

Approved

November 12, 2018

**October 17, 2018
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Budget Workshop Meeting**

6 pm: The Taghkanic Board held its second Budget Workshop on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

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

Absent:

Lou Giovannucci: presented the Churchtown Budget to the Town Board, explained and answered question. The Board asked for the 2017 profit and loss statement.

Cancer Insurance for the fire Companies, the fire companies have to go to Hartford to get their policy, then the County will pay the bill; the Town will get a chargeback. There will be no increase in town budget or county budget.

Board Member Arthur McGuire: How long has the consultant been working with the Zoning Commission?

Board Member Joyce Thompson: 2 times a month for 8 years; there has been \$20,000.00 in the budget but it has not ever all been spent. The delay is the committee not the consultant.

Board Member Arthur McGuire: would like to discuss raising the clerk's pay.

Supervisor Ryan Skoda: I have done some calculations and feel we can raise her pay to \$32,240.00. All agreed.

Board decided to discuss at a later date a policy for wages for new elected officials and new hires.

The Town Board proceeded with the approved Tentative 2019 budget line by line and made changes to the following lines:

General Appropriations

Town Board

Personal 1010.1 **Increased** 9,600.00

Town Justice

Personal 1110.1 **Increased** 16,870.00

Personal Clerk 1110.13 **Increased** 17,764.00

<u>Supervisor</u>			
Personal	1220.1	Increased	7,200.00
<u>Clerk/Collector</u>			
Personal	1410.1	Increased	32,240.00
Website Support	1410.41	Increased	2,000.00
Newsletter	1410.42	Removed	
<u>Special Items</u>			
Contingent	1990.4	Increased	15,000.00
<u>Garage</u>			
Contractual	5132.4	Decreased	16,000.00
<u>Gen-Rev</u>			
Sales Tax	1120	Decreased	124,465.00
<u>Highway Appropriation</u>			
<u>General Repair</u>			
Fuel-Diesel	5110.41	Decreased	20,000.00
<u>Machinery</u>			
Equipment	5130.2	Removed	35,000.00
Contractual	5130.4	Decreased	60,000.00
<u>Highway Revenues</u>			
Sales Tax	1120	Increased	106,976.00

2019 Budget: Board Member Arthur McGuire motioned to adopt the 2019 Tentative Budget as the 2019 Preliminary Budget with the reduction of the interest on the bond, non recurring expenses on the truck body, a reasonable increase in sales taxes, increased pay for workers, increased pay for board, supervisor and clerk, increased medical insurance, and increased salary as a result of a new employee, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

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

Board Member Joyce Thompson: introduced a developing recommendation from the Zoning Commission to consider adoption of a Local Law which would establish a moratorium on development of certain permitted uses specified in Section III of the Taghkanic Zoning Ordinance. Item for the agenda November 12, 2018.

Board Member Joyce Thompson: suggested the following Resolution for the Board to consider November 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. XX

ADOPTING AN ENERGY BENCHMARKING POLICY FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN OF TAGHKANIC

WHEREAS, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has announced a new Clean Energy Communities program which would allow the Town access to significant grant funding to further implement clean energy actions reducing both energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, One of the Clean Energy Communities "High Impact Actions" requires the Town Board to establish a policy which mandates the public reporting of building energy benchmarking, and

WHEREAS, Establishing a building energy benchmarking system will benefit the Town and its residents by making available good actionable information on municipal building energy use to help identify opportunities to cut costs and reduce pollution in the Town of Taghkanic, and

WHEREAS, Town Board is desirous of adopting a policy that directs that monthly building energy usage for all fuel types including but not limited to electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, chilled water, steam and diesel fuel be collected and formally tracked **for all buildings that are 1,000 square feet or larger that are owned or occupied by the Town**, using the EPA Portfolio Manager platform, and

WHEREAS, Building reports shall be made available to the Town Board in EPA Portfolio Manager regarding summary statistics for each covered property including Energy Use Intensity, annual greenhouse gas emissions, an energy performance score where available, and other descriptive information as required by EPA Portfolio Manager and for that data to be made available to the public via the internet **on an annual basis**, and

WHEREAS, The Town Board may exempt a particular covered municipal building from the benchmarking requirement if the Town Board determines that it has characteristics that make benchmarking impractical, and

WHEREAS, The Supervisor or his/her designee shall be the administrator of this local policy and promulgate procedures necessary for the administration of the requirements of this local policy, and

WHEREAS, if it is determined by the Supervisor and the Town Board that the Local Policy is not in its best interest of the Town or there is a change in the operational structure of the Town government that would make this Local Policy obsolete, they will have the ability to no longer proceed with it, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the policy outlined in this resolution be hereby adopted and established for the Town Board, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate Town officials.

Supervisor Ryan Skoda will contact Attorney Decaire about car zoning update.

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment: None

With no further business, on a motion by Board Member Linda Swartz, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire, the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 9:20 pm. carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **Monday November 12, 2018** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:

Lou Giovannucci