

**Approved**

September 12, 2016

**August 8, 2016  
Town of Taghkanic  
Town Board Meeting**

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**6:30 pm:** The Town Board interviewed Gerald Couse for the open position of ZEO/CEO.

**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.

<b>Present:</b>	Erik Tyree	Supervisor
	Arthur McGuire	Board Member
	Richard Skoda	Board Member
	Ryan Skoda	Board Member
	Joyce Thompson	Board Member
	Ray Jurkowski	Town Engineer
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

**Absent:**

**Guest Speakers:**

- ✚ Gary Mazzarelli, RBC Wealth Management, L.O.S.A.P.: Updated the Town Board on the Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Co, LOSAP investments.
- ✚ Tony Fiorillo, Penflex, INC.: Updated the Town Board on the Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Co, LOSAP program.

**Building Project Update:** Ray Jurkowski, Morris Assoc., Town Engineer, informed the Board that Northeast Environmental is ready to remove the additional soils and will be there this week. He asked for approval to notice for bids for the approved 52' X 90' Pole Barn Highway Project Building tonight. In the one bid package there are four prime contracts as follows:

1. General Contracting
2. HVAC
3. Plumbing
4. Electric

Ray Jurkowski, we should start building in October and be finished by February - approximately 120 days.

- ✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree: who oversees the project?
- ✚ Ray Jurkowski: Morris Associates, all contractors report to me.
- ✚ Arthur McGuire: 120 days is a reasonable time frame?
- ✚ Ray Jurkowski: yes
- ✚ Walter Thompson: I will provide the bottle of Champagne for the completion of the project.
- ✚ Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to grant permission for Ray Jurkowski to notice for bids for the 52' X 90' Pole Barn Highway Project Building seconded Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

**0 Nays**

**0 Absent**

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

**July 11, 2016:** Tabled

**July 27, 2016:** Tabled

**The Correspondence consisted of:** Board Member Arthur McGuire reviewed all the correspondence for the audience:

- a. Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation 7/19
- b. KOSCO, Your comfort is our concern 7/24
- c. Marcus J. Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive, Resolution Think Differently 7/25
- d. Harlan R. Juster, Ph.D. Director, Bureau of Tobacco Control 7/30
- e. Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day September 10 8/2
  - ✦ Clerk Rogers informed everyone the County was holding the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on September 10, flier is on the back table.
- f. CMS, Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center 7/12
- g. NYS Department of Public Service, 518 Area Code Relief Proceeding 7/12
- h. NYS Department of Taxation & Finance, Equalization Rate 112% 8/6
- i. Alan Wilzig, donation 8/6
  - ✦ Clerk Rogers read a letter from Alan Wilzig who donated \$1,500.00.

**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.

- ✦ Kathy Bainer, application for Gas Land Planning Board is lead agency and we are now working on the Environmental process. Concerns are the entrance and exit, if area is big enough, and if the applicant needs to go through the SWPPPs process.
- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: what about the wetland?
- ✦ Kathy Bainer: if wetland is going to be touched they will need a permit from the Army Core of Engineers.
- ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire: is the Health Department involved?
- ✦ Kathy Bainer: yes they will be.

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

**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.

**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, reported Martindale Road work is done. (Presentation of work done)

- ✦ Anna Kadish: how long does it take to do a mile of road?

- # Superintendent George Hotaling: all two miles were done in two days.
- # Joe Macri: can we get cold patch on Taghkanic Road to fill the pot holes instead of gravel?
- # Superintendent George Hotaling: in a few weeks he will be shimming there.
- # Debbie Colgrove: there a lot of new houses on Taghkanic Road.
- # Supervisor Erik Tyree: is there a reason why you are not using cold patch?
- # Superintendent George Hotaling: cold patch doesn't last any longer than gravel and gravel is cheaper.
- # Supervisor Erik Tyree: asked Superintendent George Hotaling to broom the road.
- # Superintendent George Hotaling: it will be done as soon as it rains again, as we do not have a water truck.

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 no report submitted as the committee does not meet until Thursday.

Advisory Board reports:

**Conservation Advisory Committee:** Anna Kadish, reported the following:

- ✓ Sept 17th 9:30 am. Town Board meeting and lecture on Wild Turkeys.
- ✓ Sept 17th 1 pm. CAC hike at Kobos property on Manor Rock Rd.

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

Report to the Taghkanic Town Board on August 8, 2016  
Broadband Committee  
We have set regular meetings of this committee for the fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at Town Hall.  
We have put together the maps from Mid Hudson Cable and found two separate corridors served by it:  
1. Route 82 from Livingston down past the TSP. This trunk also goes up Livingston Road and a long bit of Taghkanic Road. It extends down County Road 103 a bit on Taghkanic Churchtown Road and down to the Wittig property on Post Hill Road.  
2. From Churchtown on County Route 27, continuing down Pumpkin Hollow to Camp Hill.  
Our belief is that both the Wittig and Camp Hill extensions were paid for independently by those property owners.  
PDF versions of the 13 map sheets have been made at Staples as have been two additional copies of the paper sheets. One of the paper copies will be sent to Dave Sisman at Connect Columbia. He has already received the PDF file.  
We will send representatives to the Connect Columbia meeting on Wednesday, August 17th. That group has not met within this past month.  
We will also send representatives to the Columbia County Broadband Subcommittee later this month. They are planning to have executives from internet companies present, so we hope to hear firsthand what these companies' plans are. At its past meetings they were getting closer to finding out just where are the service maps developed by a consultant several months to a year ago. They also assigned responsibility for inviting internet companies to these meetings.  
The newspapers have been full of statewide news on broadband.  
Columbia County has been designated first for broadband expansion as a result of the Charter Communications merger. We may not be affected by this since we are not now in the Charter Communications service area.  
Both Mid Hudson Cable and G-net have been awarded first round state grants to expand their broadband offerings.  
The Governor announced at the new Hudson library the week before last a new initiative to have substantially expanded service in our county in 2017 and full service in our county in 2018. We will find out then just how effective these plans have been executed.

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

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

**Old Business:**

- A. **Newsletter:** Board Member Ryan Skoda the newsletter has been printed and sent out.  
 Zita Kobos: thank you to the committee great Newsletter.
- B. **Dog Shelter Agreement with Pine Plains Vet.:** Tabled
- C. **Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Funding Criteria:** Tabled
- D. **Standard Work Day Resolution 12 – 2016:** Was offered by Board Member Joyce Thompson seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Taghkanic Town Board does hereby establish the following as a standard work day for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local employees' Retirement System:

**All Elected Officials**

Supervisor	6 hour day
Town Board Member	6 hour day
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	8 hour day
Town Justice	6 hour day
Highway Superintendent	8 hour day

**Highway Employees**

Highway Employees	8 hour day
Highway Superintendent Clerk	6 hour day

**Appointed Officials**

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer	6 hour day
Assessor and/or Assessor Clerk	6 hour day
Court Clerk and/or Deputy Court Clerk	6 hour day
Deputy Town Clerk	6 hour day
Clerk/Typist (Building Insp/Plan Broad/ZBA)	6 hour day
Dog Control Officer	6 hour day

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

- E. **Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution** Clerk Rogers informed the Board she has gathered the three month hours for the participating members and have calculated the information to be posted for thirty days as follows:

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution									
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Taghkanic hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected, appointed officials and employees and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials and employees to the clerk of this body:									
Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Name	Social Security # (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (check only if member is in Tier 1)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Record of Activities	Not Submitted (check only if Official did not submit their Record of Activities)
<b>Elected Officials</b>									
Town Clerk/Collector	8	Cheryl Rogers	000-00-4942	42202275		01/01/14-12/31/17	N	21.67	
Town Justice	6	Robert Prochera	000-00-0719	40242133		01/01/07-12/31/10	N	1.95	
Town Justice	6	Jeffrey Tailackson	000-00-3382	50526433		01/01/14-12/31/17	N	2.39	
Highway Superintendent	8	Foster G. Hotaling	000-00-7741	13996376		01/01/14-12/31/17	N	22.66	
<b>Appointed Officials</b>									
Animal Control	6	Willard Powell	000-00-2168	36896223		10/18/10-present	N	2.66	
On this 8 day of August 2016									
Date enacted: August 8, 2016									
I, Cheryl E. Rogers, clerk of the governing board of the Town of Taghkanic, Columbia County of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 8 day of August 2016 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.									
I further certify that the full board, consists of 5 members, and that 4 of such members were present at such meeting and that 4 of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.									
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and the seal of the Town of Taghkanic									
								(seal)	

F. **Website Update:** Board Member Joyce Thompson handed out Tony Gravett’s proposal for the website for the Board review.

**New Business:**

A. **September 2016 Calendar:** Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to approve the August Calendar, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

B. **Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Co. LOSAP Annual Audit:** Clerk Rogers asked for permission to contact Mr. Michael McCarthy to start the 2015 Taghkanic Fire Company LOSAP audit, Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to have Mr. Michael McCarthy start the 2015 Taghkanic Fire Company LOSAP audit, seconded by Board Member Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

C. **Budget Amendment # 6:** Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to approve Budget Amendment # 6, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

**Town of Taghkanic**

**August 8, 2016**

**Budget Amendment # 6**

GENERAL FUND		Increase	Decrease
Insurance	A 1910.4	\$70.40	
Contingent	A 1991.4		\$70.40
		\$70.40	\$70.40

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

D. **Transfer of \$15,000 from General to the Capital Fund:** Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to approve the transfer of funds, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

E. **Resolution Thinking Differently:** Clerk Rogers I prepared the following resolution for the board’s review per the correspondence from Marcus J. Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive:

✚ Supervisor Erik Tyree asked Clerk Rogers to have Betty Young look the resolution over and let the Board know her opinion.

The following resolution was offered by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ to wit;

**Resolution Calling On Town of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York, Residents and Business Owners to Adopt the “Think Differently” Initiative to Assist Individuals with Special Needs and Their Families**

**WHEREAS**, the “Think Differently” initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs; and  
**WHEREAS**, our state and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences; and  
**WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 55 million people, or approximately 19% of Americans, have a type of disability or special need; and  
**WHEREAS**, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness; and  
**WHEREAS**, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special needs on how to access publically supported services available to them in the community; and  
**WHEREAS**, it is important to encourage and educate the community and businesses on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers; and  
**WHEREAS**, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and  
**WHEREAS**, adopting the “Think Differently” initiative is an important statement that our Town/Village/City officials, business owners and residents can make to show their support for the differently-abled children and adults with special needs, and their families.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York, residents and business owners to adopt the “Think Differently” initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs.

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

**August 8, 2016 Abstract:** on a motion by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

2016 General Fund Vouchers	#	235	-	255	\$	7,219.32
2016 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	95	-	102	\$	2,206.61
2016 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	#	14	-	16	\$	9,500.40
2016 Escrow	#	5	-	7	\$	4,129.00

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

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

**Zita Kobos:** Thanked Superintendent George Hotaling and the Highway Crew for all their hard work.

**9:30 pm Entered Executive Session:** Board Member Ryan Skoda motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss the applicate for the open position for ZEO/CEO, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

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

**10:05 pm Excited Executive Session:** Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to close Executive Session, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

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

Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to re-notice for the open position for ZEO/CEO because we received one letter of interest with the cutoff date of August 19<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda.

**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 Joyce Thompson, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **September 12, 2016** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:	Debbie Colgrove	Ray Colgrove	Kathy Bainer	Joseph Macri
	Linda Swartz	Arthur Griffith	Anna Kadish	Larry Kadish
	Walter Thompson	Zita Kobos	Susan Gardner	

**Action List:**

1. *Clerk Rogers will re-notice for the open position of ZEO/CEO. Done*
2. *Clerk Rogers will prepare a thank you letter to Alan Wilzig on Town Letter head and send. Done*
3. *Clerk Rogers will post the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for thirty days. Done*
4. *Clerk Rogers will finalize all approved Resolutions. Done*
5. *Clerk Rogers contact Michael McCarthy. Done*
6. *Clerk Rogers will have Betty Young review the Thinking Differently Resolution. Done*

Town of Taghkanic  
Supervisor's report  
July 31, 2016

**Receipts:**

Justice Court Deposits	\$ 25,811.00
Retiree health insurance	140.00
Clerk fees	86.16
Building inspector	292.80
Refund NYS retirement	72.44
Sales tax 2nd quarter	56,360.92
Interest - MM	489.49
Interest - Escrow	0.60
Interest - Checking	2.03
Interest -Trust and Agency	0.04
Total receipts	<u>\$ 83,255.48</u>

**Disbursements:**

Abstracts -General fund	(17,066.55)
Abstracts - Highway fund	(193,868.59)
Abstracts-Capital fund	(4,059.00)
Abstracts-escrow	(3,156.80)
Payroll -July 15, 2016	(7,946.60)
Payroll - July 29, 2016	<u>(16,866.64)</u>
Total disbursements	(242,964.18)

Net receipts-disbursements (159,708.70)

Cash balances at June 30, 2016 1,483,932.09

Cash balances at July 31, 2016 \$ 1,324,223.39

	Bank Statement Balance	Deposits in transit & o/s Checks	Book Balance
Multifund checking	\$ 246,322.33	\$ (16,138.69)	\$ 230,183.64
Multifund money market	1,084,796.58	(0.20)	1,084,796.38
Trust and Agency(payroll)	10,674.93	(10,448.69)	226.24
Capital account	496.06		496.06
Escrow savings	8,321.07	-	8,321.07
Petty Cash	200.00	-	200.00
Total Cash	<u>\$ 1,350,810.97</u>	<u>\$ (26,587.58)</u>	<u>\$ 1,324,223.39</u>

Total income from Quickbooks	\$ 74,583.26
Court fees deducted from income	8,531.00
Escrow	
Trust interest	1.22
Retiree Health insurance netted with A9060	140.00
*Total receipts	<u>\$ 83,255.48</u>

**Total net income(loss) per Quickbooks	(156,506.54)
Net escrow change	(3,156.80)
Payroll adjustments	(46.58)
Interest adjustment	1.22
Net receipts- disbursements	<u>\$ (159,708.70)</u>