

**Approved**

July 11, 2016

**June 13, 2016  
Town of Taghkanic  
Town Board Meeting**

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**7 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
Ryan Skoda	Board Member
Joyce Thompson	Board Member
Ray Jurkowski	Town Engineer
Jean-Adele Howard	Deputy Clerk

**Absent:** Cheryl Rogers Clerk

**7:05 pm: Public Hearing for Monroe Analysis:**

**Ray Jurkowski, Town Engineer, Morris Assoc.**

- ❖ The Board has decided to build a new garage building consisting of approximately 4,700 square foot wood pole barn building, concrete slab, electricity, heating, plumbing, etc.
- ❖ Relocate and reuse existing petroleum storage tanks.
- ❖ Provide new electrical utility infrastructure for new garage, reutilize existing water, and septic system
- ❖ Construct new storm water management facilities.
- ❖ Raze existing garage building facility.
- ❖ Create break room and new bathroom facility for employees.
- ❖ The 2009 Comprehensive Plan identifies the need to assess improvements to the highway Department facilities.
- ❖ The current building is non-conforming to zoning for all setbacks.
- ❖ The proposed building will be set back further from the County Roadway but still non-conforming with 7-acre zoning.
- ❖ The Town has moved forward with SEQRA and is now holding a Public Hearing for the Monroe Balance Test.

Supervisor Erik Tyree we now are open for any comments, questions or concerns:

✚ Ray Colgrove: I am for it

✚ Arthur Baker: I am against; the site is too small it has been since the beginning of this process. There was another site available Route 11 and was not considered in enough detail as far as I am concerned. What is being shown now does not address Rural Character. I believe it is important to have a site plan showing where everything is going to be so that we all understand.

✚ Debbie Colgrove: this project has been covered many times at many meetings, I suggest using the email lists to keep everyone informed and write ups be placed on the website after each meeting as well.

✚ Arthur Baker: at the last meeting Ray did not know the fire rating; I think the board needs to know that for insurance purposes.

✚ Dennis Callahan: this will be addressed with each element of the project.

**7:30 pm: Public Hearing Closed: Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.**

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

**0 Nays**

**0 Absent**

Supervisor Erik Tyree then turned to Attorney William Decaire for the next step.

Attorney Decaire: The Board now needs to consider Resolution 9- 2016 Monroe Analysis for the Garage Facility.

**Supervisor Erik Tyree: read the following resolution:**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board for the Town of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 at the Taghkanic Town Hall, Route 82, Taghkanic, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

**Resolution by:**

**Seconded by: .**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taghkanic is the owner of a parcel of real property, located on Columbia County Route 27, constituting approximately 2.3 acres of land that has been designated for municipal purposes (“subject premises”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taghkanic is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, and having those powers set forth in Town Law Article 4 with regard to providing recreational opportunities for residents of the Town of Taghkanic in promotion of the general health, welfare and safety of its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taghkanic Town Board is the governing body of the Town of Taghkanic charged with executing and providing for the general health, welfare and safety of Town residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department is statutorily charged with the jurisdiction over Town Highways of the Town of Taghkanic and has exclusive jurisdiction over same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taghkanic Planning Board, and Zoning Board are agencies of the Town of Taghkanic, whose members are appointed by the Town Board, and which is responsible for overseeing land use regulation as specified in Article 16 of the Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department currently has a Highway Garage site on the subject premises, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department is in need of an adequate repair, storage, and administrative facility in order to meet the needs of maintaining the public roadways of the Town of Taghkanic, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taghkanic proposes to construct a new Highway Garage Building at the existing facility, on the subject premises to provide for the additional storage needed by the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department, and;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the decision of the New York Court of Appeals in the *Matter of County of Monroe*, 72 N.Y.2d 338 (1988), a “balancing of public interests” is required to determine whether and to what extent the Taghkanic Town Board is exempt from the zoning and land use regulatory approval from the Town of Taghkanic Planning Board and Zoning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taghkanic Town Board held a numerous public meetings between 2014 and 2016 for the purpose of describing the project to be undertaken at the subject premises, conducting an analysis of the potential environmental impacts pursuant to SEQR, and having further inquiry and comment from the public during a public hearing held on June 13, 2016 regarding the *Monroe* inquiry being undertaken by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, upon a review of the proposed construction of a new Highway Garage Facility on the subject premises, testimony at the public hearing, and a review of the project under SEQR , and after due deliberation thereon;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Taghkanic Town Board has analyzed, considered and discussed the following factors as set forth in the *Matter of County of Monroe* in relation to the construction

associated with the new Highway Garage Facility on the subject premises, and the Town of Taghkanic's land use regulations, and hereby finds as follows:

**1. The nature and scope of the instrumentality seeking immunity.**

(a) The Town of Taghkanic Town Board is the body primarily responsible for the legislative and executive functions of the Town of Taghkanic. The Town of Taghkanic Planning Board and Zoning Board are agencies of the Town of Taghkanic, whose members are appointed by the Taghkanic Town Board. The three bodies are not of equivalent authority and status.

(b) This is only one factor to be considered and is not controlling.

**2. The kind of function of land use involved and the extent of the public interest to be served.**

(a) The construction associated with the new Highway Garage Facility in use as a repair, storage, and administrative facility for the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department is of a non-proprietary nature and will serve the public interest by ensuring the continued and improved maintenance of public roadways under the jurisdiction of the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department for the benefit of members of the public using said public roadways.

(b) The maintenance of public roadways under the jurisdiction of the Town Highway Department is a statutory governmental function.

**3. The effect local land use regulation would have upon the enterprise concerned and the impact upon legitimate local interests.**

(a) the work to be performed in constructing of a new Highway Garage building for the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department will be of limited scope and impact upon the subject premises.

(b) the construction of a building has been determined by the Taghkanic Town Board to have no significant adverse environmental impacts pursuant to the negative declaration under SEQR adopted by the Taghkanic Town Board on June 11, 2016.

(c) Subjecting the site and construction of the new building and site plan review by the Taghkanic Planning Board may unnecessarily delay the project and result in prohibitive cost increases.

**4. Applicant's legislative grant of authority.**

(a) Article 4 of the Town Law authorizes the Town of Taghkanic to provide adequate facilities to the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department in aid of its responsibility to maintain those public roadways utilized by members of the general public which fall under the jurisdiction of the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department.

(b) Article 7 of the Highway Law authorizes the Town Highway Superintendent and the Highway Department with jurisdiction over the care of the town highways and bridges or renewals thereof on said public roadways.

**5. Alternate locations for the Highway Department storage facility in less restrictive zoning areas.**

(a) there presently exists Town Highway Department facilities on the subject premise.

(b) the subject premises are the most feasible location within the Town of Taghkanic and represent the most reasonable and efficient use of Town owned property in furtherance of the objectives of providing the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department with a consolidated, central location within the Town.

(c) In the Past, the Town has had numerous public meetings and has evaluated (25) twenty-five potential alternative sites for a new highway garage. However, the Town of Taghkanic had previously determined that there are no feasible alternate locations that meet the necessary objectives of the Town of Taghkanic Highway Department.

**6. Alternate methods of providing the improvement.**

(a) the construction of the new Highway Garage Facility at the existing highway garage facility represents the minimal infrastructure improvements necessary to promote increased use of the subject premises as a centralized highway department facility.

**7. Intergovernmental participation in the project development process.**

(a) The construction of the new building at the existing highway facility will be overseen by members of the Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic, its engineers, hired professionals and the Code Enforcement Officer.

**8. Opportunity to be heard**

(a) the Taghkanic Town Board gave legal notice of the Public Hearing to hear statements and gather evidence as to the interests of the Taghkanic Planning Board to exercise regulatory authority over this project as set forth in *Matter of County of Monroe* and to provide an opportunity for public input.

(b) on June 13, 2016, the Taghkanic Town Board held a public hearing at which time public comment was taken.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the reasons and on the basis of the findings set forth herein, the construction of the new building for the Highway Garage Facility at the existing highway garage facility on the subject premises is not subject to site plan review by the Town of Taghkanic Planning Board, or any other agency of the Town of Taghkanic;

**Board Member Richard Skoda motioned to approve Resolution 9-2016 Monroe Analysis for the Garage Facility, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.**

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

**0 Nays**

**0 Absent**

Supervisor Erik Tyree asked the Board for any further comments:

- ✚ Board Member Richard Skoda: this has been a long time coming, I think we covered all our bases; we've done our due diligence. To a degree I agree with Arthur, I wish the site could have been bigger but it's not. In trying to move we hit resistance and it would have become a legal battle.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: also bring the electric up there was going to be a big problem, Larry do you have anything to add?
- ✚ Larry Kadish: at face value it looked like a great piece of property but when digging deeper there where going to be problems.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: asked Board Members Ryan Skoda, Arthur McGuire, Richard Skoda and Joyce Thompson if they had any further comments. They all had nothing to add.

✚ **Roll Call vote was as follows:**

<u>Board Member Richard Skoda</u>	<u>Aye</u>
<u>Board Member Ryan Skoda</u>	<u>Aye</u>
<u>Board Member Joyce Thompson</u>	<u>Aye</u>
<u>Board Member Arthur McGuire</u>	<u>Aye</u>
<u>Supervisor Erik Tyree</u>	<u>Aye</u>

Supervisor Erik Tyree: what are the next steps?

Ray Jurkowski: The design process and the bonding process.

Supervisor Erik Tyree: I will have Clerk Rogers send Christine Chale everything that we have done so far. Our Next meeting will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

**April 11, 2016:** Regular Meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Richard Skoda, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

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

**0 Nays**

**0 Absent**

**April 27, 2016:** Highway Project 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**

**May 9, 2016:** Regular Meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes motioned by Board Member Ryan Skoda, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

0 Nays

0 Absent

**May 25, 2016:** Tabled

**May 30, 2016:** Tabled

**June 11, 2016:** Tabled

Board Member Joyce Thompson thanked Deputy Town Clerk Jean-Adele Howard for sitting in for Clerk Rogers.

### The Correspondence consisted of:

1. NYS Agriculture and Markets 5/9
2. K.I.S.S. (Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe) Program: 5/10
  - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson pointed out the containers and reminded everyone the building is open on Tuesday 2-5, Wednesday 9-12, Thursday 9-3 and Friday 9-3 if they need to deposit any paperwork for shredding.
3. NYS Department of Taxation, certificate of Final Special Franchise Full Value 5/11
  - ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: are these utilities on our tax rolls and are these amounts what are confirmed by Tax and Finance?
  - ✦ Supervisor Erik Tyree: yes
  - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: yes they are on our tax rolls and this is the amount agree upon by the utilities, tax and Finance and our assessor.
4. Harlan R. Juster, PhD. Director, Bureau of Tobacco Control, NYS Department of Health, 5/11
5. CDPHP, Notice of Proposed Premium Rate Change 5/14
  - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: asked if any other Board Members had tried to look up the information on CDPHP increase?
  - ✦ Board Member Ryan Skoda: they are applying for an increase.
  - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: it could be anywhere from a 2.3 to 11.7 increase, anyhow we should keep an eye on what is happening.
6. Columbia County Board of Supervisor Resolution Authorization to Distribute the Mortgage Tax Monies 5/17
  - ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: we have received \$25,077.25 this year for six months which is an increase in the Mortgage Tax from last year \$17,453.33, which is good news.
  - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: this is very good news, we had lowered the amount we thought we would receive in Mortgage tax revenues, so the next distribution of Mortgage Tax monies puts us over what we budgeted for this year.
7. Columbia Land Conservancy, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 5/17
8. 2015 Population Estimates-Sub-County Area 5/19
9. NY Planning Federation Summer School for Planning and Zoning. 5/19
  - ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: are any of the Town Board Members going?
  - ✦ Supervisor Erik Tyree: this is more for the PB and ZBA.
10. Justin Burke and Hannah Schiff, Marketing and Communications Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation 5/30
  - ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: have we applied or can we apply for a grant/
  - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: it would be something to look into.
  - ✦ Board Member Richard Skoda: we need to meet their criteria.

- ✦ All agreed to have Board Member Arthur McGuire look into it.
11. NYS Department of Taxation, Notice of Tentative Equalization \*112.00\* 6/1
- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: confused we are the only ones over 100%, why are we so high.
  - ✦ Board Member Ryan Skoda: Ancram is at 111%.
  - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: this is a very good thing, first of all the purpose is to establish assessment value vs. full market value. In this case, our Assessor finds that the town assessment value is 12% over full market value. The effect of that is when the school taxes come out, our taxes will be reduced by 12% vs. a town with an equalization rate of 84%. Their school taxes will be increased by 16%.
  - ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: the second portion of my question is it states “*Since your municipality has not completed a recent reassessment, we recommended that you examine your assessment roll for inequities and consider reassessing.*” Is this what we are doing in 2017?
  - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: yes
12. Brain Custer, President NYMIR, NYMIR subscriber accounting statement 6/4
- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: need clarification.
  - ✦ Supervisor Erik Tyree: I will contact Finger.

**Then followed reports from the Boards:**

**Animal Control**: Wes Powell, report submitted.

**ZBA**: James Romaine, Chair, report submitted.

**Planning Board**: Katherine Bainer, Chair report submitted.

- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: the PB has referred Gas Land to the ZBA for a special use permit.
- ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: a special use permit is required for some allowable land uses. The permit process reviews the application in terms of applicable general and *additional* requirements. The purpose is to assess potential impacts on the neighborhood. The ZBA can accept, require mitigating actions or deny the permit.

**Assessor**: Craig Surprise no report submitted.

- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: the assessor is asking for \$380.00.

- ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: we have paid this, it is for training.

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

**Historian**: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

**Traffic Safety Board**: Linda Swartz, report submitted.

**Environmental Management Council**: Anna Kadish, no report submitted.

**Zoning Commission**: Joyce Thompson, report submitted.

**Office for the Aging**: Joyce Thompson, report submitted.

- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: Farmers’ Market Coupon Booklets will be distributed at Nutrition Sites. Eligibility is: 1) age 60+ and 2) self-declaration of income below 185% of poverty level. No proof is required. Where does one use these coupons?
- ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: at the farmers markets in the area. The farmers agreed to participate in the program.

**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.**

✚ [Board Member Arthur McGuire](#): there are two parts to this report: receipts and disbursements. Then at the bottom it says total net income per Quickbooks is a deficit of \$10,237.05

✚ [Board Member Joyce Thompson](#): it is showing we spent more than we received for May.

**Highway**: George Hotaling, report submitted.

✚ [Board Member Arthur McGuire](#): George what is a LOF?

✚ [Superintendent George Hotaling](#): new oil filter.

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

**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 meeting was held as scheduled on Thursday, 9 June.

#### **Long-Term Funding Plan**

The town's financial position continues to be strong. Both the General Fund and the Highway Fund have healthy Fund Balances and spending is less than budget targets for end of May.

**Phase II: The Garage Building and Grounds project work continues.** The Town Board has decided to build a new building and raze the old one. A presentation of that plan was made at the Saturday, 11 June, Informational Town Board Meeting. The FAC has been working on the question of how much debt the town can manage while maintaining a reasonable and stable fund balance in both General and Highway Funds. Based on the projected Fund Balance for both General and Highway Funds, a combination of a substantial cash payment and a bond resulting in annual debt payments within the range of \$47,043 and \$49,181 would meet those criteria.

[Board Member Arthur McGuire](#) moved to accept the financial report as submitted, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda.

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

0 Nays

0 Absent

#### **Advisory Board reports:**

**Conservation Advisory Committee:** Anna Kadish, report read and submitted.



**Broadband Advisory Committee:** Arthur McGuire reported the following:

Taghkanic and neighboring towns have formed Internet committees in coordination with Connect Columbia, a county-wide group, to help improve



service in Columbia County. The Columbia County Supervisors have recently formed their own committee. The Taghkanic committee is co-chaired by Arthur McGuire and Jeff Tallackson with members Erin Edwards, Chris Tallackson, Susan Raymond and Joyce Thompson. Useful information from Connect Columbia can be found at [connectcolumbiacounty.com](http://connectcolumbiacounty.com) as well as its Facebook page, [facebook.com/ConnectColumbiaCountyNY](https://facebook.com/ConnectColumbiaCountyNY).

We must find out just how our Taghkanic residents are served. There are short resident and business surveys at [connectcolumbiacounty.com](http://connectcolumbiacounty.com) and [facebook.com/ConnectColumbiaCountyNY](https://facebook.com/ConnectColumbiaCountyNY). We need to have as many residents and businesses (both home and storefront) complete these surveys as soon as possible. The committees must have hard evidence when discussing our needs with government and Internet companies. The information provided is intended only for the purpose of improving broadband service. Additional questions and comments may be sent to the Taghkanic Internet Committee through Arthur McGuire, [ArthurHMcGuire@gmail.com](mailto:ArthurHMcGuire@gmail.com).

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

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

### Old Business:

A. **Newsletter:** Board Member Ryan Skoda reported the committees were waiting for some updates which after tonight the finishing touches can be done. Pro-Printers price for 1,000 just B/W was \$600 for all color was \$1,500 and with postage was \$500.

✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: are we ready to ask and approve the spending of money for the newsletter?

✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda: no would like to do when everything is finalized hopefully on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June.

B. **Dog Shelter Agreement with Pine Plains Vet.:** Attorney Decaire, let me give some background. Pine Plains sent their initial contract which I reviewed and made changes to. Pines Plains came back with a few minor changes that did not affect anything that I agreed with and you approved at your May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cheryl just informed me today she had heard from them again and one of the other veterinarians will not sign off on the contract. It is my understanding that the problem is for them to name the Town as an additional insured. I can contact Pine Plains Vet Dog Shelter. All agreed to have Attorney Decaire contact the shelter to resolve the issue.

C. **Trucks:** Superintendent George Hotaling reported that he has received quotes from Onondaga Contract at Ben Funk's for a new International 2 wheel drive Truck as follows:

International with Arrowhead Dump Body \$205,724.00

International with TNT Dump Body (same Specs) \$191,520.00

✚ Board Member Richard Skoda: can we down size the fleet, we were going to get rid of the Dodge last year.

✚ Superintendent George Hotaling: I would like to get rid of the 1996 5-ton. I would like to keep the Dodge for one more season for backup in case a truck goes down. The 96 is hard to get parts for anymore.



- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: I feel we should defer to the Highway Superintendent he knows what he needs. Is the Dodge worth thousands of dollars?
  - ✦ Board Member Ryan Skoda: The value of the Dodge is at least 40,000 to 50,000, by selling the 96 that would leave us with (5)-5 ton, (2)-1 ton and (1) pickup all with plows with a five man crew. Last year we approved the purchase of the GMC with the idea we would sell the Dodge, I believe that motion can be looked up. It was also part of the five year repair and replace plan and budget. The pickup can be used for plowing the back roads. I'm not against buying a truck but we need to stick with the whole plan.
  - ✦ Superintendent George Hotaling: things change, the pickup truck sits during storms; I plow with one of the 5 ton trucks.
  - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson: George, you use the pickup to check on the roads, plowing is done with the 5-tons and the 1-tons are for maintenance and plowing the back roads that are too small for the 5-ton trucks. If we sell the 96 that would help with reduces repair cost.
  - ✦ Supervisor Erik Tyree: the stainless steel sander from the 96 what is it worth and can we still use it?
  - ✦ Superintendent George Hotaling: new sander is a side dump, 96 is a rear dump and the drive chain needs to be replaced.
  - ✦ **Board Member Joyce Thompson motion to approve the purchase of the 2017 International 7500 4X2 (\$117,274.00) and Viking equipment as requested installed by T & T Body King (\$74,246.00) as specified in the proposal from Ben Funk Inc. for a total price, per Onondaga contract, of \$191,520.00, seconded by Board Memb** Board Member Joyce Thompson: the truck sale money goes toward the fund balance, not toward highway budget.
  - ✦ Board Member Ryan Skoda: I understand that, I am not against buying a new truck; we have too many trucks for a five man crew. We need to stand by what we agreed to, by getting rid of the Dodge.
  - ✦ Supervisor Erik Tyree: any further discussion, if not roll call vote please.
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| Board Member Richard Skoda  | Aye |
| Board Member Ryan Skoda     | Aye |
| Board Member Joyce Thompson | Aye |
| Board Member Arthur McGuire | Aye |
| Supervisor Erik Tyree       | Aye |

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

Board Member Richard Skoda: can we run an ad to sell the 96 or do we have to do it by sealed bids. Either way we need to run an ad to sell the 96.

Board Member Ryan Skoda: I will research the value of the Dodge and report back to the Board at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**New Business:**

**A. July 2016 Calendar:** Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to approve the June Calendar with the following changes:

- ✓ July 4<sup>th</sup> Zoning Commission Meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup> 4 to 6 pm.

- ✓ July 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting cancelled as they are having a joint meeting with the ZBA on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

**B. List-By-Pass:** Supervisor Erik Tyree informed the Board that Dean Knox requested the approval from the Board to use List-By-Pass for the detour while the bridge is being repaired on Route 27. When that bridge is done they will repave List-By-Pass.

- ✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: who is Dean Knox and I thought that bridge was done.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: one is done; it's a second one closer to the intersection of Route 10 and 27. Mr. Knox is the Engineer for the County.
- ✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: the sole resident on List-By-Pass had problems with all the traffic on her road.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: spoke with Susan Raymond on Saturday and she is ok with this plan.
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: Susan's main concern was the damage to the road.

Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to approve Mr. Knox's request for List-By-Pass to be used as the detour while the second bridge on Route 27 is being repaired, seconded by Supervisor Erik Tyree.

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

**C. 10-2016 Resolution for Inland Water Ways:** Approved as follows:

**Resolution by the Taghkanic Town Board Requesting Legislation to Designate The Taghkanic, Claverack and Agawamuck Creeks as Inland Waterways**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016 at the Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: **Board Member Joyce Thompson;**

Seconded by: **Board Member Arthur McGuire.**

**WHEREAS**, these waterways feed into the Hudson River traversing the Towns of Taghkanic, Greenport, Claverack, Livingston, Stockport, and the Village of Philmont within Columbia County, and

**WHEREAS**, water exists in watersheds that extend beyond municipal borders, and Columbia County's municipalities are working together to protect water resource s, and

**WHEREAS**, these waterways play a central role in our local ecosystem impacting groundwater quality, biodiversity, and recreation and,

**WHEREAS**, the severe weather events of 2011 and 2012 have illustrated the need for pro-active, but green storm water management practices and policies in the Claverack, Agawamuck, and Taghkanic Creeks, and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Marchione and Assemblywoman Didi Barrett represent the Town of Taghkanic in the state legislature and have offered to introduce legislation that proposes to designate the Claverack, Agawamuck, and Taghkanic Creeks and as inland waterways, and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would allow many communities in Columbia County to take advantage of federal funds to protect these bodies of water and would increase eligibility for technical assistance under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), administered by the Division of Coastal Resources under the New York Department of State, and

**WHEREAS**, designating these waterways as inland waterways would make all of the aforementioned communities eligible for the grant funding necessary for planning, design, feasibility studies, and construction projects as well as implementation of local LWRPS.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Taghkanic supports the Designated Inland Waterways Act and hopes for the adoption of this bill in the N.Y. State Legislature.

Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to approve Resolution 10-2016 Inland Water Ways, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

Board Member Ryan Skoda: is this going to help with funding options or is this going to make it more restrictive on what can be done to clean up the creek?

Ian Nitschke: it will help with funding. Mr. Nitschke thanked the Board.

Supervisor Erik Tyree: I will have Clerk Rogers finalize the resolution and send you a copy.

**A. Resignation from Dennis Callahan**: Supervisor Erik Tyree read the following letter:

Distinguished Board,

After 14 years of serving the Town of Taghkanic as Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement Officer, the time has come for me to tenure my resignation, effective September 1, 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to experience this rewarding and at times challenging position. Also, my appreciation to those who offered their support and guidance along the way.

I am happy to provide any assistance as you seek to fill this position.

Board Member Arthur McGuire: say it isn't so Joe, we will miss you.

Board Member Richard Skoda: what did you do, join AARP? Laughter

Dennis Callahan: I did that 14 years ago.

Board Member Ryan Skoda: not to allow any delay, I motion to accept Dennis Callahan's resignation, effective September 1, 2016 and to place a notice for the open position, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

Supervisor Erik Tyree: Your assistance will be appreciated during this process, thank you Dennis for dedicated years of service.

**B. Form Letter For Broadband**: Board Member Joyce Thompson read the draft letter:

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

To assist in our understanding and planning for future developments in our community, we respectfully request that you provide us with current maps of your "as

built” system in our franchise territory as defined in EXHIBIT II and the changes and/or additions since the time of franchise agreement signed on October 17, 2007. The level of detail should be in accordance with the provisions described in Section 10.A: RECORDS & REPORTS of our Franchise Agreement.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Board Member Arthur McGuire motioned to approve the letter to be sent on Town Letter head to Mid-Hudson Cable, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

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

✚ **June 13, 2016 Abstract:** on a motion by Board Member Richard Skoda, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

2016 General Fund Vouchers	# 167 - 190	\$ 6,350.18
2016 Highway Fund Vouchers	# 68 - 78	\$ 10,093.75
2016 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	# 11	\$ 1,612.78
2016 Escrow	# 1	\$ 1,095.00

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

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

- ✚ Kathy Bainer: informed everyone the bridge on Route 7 between West Copake and Copake is closed for repairs as well.
- ✚ Board Member Richard Skoda: timeline for that being closed?
- ✚ Kathy Bainer: just started this week.
- ✚ Linda Swartz: close to 6 months.
- ✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: has the State/County suddenly become flush that they are able to repair so many bridges in need all at once.
- ✚ Linda Swartz: there is a lot of State and Federal Funding.
- ✚ Board Member Richard Skoda: Governor Cuomo’s federal infrastructure rebuild plan.
- ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda: from my understanding the federals came in with their usual assessments and failed all of these bridges, they have to be fixed now, whether we have money or not.
- ✚ Board Member Arthur McGuire: it’s a good thing; it just seems odd that they were all being done at the same time.
- ✚ Debbie Colgrove: I would like to complement the Board for their excellent and extensive work on the highway project. I hope the Board can find a better way to inform the public that are unable to attend these meetings. Most all of the complaints that they did have were gone over by the Board numerous times and it’s silly for you to have to repeat yourselves.
- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: thank you.
- ✚ Board Member Joyce Thompson: thank you for your suggestion and we will post the progress on the website.

✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda: thanked Jean-Adele Howard again for filling in for Clerk Rogers.

**9 pm: Executive Session:** Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with the Town Attorney William Decaire, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

**9:54 pm: Executive Session Closed:** Board Member Richard Skoda motioned to close the Executive Session, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

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

**With no further business,** on a motion by Board Member Richard Skoda, seconded by Board Member Ryan Skoda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **July 11, 2016** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:	Debbie Colgrove	Ray Colgrove	Kathy Bainer	Jeff Tallackson
	Linda Swartz	Arthur Baker	Arthur Griffith	Eve Kaplan
	Anna Kadish	Larry Kadish	Walter Thompson	

**Action List:**

1. *Clerk Rogers will finalize the Resolution for Monroe and send all documents to Christine Chale. Done*
2. *Clerk Rogers will finalize the Inland Water Way Resolution and send to Ian. Done*
3. *Clerk Rogers will draft and send the letter to Dean Knox advice of Board approval for List-By-Pass for the detour. Done*
4. *Clerk Rogers will prepare the letter to Mid-Hudson Cable on Town letter and send. Done*
5. *Clerk Rogers will place a notice for the ZEO/CEO open position. Done*
6. *Clerk Rogers will place the approved July calendar on the table at Town Hall. Done*

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Supervisor's report  
May 31, 2016

**Receipts:**

Justice Court Deposits	\$ 34,410.00
Retiree health insurance	140.00
Clerk fees	41.92
Building fees	706.50
Mortgage tax	25,077.25
Penalty taxes	1,704.02
Interest - MM	598.43
Interest - Escrow	0.04
Interest - Checking	2.32
Interest -Trust and Agency	0.19
Total receipts	<u>\$ 62,680.67</u>

**Disbursements:**

Abstracts -General fund	(30,337.33)
Abstracts - Highway fund	(9,865.63)
Abstracts-Capital fund	(5,761.90)
April NYS payroll tax adjustment	(10.00)
Payroll -May 15, 2016	(9,568.77)
Payroll - May 31, 2016	(17,383.33)
Total disbursements	<u>(72,926.96)</u>

Net receipts-disbursements (10,246.29)

Cash balances at April 30, 2016 1,596,593.82

Cash balances at May 31, 2016 \$ 1,586,347.53

	Bank Statement Balance	Deposits in transit & o/s Checks	Book Balance
Multifund checking	\$ 252,105.46	\$ (21,925.90)	\$ 230,179.56
Multifund money market	1,330,890.01	-	1,330,890.01
Trust and Agency(payroll)	22,501.90	(4,163.93)	18,337.97
Capital account	11,929.74	(5,761.90)	6,167.84
Escrow savings	572.15	-	572.15
Petty Cash	200.00	-	200.00
Total Cash	<u>\$ 1,618,199.26</u>	<u>\$ (31,851.73)</u>	<u>\$ 1,586,347.53</u>

Total income from Quickbooks	\$ 49,364.91
Court fees deducted from income	13,175.00
Trust interest	0.76
Retiree Health insurance netted with A9060	140.00
*Total receipts	<u>\$ 62,680.67</u>

**Total net income per Quickbooks	(10,237.05)
April NYS Tax adjustment	(10.00)
Interest adjustment	0.76
Net receipts- disbursements	<u>\$ (10,246.29)</u>