, and price stability;”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic:

1) Urges the County of Columbia, the State of New York, and the Congress and President of the United States of America to take prompt and effective measures to rapidly address climate change by promoting and encouraging a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels and their associated infrastructure, improvement in the efficiency of energy systems, and the development and installation of renewable energy systems; and

2) Stands ready to work with any level of government to achieve these goals, that will in the process create safe, sustainable jobs and provide real, clean energy solutions for generations to come.

Seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson and duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

SUPERVISOR, Erik Tyree	voting <u> _AYE_ </u>
BOARD MEMBER, Richard Skoda	voting <u> _AYE_ </u>
BOARD MEMBER, Ryan Skoda	voting <u> _ABSTENT_ </u>
BOARD MEMBER, Linda Swartz	voting <u> _AYE_ </u>
BOARD MEMBER, Joyce Thompson	voting <u> _AYE_ </u>

This Resolution having been passed by the Town Board, the same was duly declared adopted by the Supervisor.

Date Passed: July 13, 2015

Certification _____

Cheryl Rogers, Town Clerk