

APPROVED
5/9/2022

April 11, 2022
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers on March 14, 2022 separately, due to the COVID-19 social distancing.

7 pm The Taghkanic Town Board held its Regular monthly meeting on the above date with a combination of Supervisor Skoda attending by Zoom, Board Members, Town Clerk, 8 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 9 residents attending via Zoom. **Supervisor Ryan Skoda** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Present:	Ryan Skoda	Supervisor	ZOOM
	Elisabeth Albert	Board Member	
	Elizabeth Craig	Board Member	
	Kara Gilmore	Board Member	
	Linda Swartz	Board Member	
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk	

Absent:

Guest Speaker:

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

March 14, 2022: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motioned by **Board Member Linda Swartz** seconded by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

March 31, 2022: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motioned by **Board Member Linda Swartz** seconded by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

The Correspondence:

1. GTel
2. John & Patricia Duffy
3. NYS Department Transportation
4. Charles Schwab LOSAP monthly
5. RYCOR estimate heat pump
6. Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day May 7, 2022
7. Columbia County Office for the Aging Senior Scoop

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: Kyle Miller, report submitted as follows

I have one entry for this month's report:

3/25 - Female boxer mix found on Livingston Rd. in the town of Taghkanic. No collar, tags, or microchip. Brought to CGHS for 10 day stray hold. Her 10 day hold was completed on 4/4 due to no owner stepping forward so she is now property of CGHS.

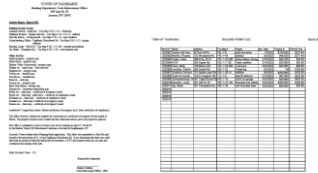
ZBA: James Romaine, Chair, no report.

Planning Board: Katherine Bainer, Chair no report submitted.

Assessor: Craig Surprise report submitted.



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



Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

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



Environmental Management Council: Larry Kadish no report submitted:

STR Sub-Committee: Board Member Elizabeth Craig, Chair, no meeting no report

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

Joyce Thompson requested the Town Board to place a notice to fill the open position representing the town at the Office for the Aging. **Board Member Elizabeth Craig** motioned to notice for the open position to represent the town at the Office of the Aging, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

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

Supervisor: Ryan Skoda, report submitted as attached.



Brush and Weeds line to cover town-wide shoulder-area work. Together with this amendment, the Appropriated Funds of \$71,799 will be reduced to \$6,589.

- DA5130.4 MACHINERY 104% reduced to 73% with \$30,000 additional funds.

The Highway *Unappropriated* Fund Balance is slightly over \$1 Million so this adjustment does not impact the Highway Department from considering major investments to facilitate more productive roadwork.

2022 Budget Amendment #3: *Board Member Elizabeth Craig* motioned to approve Budget Amendment #3-2022, seconded by *Board Member Linda Swartz*.

11-Apr-22	Budget Amendment #3-2022	Increase	Decrease
HIGHWAY FUND			
MACHINERY	DA5130.4	30,000.00	
UNRESERVED, APPROPRIATED HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE	DA9100.1		30,000.00
		30,000.00	30,000.00

TGazette Newsletter Advisory Committee: *Nadja Palenzuela* no report submitted

Conservation Advisory Committee: *Betsy Albert* no meeting to report:

There are several events that will be taking place in the near future.

1. The Taghkanic Creek Headwaters Plan is complete and Larry Kadish and I would like to make a presentation to the Board at the May meeting. Please let me know if this is good.
2. There will be a Tour of Wally Farms on April 21 at 3PM. Details to follow.
3. There is a program put on by the Claverack Library that will take place on June 5 at 3PM in the parking lot of the Taghkanic Fire Station. This event will be about Global Water Issues and will be a talk by author Nancy Castaldo This is also a shared event with the Taghkanic Headquarters Plan. There will be information about the Plan and many of the participants will be there to answer questions. This is open to the public.
4. The Brochure that was produced by the CACs of several towns in the area, including Taghkanic, is being rolled out. This Brochure gives prospective and new land purchasers some environmental ideas to think about as they plan their projects. It is being presented, initially, to local Realtors.
5. The addition to the Trees for Tribes Planting behind the Town Hall is tentatively set for May 14.

Broadband Advisory Committee: *Nancy Rutter*, no meeting no report submitted.

Climate Smart Community: *Larry Kadish*



Digital Advisory Committee: *Joyce Thompson and Nadja Palenzuela*

- The need for proper ditching and draining, recognizing that our property is downhill from the proposed cul-de-sac.
- That the work will not interfere with existing electric, telephone and FIOS wiring
- Our ability to manage access to our driveway/house during any work
- Maintained access to 911 emergency services, including proper signage of Nugent Road
- Any impact on our mailbox/postal service

If our concerns cannot be addressed and/or all the work will not be done at one time, we must strongly object to this abandonment proposal and related work. It will negatively impact what is already recognized as a substandard road, our property access and value. We recognize that the proposed abandonment of Nugent Road is designed to sidestep the Board's refusal of a zoning variance for building construction. We respectfully hope that the Board feels that such a "solution" is not appropriate or fair if it negatively affects another property owner.

Thanks to you and all the Board for your consideration.

John and Patricia Duffy

- ✚ **Superintendent Robert Burns:** will contact the State about the state right-a-way.
- ✚ **Peter Beck:** will measure the west side of the road to the cul-de-sac.

New Business:

A. June 2022 Calendar: Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to accept the June 2022 calendar with additions, seconded by Board Member Elizabeth Craig.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

B. Highway Department well: Supervisor Ryan Skoda I have had no luck in finding a licensed dowser. Board Member Elisabeth Albert did you try Bill Getts I will forward his information to you.

C. Heat Pump Estimates for Town Hall: Board Member Elisabeth Albert waiting for one more estimate.

D. Resolution # 10 Establishing Energy Benchmarking: Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to approve Resolution #10 Establishing Energy Benchmarking Requirements for Certain Municipal Building. Seconded by Board Member Kara Gilmore.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

E. Hudson Valley Office Equipment annual Copy machine Contract: Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to approve the contract with Hudson Valley Office Equipment for the service of the Town Hall Copy machine, seconded by Board Member Elisabeth Albert.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)

0 Nays
0 Absent

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✦ **March 22, 2022 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig**.

2022 General Fund Vouchers	#	132	-	144	\$	7,219.02
2022 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	69	-		\$	12,645.08

Approved **5 Aye** (**Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda**)
0 Nays
0 Absent

✦ **April 11, 2022 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig**.

2022 General Fund Vouchers	#	145	-	164	\$	25,716.31
2022 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	70	-	87	\$	49,938.46
2022 Hwy Project Fund Vouchers	#	3	-		\$	3,793.75

Approved **5 Aye** (**Ryan, Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda**)
0 Nays
0 Absent

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ✦ John Lewis: thank you for the Zoom access
- ✦ Joyce Thompson: thanked everyone who attended by Zoom.
- ✦ Tony LaSalvia and Larry Kadish: requested time on the agenda for the May 9th meeting for 10 minutes to update the Board on the Headwaters project.
- ✦ Elizabeth Craig: requested 15 minutes on the agenda for the May 9th meeting.

Executive Session: none

With no further business, on a motion by **Board Member Linda Swartz**, seconded by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig** the meeting was adjourned at **8:15 pm**, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **May 9, 2021** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

<u>Audience at Town Hall:</u>	Peter Beck John Duffy	Robert Burns Patricia Duffy	Larry Kadish Arthur Griffith	Anna Kadish Karen Lansing White
<u>Audience via Zoom:</u>	Joyce Thompson Donay Queenan Perry Ascher	John Lewis Nadja Palenzuela	Susan Raymond Clara Cordato	Tony LaSalvia Joe Cordato