

Approved
May 14, 2018

**April 9, 2018
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

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6:30 pm: Town Board members audited and signed vouchers.

6:45 pm: Interview with John Santacrose for Ombudsman

7:05 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall. Supervisor Ryan Skoda opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence.

Present:

Ryan Skoda	Supervisor
Arthur McGuire	Board Member
Richard Skoda	Board Member
Linda Swartz	Board Member
Joyce Thompson	Board Member
Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

Absent:

Guest Speaker: N. Jeanne Forkeutis, Government Entity Specialist Financial Advisor
Morgan Stanley Wealth Management



The Board agreed to follow Jeanne Forkeutis advice to add \$8,000.00 to mutual fund account and rebalance and, also, to invest \$40,000 into CD's.

Supervisor Ryan Skoda then asked for a motion to approve the following minutes:

March 12, 2018: Town Board meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes, motioned by Board Member Richard Skoda, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

Approved **5 Aye** (Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)
0 Nays
0 Absent

The Correspondence consisted of:

1. Public Hearing Notice, PB, Taghkanic Motel
2. NYSLRS Employer Forum
3. Joyce Thompson, NYMIR Assessor and other items

4. Columbia County Household Hazard Waste Collection Day April 28, 2018
8am – noon
5. Kosco Heritage, My Account
6. Donald MacCormack AVP Municipal Banking, The Bank of Greene County
7. Office of the NYS Comptroller, Finance School Training
 - ✦ Board Member Joyce Thompson has signed to attend the Financial School Training.
 - ✦ Board Member Arthur McGuire has signed up to attend Introduction to Governmental Accounting (Basic Accounting School)
8. LuAnn Scherer, Director Office of Consumer Services, 2018 Winter Storms and Related Power Outages

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.

✦ Grievance Day is May 23, 2018 4 – 8 pm.

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

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: Linda Swartz, report submitted.

✦ Board Member Linda Swartz: a round-about is going to be constructed by the Rip Van Winkle Bridge.

✦ Supervisor Ryan Skoda: work to be done on the County Route 10 Bridge has been put out bid.

✦ Kathy Bainer: repairs to the overpass on Route 27 will be done this summer one lane traffic.

Environmental Management Council: Anna Kadish, no report submitted.

Zoning Commission: Joyce Thompson, report submitted and read as follows.

The Zoning Commission met on 5 and 19 March 2018.

Presentations of the draft Zoning Code have been made to Supervisor Ryan Skoda, Board Members Richard Skoda and Arthur McGuire, CEO/ZEO Dennis Callahan and Assessor Craig Surprise. Justices Tallackson has attended all presentation meetings and Justice Prochera has received a copy of the code for his comment as well.

On 2 April Supervisor Skoda, Town Board Member McGuire and Justice Tallackson met again with the Zoning Commission to present their comments upon review of the material.

Discussions have been productive and the Zoning Commission will begin review of all comments at its workshop on 7 April at Town Hall from 10AM to 3PM. The public is welcome for any and all of these meetings.

All comments, questions and suggestions will be reviewed and dispositions will be documented for distribution to the individuals and for the public record of the Zoning Commission.

As stated in previous reports, the resulting revised version of the draft code will be presented to the Town Board for its collective review and comment. The Town Board will then set a date for a Public Information Meeting to present that version to the public and to ask for public comment.

Next meetings: 7 April (Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM) and 16 April evening meeting with a probable 30 April Monday evening meeting as well. Evening meeting time continues to be 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM and all meetings are held at Town Hall and open to the public.

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

Clerk/Collector: Cheryl Rogers, reports were submitted to the Board

Supervisor: Ryan Skoda, report submitted and the written report was available on the back table for the public.

Highway: George Hotaling, report submitted.

- + Superintendent Hotaling request permission to hire one more man.
- + Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to run a notice for help wanted the highway department, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

Approved **5 Aye** (Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)

0 Nays

0 Absent

- + Supervisor Ryan Skoda, Clerk Rogers, and Superintendent Hotaling will draft a help wanted notice.

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

DRAFT 2018 TAGHKANIC ROADWORK PL.	BUDGET	HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE	TOTAL TOWN MONEY	FED / STATE REVENUE	NET TOWN SPEND FOR ROAD REPAIR
2018 BUDGET FOR ROAD REPAIR	200,000				
2018 CRFP				136,301	
20 17 ROLL OVER				27,465	
RAVE RV				27,465	
WINTER RECOVERY				27,465	
	200,000				
		200,000	=	400,000	
				LESS FED / STATE AID	
				197,992	202,018
TAGHKANIC ROAD	255,000				
HAZEL ROAD					
NEW FORGE ST					
OTHER					
ASPHALT FOR TOWN PAVING					
GRAVEL FOR DIRT ROAD MAINTENANCE	400,000				

APRIL 9, 2018 5 YR CAP PLAN FS IMPACT 2016-2018, 2018 DRAFT ROAD SPEND

Advisory Board reports:

Conservation Advisory Committee: Anna Kadish, report submitted.

Thursday March 15, 2018

Taghkanic citizens present: Anna Kadish, Larry Kadish, Moisha Blechman, Zita Kobos, Tony LaSalvia

The meeting started at 5 PM. First we discussed the issue of culverts in Taghkanic. We reviewed the map of Taghkanic showing roads and streams in our town and data on stream passability and possible sites where culverts might be needed. We agreed that a more formal presentation to our town on culverts, possibly by Megan Lung or other presenter would be a good plan. The 3 presenters to the Taghkanic Town Board several days ago were from the DEC, Trout Unlimited, and from the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

WE then discussed possible Taghkanic CAC sponsored walks for spring. Several possibilities were mentioned. These included

- 1) Suggested sites for culverts in Taghkanic as shown on the maps at the town board meeting

- 2) Walking in Taconic State Park
- 3) Possible walk on a property as suggested by Frost White at a previous CAC meeting
- 4) Sam Pratt's property if we are able to make contact with him.

We tentatively suggested the date of May 5 to schedule the next walk. This date will still have to be confirmed and a leader for the walk will have to be identified.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES: We will have to arrange a talk by Robin Reynolds or other speaker to inform us more about how Taghkanic could become a Climate Smart Community. Before a decision can be made, we have to learn more. This might be a subject for a future Saturday Town Board meeting. Perhaps by Robyn Reynolds. More info on scheduling this is needed.

Glyphosate and its effects on our environment were presented by Moisha Blechman. It was noted that despite the fact that our CAC wrote to the DEC and asked them a question about clear cutting and other factors considered about management of Doodletown WMA. The letter was sent way back in December, We have as yet not received a response from the DEC

The meeting was concluded at 6:30 PM.

Broadband Advisory Committee: Arthur McGuire, report submitted.

The committee met on March 22 to discuss progress. While GTel has been awarded its Phase 3 funding, it does not appear to have all the payment details resolved. But, more importantly, GTel has been proceeding with construction in nearby towns as it makes its way towards Taghkanic. Indeed, after the meeting, GTel trucks were observed on Taghkanic Road, north of Benton Road, in the Town of Taghkanic. Workers were installing fiber on poles.

A lot of time was spent at the meeting reviewing state maps of broadband coverage. The maps have been improved from earlier versions, but work remains to be done. We hope to find out more at the next meeting of the County Broadband Sub-committee.

Old Business:

1. **Murcott property donation update:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: nothing new to report.
2. **County Route 15 Complaint:** paperwork has been filed; Mr. Heesch was served last Monday and he has until April 28, 2018 to rectify, if he does not Attorney Decaire will seek a default judgment, he will keep us up-to-date with the progress.
3. **Newsletter:** Board Member Joyce Thompson: the draft layout is being worked on, I will have a sample for the May meeting.
4. **Financial Advisory Committee interest:** Clerk Rogers: no letters of interest received. Board Member Joyce Thompson please speak to your neighbors and let the board know if you come across someone interested in financial planning.

5. **Ombudsman:** Board Member Joyce Thompson: after speaking with John Santacrose we have homework to do, I will reach out to The Assoc of Towns.
6. **NYS DOT Shared Services:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda, it is my understanding George that you are not in favor of shared services with NYS DOT.
 - + Superintendent George Hotaling: no I am not. It is one sided; they use ours but they do not reciprocate.
 - + Board all agreed not to sign.
7. **Highway Road Complaints:** Discussed during Board/Department reports.
 - + Josh Plass: 37 times out for this year is pitiful.
 - + Arnold Albright: they don't plow until 3:30 in the afternoon, a tree at the end of Wadman Road is over Pumpkin Hollow about to fall, very dangerous, and bridge by my house, there is a big hole that is very dangerous. The Town should have a fingerprint time clock.
 - + Superintendent Hotaling: the bridge is up for replacement this year; Pumpkin Hollow was paved over clay in 2009. Supervisor at that time signed off that it would last for 10 years. As far as the tree/brush storm damage, I am waiting for Gallatin to finish with their chipper and then we can borrow it.
 - + Samantha Plass: as a deputy I received a call about a huge branch down on New Forge Road I.
 - + Josh Plass: fabric should have been placed to help hold the road. The town should rent a chipper to clear the brush that went down with the storms.
 - + Board Member Arthur McGuire: how fast should a plow truck being going when plowing?
 - + Superintendent Hotaling: 18-20 mph
 - + Board Member Joyce Thompson: how can someone identify the town trucks?
 - + Superintendent Hotaling: they are all numbered
 - + Supervisor Ryan Skoda: thank you all for coming and all the information.

New Business:

- A. **May 2018 Calendar:** Board Member Linda Swartz moved to accept the May 2018 calendar, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

- B. **Pictometry Contract Permission for Supervisor to sign:** Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to grant permission for Supervisor Ryan Skoda to sign the contract with Pictometry, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

- C. **Hudson Valley Office Equipment Contract Permission for the Supervisor to sign:** Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to grant permission for Supervisor

Ryan Skoda to sign the contract with Hudson Valley Office Equipment, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

D. Churchtown Fire Protection 2018 Contract set Public Hearing: Board Member Joyce Thompson motioned to set a Public Hearing for the Churchtown Fire Protection 2018 Contract for May 14th at 7 pm, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

E. Churchtown Fire Protection 2017 LOSAP Points: Board Member Arthur McGuire motioned to approve the Churchtown Fire Company 2017 LOSAP points that have been posted for 30 days, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

F. Taghkanic Fire Co. 2017 LOSAP Points: Board Member Richard Skoda motioned to approve the Taghkanic Fire Co. LOSAP 2017 Points that have been posted for 30 days, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✚ March 27, 2018 Abstract: on a motion by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

2018 General Fund Vouchers	# 103 - 122	\$ 11,162.48
2018 Highway Fund Vouchers	# 69 - 70	\$ 5,739.57
2018 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	#	\$
2018 Escrow Fund Vouchers	# -	\$

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

✚ April 9, 2018 Abstract: on a motion by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

2018 General Fund Vouchers	# 123 - 142	\$ 16,634.56
2018 Highway Fund Vouchers	# 71 - 102	\$ 32,100.26
2018 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	#	\$
2018 Escrow Fund Vouchers	# -	\$

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ✚ Arthur Griffith: Gas Land/Dunkin Donuts is being held up because of a sickness at DOT?
- ✚ Supervisor Ryan Skoda asked the board what they wanted to do about the time clock.
- ✚ Board Member Richard Skoda motioned to purchase a finger print time clock and have it installed, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda, Richard)
0 Nays
0 Absent

Executive Session: None

With no further business, on a motion by Board Member Linda Swartz, seconded by Board Member Richard Skoda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **May 14, 2018** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:	Arnold Albright	Arthur Griffith	John Thompson	Anna Kadish
	Larry Kadish	Joshua Plass	Chris De la Rama	Samantha Plass
	John Santacross	George Hotaling	N. Jeanne Forkeutis	