

**March 11, 2019
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

There will be no agenda items for discussion at this meeting.

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

7:01 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
	Linda Swartz	Board Member
	Joyce Thompson	Board Member
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

Absent:	Richard Skoda	Board Member
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Guest Speakers: none

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

February 11, 2019: Town Board meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes, motioned by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

<u>Approved</u>	4 Aye	(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda)
	0 Nays	
	1 Absent	(Richard)

February 28, 2019: Town Board meeting minutes were accepted as written with suggested changes, motioned by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

<u>Approved</u>	4 Aye	(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda)
	0 Nays	
	1 Absent	(Richard)

↓ The Correspondence consisted of:

- a) Ray Colgrove, Town Hall Lighting
 - ↓ Board Member Joyce Thompson, Ray mentioned that the Court Clerk needed help with the 50 footer closet.
 - ↓ Clerk Rogers I will talk to the Justice Clerk and find out what she is looking for.
- b) NYMIR Discrimination & Harassment train the trainer
 - ↓ Supervisor Ryan Skoda will check to see if the training from the County will cover this training.
- c) National Grid notification of routine tree maintenance
- d) Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society

- e) MVP Industries, Quote speed self contained
- f) National Grid, gas operation awareness
- g) G-Tel, Connecting our Community Update
- h) John A. Balli, President & Chief Executive Officer Kinderhook Bank
 - ↓ Board Member Joyce Thompson: was happy to receive the letter from Mr. Balli confirming the merge.
 - ↓ Board Member Linda Swartz: I have heard that the name may not change.
- i) Morgan Stanley, Consolidated tax statement
- j) K.I.S.S. March 18 – March 29, 2019

Then followed reports from the Boards:

- Animal Control:** Wes Powell, report no 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, no report submitted. Next meeting is March 28.
- Environmental Management Council:** Anna Kadish, no report submitted.
- Zoning Commission:** Joyce Thompson, report submitted as follows.
The Zoning Commission met on 4 and 18 February 2019.

The February work completed a detailed review of the major regulatory sections. Extensive discussion continued on two major issues: Campgrounds and short-term rentals. Further research will follow on both. The final content review of definitions will take place in March and then the commission will read through the entire code, make any final edits and prepare it for presentation to the Town Board.

Comprehensive minutes of these meetings are available on the Town Website or upon request to Joyce Thompson at 518.851.3487.

Next meetings: 4 & 18 March. Meeting time continues to be 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. All meetings are held at Town Hall and open to the public. If a meeting date or time is changed, it will be noticed on the town website at www.taughkanic.org.

- Office for the Aging:** Joyce Thompson, no report on OFA 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.

Advisory Board reports:

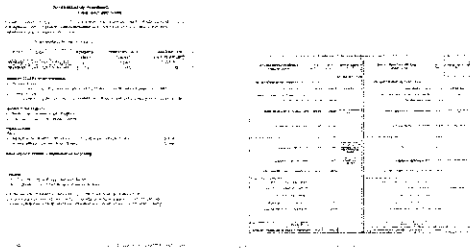
- Financial Advisory Committee Report:** Board Member Joyce Thompson reported the following:

The Town of Taghkanic Financial Advisory Committee met as scheduled on Thursday, 14 February. The audit of January 2019 financial reports found no discrepancies.

The 2018 Estimated Year End Fund Balance report submitted at the February Town Board Meeting is now confirmed on the basis of the Town Accountant's Annual Update Document and the Year End Balance Sheet for the General and Highway Funds.

As of March 1, 2019, the Town of Taghkanic Estimated Fund Balance information is as follows:

FUND	FUND BALANCE on 1/1/2019	Base for Emergencies + Budgeted to Balance 2019 Expenditures	Available for Consideration of Capital Projects
General	\$ 518,957	\$ 120,000	\$ 398,957
Highway	\$ 998,234	\$ 185,000 +\$51,956 = \$ 236,956	\$ 709,322



Conservation Advisory Committee: Tony LaSalvia, report submitted.

CAC Meeting of February 28, 2019

Attendees: Tony LaSalvia, Anna Kadish, Larry Kadish, Joyce Thompson, Valerie Hoffman, Zita Kobos, Moisha Blechman, Agnes LaSalvia

There was a discussion of Moisha's proposed addition to the Zoning Regulations concerning Trees. Moisha was no present at the time but it was discussed that the statement as amended by the inclusion of the sentence from Charlene Paden would be acceptable to be brought to the Zoning Commission.

It is important for the CAC to take an active role in the Zoning Commission's upcoming Town meeting. We should supply input as we deem necessary to make a solid regulation.

A discussion of solar options for the public looked at what is available for people other than roof or ground mount on their property. The town position of no large commercial arrays in town was briefly discussed and may be a topic for later discussion. These questions as well as the Community Choice Aggregation will be brought to the county EMC and the upcoming CAC Roundtable for ideas.

There will be a CAC Roundtable on March 18 in Greenport.

There was a discussion of pesticide and herbicide use by Towns and Other government entities.

The Town Communication Committee is working on giving the CAC the ability to have a BLOG on the website.

Future walks were discussed with Sam Pratt's property, Lake Taghkanic State Park and walk along the Taghkanic Creek near New Forge Road 2 all possibilities to be looked into.

It was suggested that A CAC Table be set up with at the Zoning Commissions Town meetings. We would have information for the public as well as volunteer opportunities for them.

Broadband Advisory Committee: Board Member Arthur McGuire, report

The Broadband Committee met on February 27, 2019. Chis Tallackson, Nancy Rutter, Susan Raymond, Joyce Thompson and Arthur McGuire attended.

The Committee discussed our varying results in our outreach to multiple Internet providers. Mid-Hudson Cable and Gtel have been cooperative. We have had a bit more difficulty communicating with Consolidated but now have contacts with some decision-makers there. Efforts have also been expended to contact certain satellite companies in our town.

As a result, the Broadband Committee will soon post online a guide to various Internet sources in Taghkanic. We have news and contact information on Gtel, Mid-Hudson, Consolidated, Hughes Net and

Via Sat. We also offer a link to the New York State Broadband Office where residents can find out who offers Internet service at their addresses.

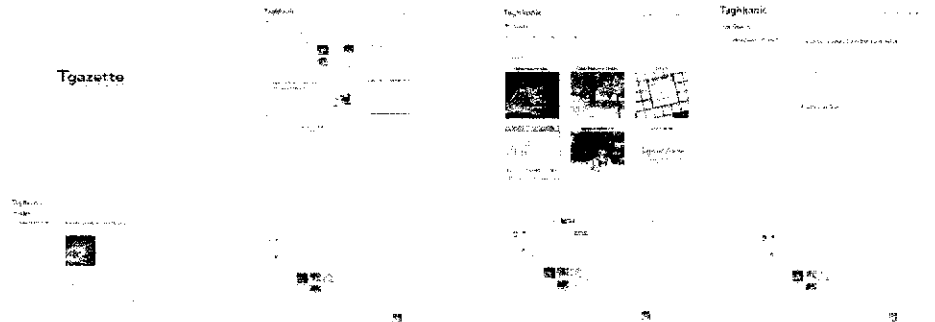
We continue to ask Internet providers to participate in our Broadband Open House on Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 10 a.m. until Noon. We have informal acceptances from Gtel, Mid-Hudson and Consolidated and will send them more formal notices. We are inviting the known satellite providers and will be glad to ask any other companies the residents may recommend.

With regard to the May 18th event, we will need Town Board approval of several hundred dollars to send out a post card invitation to all Taghkanic residents. We have already reserved the fire house for the time.

At this past Broadband Meeting, we also discussed current progress at Gtel, which remains committed to providing Broadband throughout our town. The company plans to continue with its outdoor build out by April 1 and expects to have all infrastructures work completed in 2019. During the winter, splicing work has continued and the company is connecting homes to the new infrastructure. It is slowly making its way from Germantown towards Taghkanic. Gtel is currently contacting the Churchtown Fire Company to ask permission to install an equipment cabinet in its parking lot. Susan Raymond: the committee would like to set a date sometime in May.

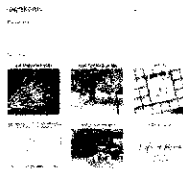
Old Business:

- A. **County Route 15 Complaint:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: Mr. Heesch was at court on March 7th, being this is an ongoing litigation we will go into Executive Session later but I would like to invite Mr. Thompson to join us so he can be update as well. All members present agreed.
- B. **Highway Facility:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: Ray Jurkowski 10 days ago there are no further updates at this time; we are still waiting for DEC to make a decision. Northeastern Environmental is still monitoring the test wells.
- C. **Culvert Inventory:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: there is nothing new to report at this time
- D. **Time Clock:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: I meet with Ron Caponera, Columbia County Controller, will be meeting with Kornos representative tomorrow which I will be getting a quote from them and will send to the Board for further discussion and to make a decision at the April meeting.
- E. **Town Wide Communication/Newsletter:** Board Member Joyce Thompson and Nadja Palenzuela presented the following:



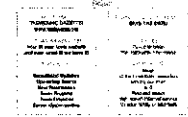
IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE:

April 16, 2018 ... of the ... with ...
All topics will have at least two articles



IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE:

April 18, 2018 ... implementing updated ...
Broadly of Content in May
Among April 18, 20



IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE:

April 17, 2018 ... via ... contact ...
introduction of ...
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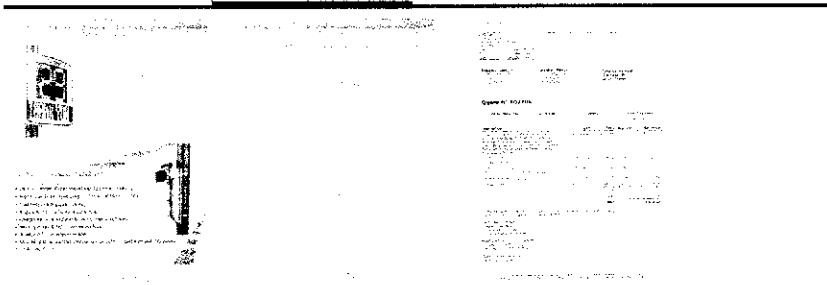
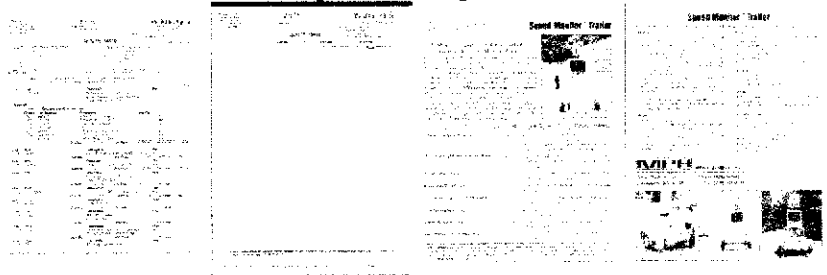


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Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to approve but not to exceed \$1,200.00 to be moved from A1990.4 Contingent to A1410.42 Newsletter to cover the expenses for the development of the Tgazzett.

Approved **4 Aye** (Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Richard)

F. **Speed Sign:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: We now have two quotes one from MPH for a self contained \$12, 824.00 and from Elan City stand alone \$3,479.00 big difference in price. I will ask the county again for the sign and we will discuss at April meeting.



- ↓ Joshua Plass: the county has a program called Ghost Car might be something to look into.
- ↓ Supervisor Ryan Skoda: will ask Peter about the program.

- G. **Draft Junkyard Local Law:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: Tabled for the newly appointed Attorney Andrew Howard to review and advice.
- H. **Draft Junk Storage Local Law:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: Tabled for the newly appointed Attorney Andrew Howard to review and advice.
- I. **Fire Protection District Lines:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda: this is a work in progress maps are being drafted now.

New Business:

- A. **April 2019 Calendar:** Board Member Linda Swartz moved to accept the April 2019 as presented, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

Approved **4 Aye** (Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Richard)

- B. **All Department Update Review Meeting:** Meeting set for April 17, 2019 7 pm.

- C. **Arthur McGuire Taghkanic Fire Co. LOSAP 2018 Points:** Arthur McGuire submitted the 2018 LOSAP point record for approval for the 30 day posting which was prepared by William Hilscher, Chief of Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Company. Motion to approve was made by Board Member Joyce Thompson, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

Approved **4 Aye** (Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Richard)

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

- ↓ **March 11, 2019 Abstract:** on a motion by Board Member Linda Swartz to pay the General and Highway Vouchers and Hold the Hwy Project Vouchers, seconded by Board Member Arthur McGuire.

2019 General Fund Vouchers	#	82 - 100	\$	25,202.45
2019 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	63 - 72	\$	18,750.22
2019 Hwy Project Fund vouchers	#	1 - 2	\$	3,535.00 HOLD
2019 Escrow Fund Vouchers	#	-	\$	

Approved **4 Aye** (Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda)
 0 Nays
 1 Absent (Richard)

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ↓ Joshua Plass: we pay to have sand and gravel hauled in, why aren't we doing it ourselves?
- ↓ Supervisor Ryan Skoda: we do not have a ten wheeler.
- ↓ Arthur Griffith: anyone know when the diner is opening?
- ↓ Board Member Linda Swartz: sometime in April.

9:48 am Executive Session: Supervisor Ryan Skoda asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation. Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

Approved **4 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda)**
0 Nays
1 Absent **(Richard)**

9:02 am Exit Executive Session: Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by Board Member Joyce Thompson.

Approved **4 Aye** **(Ryan, Arthur, Joyce, Linda)**
0 Nays
1 Absent **(Richard)**

With no further business, on a motion by Board Member Arthur McGuire, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **April 8, 2019** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:	John Thompson	Joshua Plass	Arthur Griffith	Christopher De la Rama
	Nadja Palenzuela	Stanley Scott	Nancy Rutter	Susan Raymond
	Larry Kadish	Anna Kadish	Kara Gilmore	Tony LaSalvia
	Agnes LaSalvia			