

**Approved
6/13/2022**

**May 9, 2022
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers on May 8-9, 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 Deputy Supervisor Joyce Thompson, Board Members, Town Clerk, 8 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 5 residents attending via Zoom. **Deputy Supervisor Joyce Thompson** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

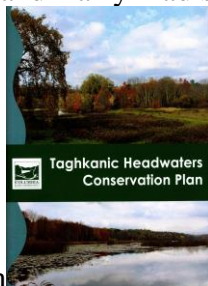
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| Present: | Joyce Thompson | Deputy Supervisor |
| | Elisabeth Albert | Board Member |
| | Elizabeth Craig | Board Member |
| | Kara Gilmore | Board Member |
| | Linda Swartz | Board Member |
| | Cheryl Rogers | Clerk |

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| Absent: | Ryan Skoda | Supervisor |
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Nugent Road: **Deputy Supervisor Joyce Thompson** Attorney Howard: via ZOOM I sent Clerk Rogers a draft Resolution to Abandon a Portion of Nugent Road with the draft Certificate of Discontinuance and Abandonment of a Portion of Nugent Road in the Town of Taghkanic. I would recommend that the Town wait until the cul-de-sac is constructed before passing this resolution. The Board will review the information and discuss further on May 26, 2022.



Guest Speaker: Anthony LaSalvia and Larry Kadish, Presented the Taghkanic Headwaters



Conservation Plan

Deputy Supervisor Joyce Thompson then asked for a motion to approve the following minutes:

April 11, 2022: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by *Board Member Linda Swartz* seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 4 Aye (*Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda*)
0 Nays
1 Absent (*Ryan*)

April 15, 2022: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by *Board Member Linda Swartz* seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 4 Aye (*Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda*)
0 Nays
1 Absent (*Ryan*)

The Correspondence:

1. GTel: If You Dig – U811
2. Walter Flamenbaum- Pittsburgh shooting AIRBNB
3. Campanelli & Associates P.C.
4. Tony LaSalvia – Monitoring Schedule for the Taghkanic Creek
5. Robert Burns – 2022 – 2023 Adopted Budget – 20% increase I local transportation Funding
6. Elena Defio Kean Esq. Hinman Straub P.C. Labor Negotiator and Counsel
 - ✦ *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* memo to the Board he has been working with Elena for the past five years at the County level, he would approve her being appointed as our Labor Negotiator. It is the Boards discretion if they would like to interview or appoint the position tonight.

Board Member Kara Gilmore motioned to appoint Elena Defio Kean Esq. Hinman Straub P.C. Labor Negotiator and Counsel, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Craig*. The Board would like to ask Elena Defio Kean to ZOOM in to the May 26th meeting so Supervisor Skoda can introduce her to Board Members.

Approved 4 Aye (*Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda*)
0 Nays
1 Absent (*Ryan*)

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: *Kyle Miller*, report submitted as follows

ZBA: *James Romaine*, Chair, no report.

Planning Board: *Katherine Bainer*, Chair no report submitted.

Assessor: *Craig Surprise* report submitted.

Assessor's Report

Town of Taghkanic

May 4, 2022

- ✓ Meeting with tax payers
- ✓ Reviewing properties in the field
- ✓ Filed Tentative Roll Book
- ✓ **Grievance Day is Wednesday May 25 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- ✓ Published legal notice for Tentative Roll
- ✓ All notices have been mailed
- ✓ Starting hours for roll book

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



Board member Linda Swartz: reminder we are looking for an open permit report.

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: Board Member Linda Swartz, No meeting no 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 report New program information will be put out on the TGazette.

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

Supervisor: Ryan Skoda, report submitted as attached.



March

April

Highway: Roberts Burns, report submitted as follows:



✓ Well: Ryan suggests moving forward with estimate # 19303 in the amount of \$35,851.14 from Claverack Pump.

Board Member Elizabeth Craig motioned to approve estimate #19303 in the amount of \$35,851.14 from Claverack Pump to drill a New 8” Well & Constant Pressure Pump System 500’ deep, seconded Board Member Kara Gilmore.

Approved **4 Aye** (*Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda*)

0 Nays

1 Absent (*Ryan*)

✓ Chain saws Ryan suggests to hold

✓ Fuel System Ryan suggests to hold

✓ 284 Rob is working on quotes from Gorman’s and Peckham

✓ Equipment long term planning work in progress

✓ Road Plate Ryan is in favor of the purchase

Board Member Elizabeth Craig motioned to approve the purchase of a Road Plate, seconded by Board Member Linda Swartz.

Approved **4 Aye** (*Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda*)

0 Nays

1 Absent (*Ryan*)

✓ Lawn Mower Ryan in favor to put out to bid or unless Rob can find one less than \$5,000.00

Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to approved Highway Superintendent Burns to gather quotes for a new lawn mower or purchase one if he can find one for less than \$5,000.00, seconded by Board Member Elizabeth Craig.

Approved **4 Aye** **(Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)**
 0 Nays
 1 Absent **(Ryan)**

✓2 Part time guys for summer help students 16 with driver’s license **Ryan is in favor**

Board Member Kara Gilmore motioned to approve Highway Superintendent Burns hiring 2 Part Time summer help employees, seconded by Board Member Elizabeth Craig.

Approved **4 Aye** **(Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)**
 0 Nays
 1 Absent **(Ryan)**

Advisory Board reports:

Financial Advisory Committee Report: *Chair Joyce Thompson* report submitted as follows:

The May FAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12 May at 2:30P.M.

Member Joyce Thompson checked the May 9, 2022 Abstract against the town’s internal financial tracking spreadsheet to assure that all appropriation lines were adequate for the first May abstract. Findings are as follows:

REVENUES

General Fund: Received funds stand at 44% before the first Sales Tax distribution.

Highway Fund: Received funds stand at 91% before the first Sales Tax payment.

EXPENDITURES:

General Fund:

Garage Capital Expenditure for a laptop for the Superintendent had not been budgeted. It can be covered by Budget Amendment #4 taking the sum of \$1,525.44 from Contingency.

Highway Fund:

Three lines are at the 70% or above level at the end of April. Diesel and Gas are at 70 and 79 percent, respectively. It is the result of significantly higher prices as well as a high work activity to meet the demands of both winter damages and heavy spring rains.

Machinery budget was amended last month to cover necessary major repair work earlier this year. April spending was down significantly.

| 09-May-22 | Budget Amendment #4-2022 | Increase | Decrease |
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| GENERAL FUND | | | |
| GARAGE | A5132.2 | 1,525.44 | |
| CONTINGENCY | A1990.4 | | 1,525.44 |
| | | 1,525.44 | 1,525.44 |

Board Member Linda Swartz motioned to approve Budget Amendment #4, seconded by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig**.

Approved **4 Aye** **(Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)**
 0 Nays

1 Absent (Ryan)

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

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

Broadband Advisory Committee: *Nancy Rutter*, report submitted.

Broadband Advisory Committee Meeting 4/20/22

- Attending Betsy Albert, Susan Raymond, Nancy Rutter, Chris Tallackson, Joyce Thompson.
- Review of Broadband Guide and need to update.
- Review of Financial Guider updates as it is now supported by ACP, Affordable Connectivity Program.
- Discussion of messaging the availability of the program to the Taghkanic Community. We would like request the Town Board the funds to send out a postcard to all property owners as the best way to tell everyone.
- As recommended by Cheryl Rogers, we will in our posting in the Gazette to say please share with your friends and neighbors.
- Our goal is to complete these upgrades in May as new maps will be posted by the state in relation to current Broadband status.
- Next meeting scheduled for May 18.

Board Member Kara Gilmore motioned to approve \$800.00 for the Broadband Committee to do a post card mailing to the residents of Taghkanic informing them of the Affordable Connectivity Program, seconded by Board Member Elizabeth Craig.

Approved *4 Aye (Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda)*

0 Nays

1 Absent (Ryan)

Climate Smart Community: *Larry Kadish*

Planting of seedlings for Trees for Tribes is set for May 14th at 10am. All are welcome.

Digital Advisory Committee: *Joyce Thompson and Nadja Palenzuela meeting was canceled*

Old Business:

1. County Route 15 Complaint: *Deputy Supervisor Joyce Thompson:*

Clerk Rogers reported there has been progress in the cleanup, the only vehicle left is the RV, all boats are gone, the yard is being graded, and there have been at least six 20 yard dumpsters and three 40 yard dumpsters.

2. Zoning Law Review: *Deputy Supervisor Joyce Thompson* next meeting will be **May 26, 2022 6:30 PM.**

3. Nugent Road: *Deputy Supervisor Joyce Thompson* Discussion held at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Heat Pump Estimates for Town Hall: *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* presented two quotes for heat pumps to the Board as follows:

- ✓ RYCOR - \$28,400.00 electric included
- ✓ S-KP & H INC. - \$28,790.00 electric not included

Board will review the information presented and discuss further at the May 26, 2022 meeting.

Board Member Elisabeth Albert informed the Board that there are 2 grants in the amount of \$5,000.00 each that CSC Member Doug Craig is filing an application for; I am suggesting

that if the Town is granted these monies they are to be used toward the installation of the heat pumps, seconded by **Board Member Kara Gilmore**.

Approved 4 Aye (*Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda*)
0 Nays
1 Absent (*Ryan*)

5. **Churchtown LOSAP:** Attorney Howard is drafting a letter to be sent to the Churchtown Fire Company asking for back up paperwork for the LOSAP points. Further discussion will be May 26, 2022.

New Business:

- A. **July 2022 Calendar:** **Board Member Elizabeth Craig** motioned to accept the July 2022 calendar with additions, seconded by **Board Member Kara Gilmore**.

Approved 4 Aye (*Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda*)
0 Nays
1 Absent (*Ryan*)

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

- ✦ **April 25, 2022 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Elisabeth Craig**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Linda Swartz**.

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| 2022 General Fund Vouchers | # | 165 | - | 178 | \$ | 21,600.43 |
| 2022 Highway Fund Vouchers | # | | - | | \$ | |
| 2022 Hwy Project Fund Vouchers | # | 4 | - | | \$ | 480.00 |

Approved 4 Aye (*Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda*)
0 Nays
1 Absent (*Ryan*)

- ✦ **May 9, 2022 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Board Member Linda Swartz**.

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| 2022 General Fund Vouchers | # | 179 | - | 198 | \$ | 8,707.81 |
| 2022 Highway Fund Vouchers | # | 88 | - | 103 | \$ | 62,589.65 |
| 2022 Hwy Project Fund Vouchers | # | | - | | \$ | |

Approved 4 Aye (*Elisabeth, Elizabeth, Kara, Linda*)
0 Nays
1 Absent (*Ryan*)

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ✦ **Arthur Griffith:** has the trout stocking of the Creek been done, Beaver problems, Trout Unlimited still own property in town?
- ✦ **Cheryl Rogers:** thanked the Taghkanic Fire Company and mutual aid companies for a job well done with the two brush fires on New Forge Road.
- ✦ **Tony LaSalvia:** Monitoring Schedule for Taghkanic Creek, Upper, and tribs (1310-0052) will be finalized soon.

Executive Session: none

With no further business, on a motion by *Board Member Linda Swartz*, seconded by *Board Member Kara Gilmore* the meeting was adjourned at **8:45 pm**, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **June 13, 2021** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall: Peter Paden Tony LaSalvia Larry Kadish Anna Kadish
Peter Beck Arthur Griffith

Audience via Zoom: John Lewis Nancy Rutter Susan Raymond Andrew Howard
Celine Kagan Donay Queenan Doug Craig