

**APPROVED**  
**7/11/2022**

**June 13, 2022**  
**Town of Taghkanic**  
**Town Board Meeting**

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers on June 11 - 13, 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 Ryan Skoda**, Board Members, Town Clerk, 4 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 8 residents attending via Zoom. **Supervisor Ryan Skoda** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

<b>Present:</b>	Ryan Skoda	Supervisor	
	Joyce Thompson	Deputy Supervisor	<b>ZOOM</b>
	Elisabeth Albert	Board Member	
	Elizabeth Craig	Board Member	
	Kara Gilmore	Board Member	
	Linda Swartz	Board Member	
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk	

**bsent:**

Guest Speaker: Elena Defio Kean, Labor Attorney

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

**April 27, 2022:** Town Board/Zoning Review meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Swartz** seconded by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig**.

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

**May 9, 2022:** Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Swartz** seconded by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig**.

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

**May 27, 2022:** Town Board Emergency meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Elizabeth Craig** seconded by **Board Member Linda Swartz**.

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

**The Correspondence:**

1. Claverack Library
2. Taconic Hills Elementary School – DARE Program
3. NY State Deferred Compensation Plan
4. CDPHP 2022 advising of Renewal rate change
5. Mike Degano Teamster Local 294
6. Stawrychy LOSAP monthly
7. Susan Raymond, NYT Article on the loss of farming in Columbia County

**Reports from the Boards:**

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

No entries for this past month.

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

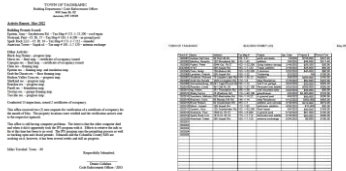
**Planning Board:** *Katherine Bainer*, Chair no report submitted.

**Assessor:** *Craig Surprise* report submitted.

Assessor's Report  
Town of Taghkanic  
June 8, 2022

- ✓ Meeting with tax payers
- ✓ Reviewing properties in the field
- ✓ Grievance Day was held and only 3 were filed
- ✓ File taken to county for Final Roll
- ✓ Did all sales and escrows
- ✓ Did all 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*, report submitted as follows

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

**Supervisor:** *Ryan Skoda*, report submitted as attached.



**Highway:** Roberts Burns, report submitted as follows:



- ✓ **Highway Superintendent Rob Burns** informed the Board the he has received the shop designs from the Structural Engineer, for the culvert pipe being replaced on Taghkanic/Churchtown Road but needs an architect engineer to review and approve.
- ✓ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** Patrick Prendergast cannot approve as he is not architect engineer. I suggest calling Ray Jurkowski at the county asking for him to review and approve.

**A. Ten Wheeler quotes**

- ✚ 2005 Kenworth T800 \$79,900 (425,534 mi.) Chatham, VA
- ✚ 2016 Freightliner Model 114SD (273,032 mi.) \$129,00 Montgomery NY
- ✚ 2021 Kenworth W900 (106,385 mi.) \$239,000 Chatham, VA

**Board Member Elizabeth Craig** motioned to allow up to \$140,000 to purchase a ten wheel Dump, seconded by **Board Member Linda Swartz**.

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

**B. Resolution 11-2022 SPOILS AND SCRAP MATERIALPOLICY:**

**Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to approve Resolution 11-2022 Spoils and Scrap Material Policy, seconded by **Board Member Kara Gilmore**.

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

**Advisory Board reports:**

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

**HIGHWAY FUND:**  
**Gas and Diesel costs are the result of more work being done and significantly higher per gallon pricing. A six-month run rate determined the adjustment recommendations for these two lines: Diesel at \$3,500/month and gas at \$2,000/month. It may not be sufficient depending on rising cost/gallon.**

**HIGHWAY FUND: MACHINERY**

**\$106,189 Spent through mid-June. Overage of \$6,190 to cover plus one month of the six-month run rate of \$17,700. Need Board discussion with the Highway Superintendent to plan for the remaining 5 months.**

13-Jun-22	Budget Amendment #6-2022		
		Increase	Decrease
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
<b>GARAGE</b>	<b>A5132.4</b>	<b>42,000</b>	
<b>UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE, UNAPPROPRIATED</b>	<b>A9110.1</b>		<b>42,000</b>
		<b>42,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>			
<b>DIESEL</b>	<b>DA5110.41</b>	<b>21,000</b>	
<b>GAS</b>	<b>DA5110.42</b>	<b>12,000</b>	
<b>MACHINERY</b>	<b>DA5130.4</b>	<b>23,890</b>	
<b>UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE, UNAPPROPRIATED</b>	<b>DA9901</b>		<b>56,890</b>
		<b>56,890</b>	<b>56,890</b>

*Board Member Elizabeth Craig* motioned to approve Budget Amendment #6, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

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

**TGazette Newsletter Advisory Committee:** *Nadja Palenzuela* no report submitted  
**Conservation Advisory Committee:** *Tony LaSalvia* report submitted as follows:



**Broadband Advisory Committee:** *Nancy Rutter*, report submitted as follows:

Broadband Monthly Report May 18, 2022

Attending Susan Raymond, Chris Tallackson, Nancy Rutter, Joyce Thompson and Betsy Albert via Zoom.

- Discussion to upgrade and add current programs for the Broadband Guide and Financial Guide.
- Review of current providers and map needs.
- Challenges in getting responses from current providers.
- Goal to complete these tasks and have them posted in the town website and Gazette before we work on the postcard.
- Next meeting to be on June 15, 2022 at 1 via Zoom.

**Climate Smart Community: Larry Kadish: report submitted as follows:**



Two Grant letters for approval:

- ✓ Clean Energy Communities – Action Grant Application
- ✓ Clean Energy Communities – Designation Grant Application

**Board Member Linda Swartz** motioned to approve Supervisor Ryan Skoda sign the two letters for the grant applications, seconded **Board Member Elizabeth Craig**.

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

Larry Kadish: Charmaine asked if the Town of Taghkanic would be interested in joining forces with the Taghkanic Diner to providing a service for the residents in town who may be in need of food; which could be referred to as Taghkanic Free Fridge Project. All Board members present were in favor.

- + **Town Board** discussion A refrigerator would be place in a local spot in town for the residents to come take food if needed.
- + **Clara Cordato:** I am a group leader for the Critter Crew 4H club in Columbia. My 4H group would be interested in building and donating a Blessing Box to go with the free fridge project. The children would be working on this as their woodworking community service project for 4H.
- + **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** we might be able to ask Lowes is they would be willing to donate a refrigerator.
- + **Peter Beck:** I work for Lowes and could take a letter from the town with the request and get an answer.

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

**Old Business:**

1. **County Route 15 Complaint: Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** I meant to call ZEO Dennis Callahan today and ask if there were any further violation; will call him tomorrow. As Clerk Rogers reported last month cleanup has be in progress and the only vehicle left is the RV, all boats are gone, the yard is being graded,
2. **Zoning Law Review:** next meeting were set as follows:
  - June 20, 2022 6:30 PM. STR review**
  - June 29, 2022 6:30 PM Zoning review**
  - July 18, 2022 6:30 PM Zoning review**
  - July 27. 2022 6:30 PM Zoning review**

3. **Nugent Road Resolution:** *Board Member Elizabeth Craig* motioned to approve Resolution # 12 -2022 for the Abandonment of a portion of Nugent Road as presented in the resolution, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

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

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 w/Wi-Fi connection and no ground mounts

*Board Member Elizabeth Craig* motioned to approve the RYCOR quote of \$28,400.00 electric include with Wi-Fi connection and no ground mounts, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

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

5. **Churchtown 2021 LOSAP:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to approve the LOSAP points as presented, seconded by *Board Member Elizabeth Craig*.

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

### **New Business:**

- A. **August 2022 Calendar:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to accept the August 2022 calendar with additions, seconded by *Board Member Kara Gilmore*.

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

- B. **Taghkanic LOSAP annual audit 2021 Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte CPAs:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to contract with Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte to do the annual Taghkanic LOSAP audit for 2021, seconded by *Board member Kara Gilmore*.

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

- C. **Juneteenth:** *Board Member Linda Swartz* motioned no Juneteenth off for this year; will take under consideration during union contract negotiations, seconded by *Board Member Elizabeth Craig*.

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

**D. Taghkanic/Churchtown Fire Companies becoming a District: Supervisor Ryan Skoda** I have been asked to look into what it would take for a fire company to become a fire district instead of a fire protection district. The one difference for the town is fire protection district the town over sees everything and if the fire companies become a fire district they become an entity of their own. What is the Board's pleasure? All agreed to have Attorney Howard start investigating the process and what is involved for the Town to do.

**The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:**

✚ **May 24, 2022 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Swartz**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Craig**.

2022 General Fund Vouchers	#	199	-	209	\$	17,247.95
2022 Highway Fund Vouchers	#		-		\$	
2022 Hwy Project Fund Vouchers	#		-		\$	

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

✚ **June 13, 2022 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Swartz**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Craig**.

2022 General Fund Vouchers	#	210	-	238	\$	19,311.28
2022 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	88	-	103	\$	59,684.44
2022 Hwy Project Fund Vouchers	#		-		\$	

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

**The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:**

- ✚ Susan Raymond: asked Larry Kadish how was the tour of Wally Farms?
- ✚ Larry Kadish: 14-16 people attended tour was an hour and forty five minutes long very exciting, very informative and interesting. They are working on getting their green learning center up and running.

**Executive Session: none**

**With no further business,** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Swartz**, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Craig** the meeting was adjourned at **9:10 pm**, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **July 11, 2021** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

<b><u>Audience at Town Hall:</u></b>	Larry Kadish	Anna Kadish	Peter Beck	Arthur Griffith
<b><u>Audience via Zoom:</u></b>	Nancy Rutter Clara Cordato	Susan Raymond Doug Craig	Celine Kagan Sherrill Kurland	Donay Queenan Steve Smollens