

**Approved**  
**11/13/2023**

**October 16, 2023**  
**Town of Taghkanic**  
**Town Board Budget Workshop Meeting**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Ryan Skoda	Supervisor
	Elisabeth Albert	Board Member
	Kara Gilmore	Board Member
	Linda Mirabelli	Board Member
	Joyce Thompson	Deputy Supervisor
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk
	Robert Burns	Highway Superintendent

<b>Absent:</b>	Elizabeth Craig	Board Member
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Town Board proceeded with the approved Tentative 2023 budget line by line and made the following changes.

<b>General Appropriations</b>	<b>Tentative</b>	<b>Preliminary</b>
<b><u>Town Board</u></b>		
<b>Personal</b> 1010.1	10,080.00	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>Contractual</b> 1010.4	10,000.00	no change
<b><u>Town Justice</u></b>		
<b>Personal</b> 1110.1	17,724.00	no change
<b>Personal Clerk</b> 1110.13	37,328.00	no change
<b>Asst. Clerk</b> 1110.14	5,850.00	no change
<b>Contractual</b> 1110.4	7,000.00	no change
<b><u>Supervisor</u></b>		
<b>Personal</b> 1220.1	7,560.00	<b>9,000.00</b>
<b>Contractual</b> 1220.41	1,000.00	no change
<b><u>Accounting</u></b>		
<b>Personal</b> 1340.1	2,462.00	no change
<b>Accounting</b> 1340.41	20,000.00	<b>18,000.00</b>
<b>Payroll</b> 1340.42	4,540.00	no change
<b><u>Assessors</u></b>		
<b>Personal</b> 1355.1	17,500.00	no change
<b>Clerk</b> 1355.13	4,500.00	no change
<b>Equipment</b> 1355.2	750.00	no change
<b>Contractual</b> 1355.4	3,340.00	no change
<b>Litigation</b> 1355.41	5,000.00	<b>0.00</b>

**Clerk/Collector**

<b>Personal</b>	1410.1	52,000.00	no change
<b>Website Person</b>	1410.11	1,645.00	no change
<b>Equipment</b>	1410.2	1,000.00	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Contractual</b>	1410.4	16,700.00	no change
<b>Website Support</b>	1410.41	4,000.00	no change
<b>Newsletter</b>	1410.42	500.00	no change

<b><u>Attorney</u></b>	1420.4	15,000.00	no change
Labor Attorney	1420.41	4,000.00	no change

<b><u>Engineer</u></b>	1440.4		
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**Town Hall**

<b>Personal</b>	1620.1	2,971.00	no change
<b>Maintenance</b>	1620.11	600.00	no change
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	1620.2		
<b>Contractual</b>	1620.4	15,000.00	no change

**Special Items**

<b>Insurance</b>	1910.4	27,028.00	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>Municipal Dues</b>	1910.4	900.00	no change
<b>Contingent</b>	1990.4		

**Public Safety Animal Control**

<b>Personal</b>	3510.1	5,665.00	no change
<b>Contractual</b>	3510.4	600.00	no change

**Building Inspector**

<b>Personal Service</b>	3620.1	21,115.00	no change
<b>Clerk</b>	3620.11	3,199.00	no change
<b>Equipment</b>	3620.2	1,000.00	no change
<b>Contractual</b>	3620.4	6,320.00	no change
<b>BI Litigation</b>	A3620.41	5,000.00	<b>0.00</b>

**Transportation**

**HIGHWAY SUPT**

<b>Personal</b>	5010.1	75,000.00	no change
<b>Contractual</b>	5010.4	1,875.00	<b>2,825.00</b>

**Garage**

<b>Maintenance</b>	5132.1		
<b>Capital outlay</b>	5132.2	1,000.00	no change
<b>Contractual</b>	5132.4	35,000.00	no change

## Economic Assistance

### Aged Programs

Contractual	6772.4	200.00	no change
Meals on Wheels			
Contractual	6772.41	100.00	no change

## Culture & Recreation

Youth Program	7310.4	1,000.00	no change
Family Program	7310.41	500.00	<b>2,400.00</b>
Library	7410.4	3,000.00	<b>5,000.00</b>
Historian	7510.4	100.00	no change
Community	7650.4		<b>500.00</b>

## Home & Community Services

### Zoning

Personal Chair	8010.10	1,500.00	no change
Personal Clerk	8010.11	560.00	no change
Contractual	8010.4	5,000.00	no change
Contractual	8010.41		<b>10,000.00</b>

### Planning

Personal Chair	8020.10	1,500.00	no change
Personal Clerk	8020.11	1,000.00	no change
Equipment	8020.2		
Contractual ZBA	8020.4	5,000.00	no change
Contractual code	8020.41	10,000.00	<b>10,000.00</b>

### Cemetery

	8810.4		no change
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## Undistributed

Retirement	9010.8	12,313.00	<b>13,869.00</b>
Social Security	9030.8	23,500.00	no change
Disability	9055.8		
Hospitalization	9060.8	50,000.00	<b>45,700.00</b>

## Debt

Bond – Prin.	9730.6	34,112.00	no change
Bond – Int.	9730.7	6,447.00	no change

## Gen-Rev

Property	1001	161,741.00	no change
Payment In-lieu	1080	423.00	no change
Tax Penalties	1090	6,000.00	no change
Sales Tax	1120	135,867.00	no change

<b>Departmental</b>			
<b>Clerk/Dog Fees</b>	1255/2544	1,000.00	no change
<b>Zoning Fees</b>	2110		
<b>Planning Fees</b>	2115	1,000.00	no change
<b>Tobacco</b>	2389	11,500.00	no change
<b><u>Use of Money</u></b>			
<b>Interest</b>	2401	6,000.00	no change
<b><u>Licenses</u></b>			
<b>Building Permits</b>	2555	12,000.00	no change
<b><u>Fines</u></b>			
<b>Fines &amp; Forfeitures</b>	2610	150,000.00	no change
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>			
<b>State Aid</b>			
<b>Per Capita</b>	3001	4,300.00	no change
<b>Mortgage Tax</b>	3005	30,000.00	no change
<b><u>Highway Appropriation</u></b>			
<b><u>General Repair</u></b>			
<b>Personal Ser.</b>	5110.1	171,835.00	no change
<b>Cont. Paved</b>	5110.4	160,000.00	no change
<b>Fuel-Diesel</b>	5110.41	40,000.00	no change
<b>Fuel-Gas</b>	5110.42	25,000.00	<b>18,000.00</b>
<b>Cont. Unpaved</b>	5110.43	80,000.00	no change
<b>Culvert Pipes</b>	5110.44	20,000.00	no change
<b>Signs</b>	5110.45	15,000.00	<b>7,500.00</b>
<b><u>Bridges</u></b>			
<b>Contractual</b>	5120.4		
<b><u>Machinery</u></b>			
<b>Equipment</b>	5130.2	80,000.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Cont. Repairs</b>	5130.4	80,000.00	no change
<b>Cont. Parts</b>	5130.41	50,000.00	no change
<b><u>Brush &amp; Weeds</u></b>			
<b>Contractual</b>	5140.4	9,252.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Sm Equipment</b>	5140.2	12,000.00	no change

**Snow Removal**

Personal Ser	5142.1	108,853.00	no change
Contractual	5142.4	85,000.00	<b>75,000.00</b>

**Highway**

Retirement	9010.8	33,934.00	<b>37,497.00</b>
Social Security	9030.8	17,403.00	no change
Disability	9055.8	3,600.00	no change
Hospitalization	9060.8	110,558.00	<b>90,980.00</b>

**Debt**

Bond – Prin.	9730.6	69,431.00	no change
Bond – Int.	9730.7	19,121.00	no change

**Highway Revenues**

Property	1001	595,421.00	no change
Sales Tax	1120	135,867.00	no change
Interest	2401	1,000.00	no change

**Fire Protection**

Taghkanic	SF1001	186,013.00	no change
Churchtown	SF1001	72,194.00	no change

**2024 Preliminary Budget:** *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, motioned to adopt this work as the 2024 Preliminary Budget with a Public Hearing to be held on November 13, 2023 at 7 pm, seconded by *Board Member Kara Gilmore*.

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

**Town Attorney and PB Attorney RFP:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* we received one RFP from Andrew Howard we need to make an appointment. *Board Member Kara Gilmore* motioned to appoint Andrew Howard as the Town Attorney and Planning Board Attorney term January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

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

**December 2023 Calendar:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to approve the December 2023 calendar with the addition of the Year End Meeting December 28, 2023 9 am., seconded by *Board Member Kara Gilmore*.

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

**Permission to Notice for Letters of Interest for the Follow Position:**

- + ZBA
- + ZBA Alternate:
- + Planning Board Member:
- + Planning Board Alternate:
- + Town Representative for the Col. Co. Climate Smart Community Task Force to:

**Board Member Kara Gilmore** motioned to grant permission to notice for Letters of Interest for the open positions on the ZBA, Planning Board, Alternates, and CCCSCTF Representative, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

**Amended Budget Amendment #8: Deputy Supervisor Joyce Thompson** Budget Amendment #8 needs to be amended as follows:

Town of Taghkanic				AMENDED
9-Oct-23	Budget Amendment #8-2023	Increase	Decrease	16 OCT 23
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
TOWN JUSTICE ASSIST CLERK	A1110.14	4,700		
CONTRACTUAL ZC	A8010.41			4,700
ZBA CLERK PERSONAL SVC	A8010.11	400		
CONTRACTUAL ZC	A8010.41			400
		5,100		5,100
ASSESSOR CONTRACTUAL	A1355.4	12,770		
ASSESSOR LITIGATION	- A1355.41	-		12,770
UNRESERVED, UNBUDGETED FB	A9110			12,770
		12,770		12,770
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>				
GENERAL REPAIRS - CONTRACTUAL	DA5110.4	150,000		
GENERAL REPAIRS - DIESEL	DA5110.41	20,000		
BUDGETED FUND BALANCE	DA9100			170,000
		170,000		170,000

**Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to approve the amended Budget Amendment #8, as presented, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

**Budget Amendment #9: Deputy Supervisor Joyce Thompson** Budget Amendment #9 is to adjust appropriation line 1355.41 we received the final litigation bill as follows:

Town of Taghkanic				
	16-Oct-23	Budget Amendment #9-2023		
			Increase	Decrease
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
ASSESSOR LITIGATION		A1355.41	14,981.47	
BUILDING INSPECTOR LITIGATION		A3620.41		9,000.00
ZONING COMMISSION		A8010.41		4,000.00
TOWN BOARD CONTRACTUAL		A1010.4		1,981.47
			14,981.47	14,981.47

**Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to approve Budget Amendment #9, as presented, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

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

**October 16, 2023 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

2023 General Fund Vouchers # 324 - \$ 41,480.06  
 2023 Highway Fund Vouchers # 140 - \$ 91,739.13

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

**STR Regulations with Attorney Fitzsimmons changes:** **Supervisor Ryan Skoda**, asked if anyone had any suggested changes?

**Board Member Linda Mirabelli:**

- ✚ Page 2 Section 3. SHORT-TERM RENTALS ALLOWED FOR RESIDENTS ONLY, IN THE TOWN OF TAGHKANIC. Need to change for to by.
- ✚ Page 4 B. Hosted STR: #2 If Owner of a Hosted STR must be absent overnight at any time during a Rental Period, a Designated Local Host who meets all requirements defined in Section IV. A 1 must be available. Should be change to Section 2 #2.
- ✚ **Board Member Linda Mirabell:** I have a few more questions; Clerk Rogers suggested that I email Attorney Fitzsommons.
- ✚ **All Members Present agreed for Board Member Linda Mirabelli** to email **Attorney Fitzsimmons** with the rest of her concerns.

**Columbia County Planning and Economic Development:** **Clerk Rogers** shared a Memorandum from Patrice O. Perry, Director, Columbia County Planning and Economic

Development with a sample Resolution Exempting Certain Referrals Mandated by General Municipal Law Section 239-m for the Board to review for November 13, 2023 meeting to motion to approve as a town Resolution.

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

With no further business, on a motion by *Board Member Kara Gilmore*, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 9:05 pm. carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be Monday November 13, 2023 at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

**Audience:** No One Present

**Audience Zoom:** Perry Ascher

Doug Craig