

APPROVED
10-14-2024

September 9, 2024
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers September 8th and 9th 2024

7 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its Regular meeting on the above date with a combination of Deputy Supervisor Kara Gilmore, Board Members, Town Clerk, 3 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 10 residents attending via Zoom.

Present:	Ryan Skoda	Supervisor	ZOOM
	Kara Gilmore	Deputy Supervisor	
	Elisabeth Albert	Board Member	
	Perry Ascher	Board Member	
	Doug Craig	Board Member	
	Linda Mirabelli	Board Member	
	Cheryl Rogers	Clerk	
	Eric Gaylord	Highway Superintendent	

Guest Speaker:

Deputy Supervisor Kara Gilmore then asked for a motion to approve the following minutes:

August 12, 2024: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Perry Ascher** seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

August 29, 2024: Town Board Special meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Perry Ascher** seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

The Correspondence:

1. NYMIR ANNUAL 2023 REPORT
2. TOWN HALL IDIES
3. Debbie Colgrove Festival and camping sites at "FARM" on Livingston Road
✚ Debbie Colgrave: thank you
4. Daved J. Galarneau, IAO letter of interest
5. Brittany Santarelli, letter of interest
6. Timothy w. McGowan, letter of interest

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: Kyle Miller, report submitted.

I have 2 entries for this past month:

8/10 - Report of a loose medium sized tan dog on the Northbound side of the TSP near mile marker 84 Snyderstown Rd. No further sightings since.
8/26 - Report of a found male Yorkshire terrier at Lake Taghkanic State Park. Owners arrived and were reunited before I could collect the dog.

ZBA: James Romaine, Chair, report submitted by Acting Secretary Linda Mirabelli.

Planning Board: Katherine Bainer, Chair report submitted.

Assessor: Craig Surprise no report submitted.

- ✚ The Board set October 2, 2024 6 pm to interview the three applicants for Assessor via Zoom 25 minutes apart. Clerk Rogers will set up times with the applicants.
- ✚ The Board also set October 7, 2024 1 pm to meet with their choose of Appointment.

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

- ✚ **Dennis Callahan, Code Enforcement Officer** requests a moratorium to allow the town time to write a law regulating Assemblies/Events/Festivals. Currently LL 2 1972 on the books allows up to 500 people with little to no regulations.

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned to set a Public Hearing for October 14, 2024 7 pm LL 4 – 2024 Moratorium Assemblies/Events/Festivals seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: Board Member Linda Mirabelli, no report submitted

The next meeting of the Columbia County Traffic Safety Board is scheduled for September 26, 2024.

Environmental Management Council: Robert Brush no report submitted:

Office for the Aging: Celine Kagan and Susan Silverman, verbal report submitted as follows:


Upcoming Events

Upcoming:

- Sat 9/21 – BINGO 6-7:30 at the Firehouse
- Wed 9/25 – 5:30 – 7 at the Firehouse – FRAUD WATCH! AARP Speaker’s Bureau
- Wed 10/9 5:30 – 7 at the Firehouse – Craft Klatch – sewing/knitting/crochet/ etc
- Sun 10/27 3-5pm - at the Firehouse – TRICK OR TRIVIA!!!
- Wed 11/13 - 3-5pm - at the Firehouse – NETWORKING EVENT (leaders from other committees/groups for Seniors).
- Sunday Dec 15 (TBD) Cookie Event (possibly with CS committee)

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

Supervisor: Ryan Skoda, report submitted.


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Highway: Eric Gaylord, report submitted.


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Superintendent Eric Gaylord

informed the Board that Truck # 4 the 2006 6-wheel dump is done, I have had two mechanics from Hillsdale Repair and JP Trucking look it over, both agreed to repair it will cost over \$14,000 replacement of computer, complete wiring and a cracked bell housing. In my opinion we need a new 6-wheel dump. I have been researching for a new

truck with dealer from Mac, Kenworth, Allegiance also Action International and other websites. (price \$350,000)

Supervisor Ryan Skoda via zoom: I have told **Superintendent Gaylord** to Spec and Order the new truck; it is going to take time for it to be manufactured. The County ordered trucks two years ago and are still waiting.

- **Board Member Elisabeth Albert:** with truck # 4 down how is this going to affect winter plowing?
- **Superintendent Eric Gaylord:** we will be using the one ton and pickup for the dirt roads. I will be plowing and sanding with the new pickup as well.
- **Joyce Thompson:** perfect timing for Budget workshop.

✚ **Craryville Road Bridge: Superintendent Eric Gaylord** Clerk Rogers and I have gathered the addresses for the residents involved. We would like to invite them to October 14, 2024 meeting to inform them of the towns plan. **All agreed.**

✚ **Reservoir Road/City of Hudson:**

Supervisor Ryan Skoda via zoom: Talked to the fire company, and they understand where the city is coming from. They will make alternative plans for emergency response. Road is narrow and poorly maintained and not viable for some of the bigger equipment anyways.

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned to have Attorney Howard move forward with turning Reservoir Road over to the City of Hudson with **Superintendent Eric Gaylord** stipulations for the City of Hudson closure of the road, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert.**

Approved 5 Aye (**Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda**)
0 Nays
0 Absent

✚ **New Forge Road/Murcott:**

Supervisor Ryan Skoda via zoom: Attorney Howard is moving forward with the abandonment of New Forge Road to Mrs. Murcott. Attorney Howard will be reaching out to Mrs. Murcott to get documentation the town needs to abandon the road, and will advise once ready.

✚ **Driveway permits fee: Clerk Rogers:** Attorney Howard advised amending the towns fee schedule by Resolution 11-2024 Amending Taghkanic Fee Schedule with the change of Driveway Permit fee to \$150.00

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to approve Resolution 11 – 2024 Amending Taghkanic Fee Schedule with the change of Driveway Permit fee to \$150.00, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli.**

Approved 5 Aye (**Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda**)
0 Nays
0 Absent

Advisory Board reports:

Financial Advisory Committee Report: **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** reported the following: meeting schedule for Thursday September 12, 2024.

Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community: Board Member



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Doug Craig report submitted:

Digital Communication Advisory Committee: Nadja Palenzuel no meeting held.

Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force: report submitted as



2024-08-01 CSC Task
Force - DRAFT Meetin

follows:

Old Business:

1. Zoning Review: updates for next month

2. New Town Hall:

Bets Thoughts on Town Hall

Would like to keep present location.

Like the idea of a green building

Space Needs:

1. Town Clerk office,
2. Court clerk office, (room for two desks)
3. Courtroom
4. Small conference room for attorneys to meet with clients privately
(these are suggestions from Nick Zapp)
5. One Restroom enough?
6. Assessor office
7. CEO Office
8. Storage space (how much needed in digitized world)
9. Kitchen?

Courtroom could double as general conference room for Board meetings.

Large screen for ZOOMS, presentations, etc.

Foyer area for public notices, pamphlets, etc

Outdoor space, another picnic table, enhanced garden area, more tree plantings

Think larger events could continue to be hosted at Firehouse. (Banquets, etc)

All agreed a full kitchen is not necessary, small kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave and sink would be fine.

Everyone agreed keeping present location but would need to do a Feasibility Study.

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to post an RFP for Engineer to do a Feasibility Study on the present town hall property, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

Approved 5 Aye (**Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda**)
0 Nays
0 Absent

3. 2025 Budget Workshop: September 30, 2024 6:30 pm

4. **Good Neighbor Handbook:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to approve the Good Neighbor Handbook as presented, seconded by Board Member Linda Mirabelli.

Approved 5 Aye (*Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda*)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

New Business:

1. **November 2024 Calendar:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to accept the November 2024 calendar with suggested changes, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 5 Aye (*Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda*)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

2. **LL 1 – 2024 STR Regulation/STR Application:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* I support the changes, but a public hearing needs to be scheduled in order for changes to be made.

Section 6. INSPECTION A PREREQUISITE FOR APPROVAL OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT

- A. ~~Owner must arrange and pay for inspection by an independent licensed New York State Home Inspector who must confirm that the Dwelling and all regulated property features are in compliance with all health, fire and safety requirements as set forth in the New York State Building Code meet the Standards and Practices set forth in Subpart B of the New York State Division of Licensing Services for Home Inspectors before a STR Permit will be issued. Such inspection report shall be provided to the Code Enforcement Officer with any application for an STR.~~
- B. Upon completion of ~~and~~ satisfactory CEO ~~approved~~ of Inspection, a STR Permit will be issued by the Code Enforcement Officer and filed with the Town Clerk.
- C. If an Inspection fails, or any deficiencies are noted in the inspection, ~~or by the CEO~~ the CEO will advise the applicant in writing of corrective action required.
- D. At the discretion of the CEO, Re-inspection may be required as a prerequisite for annual STR Permit renewal, if there is reason to believe conditions of the property have changed.
- E. Owner will arrange any required re-inspection as per Section 6.D., above.

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to send the above changes to Attorney Fitzsimmons have him revise LL 1 – 2024 and set a Public Hearing for October 14, 2024 at 7:15 pm LL 3 - 2024, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*.

Approved 5 Aye (*Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda*)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

3. **Taghkanic Fire LOSAP Annual Audit 2022 and 2023 Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte:** *Clerk Rogers* need permission for Supervisor Ryan Skoda to sign the

agreement for Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte to complete the annual audits for 2022 and 2023 Taghkanic Fire LOSAP.

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to grant permission for Supervisor Ryan Skoda to sign the agreement for Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte to complete the annual audits for 2022 and 2023 Taghkanic Fire LOSAP, seconded by **Board Member Doug Craig**.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✚ **August 16, 2024 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Perry Ascher**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	-	\$	
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	96	-	\$ 52,250.00

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

✚ **August 24, 2024 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Perry Ascher**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	250	-	257	\$	11,407.65
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	-			\$	

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

✚ **September 9, 2024 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Perry Ascher**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	258	-	276	\$	9,830.12
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	97	-	102	\$	14,930.65
2024 ARP Project	#	6	-		\$	

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

✚ **September 9, 2024 # 2 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Perry Ascher**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	-	\$			
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	103	-	104	\$	3,933.66
2024 ARP Project	#	6	-		\$	

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan (Zoom), Elisabeth, Perry, Doug, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ✚ **Authur Griffith:** with removing road inventory we will not be getting full CHIPS funding.
- ✚ **Larry Kadish:** September 28, 2024 Citizen Preparedness Class at the Taghkanic Fire House

Executive Session: None

With no further business, on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, seconded by **Board Member Doug Craig** the meeting was adjourned at **8:17** pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **October 14, 2024** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall: Arthur Griffith Debbie Colgrove Ray Colgrove

Audience via Zoom: Joyce Thompson Larry Kadish Anna Kadish Nadja Palenzuel
 Sherrill Kurland Steven Smollens Fran Murcott Joanne Klein
 Susan Silverman Celine Kagan