

APPROVED
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October 14, 2024
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers October 12th - 14th 2024

7 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its Regular meeting on the above date with a combination of Supervisor Ryan Skoda, Board Members, Town Clerk, 9 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 6 residents attending via Zoom.

Present:

Ryan Skoda	Supervisor
Elisabeth Albert	Board Member
Perry Ascher	Board Member
Doug Craig	Board Member
Linda Mirabelli	Board Member
Cheryl Rogers	Clerk

7 pm: PH LL #4 – 2024 (6) month moratorium on public events proposed to be conducted pursuant to Local Law 2 of 1972 in order to allow for a review of proposed amendments to said local law.

+ *Molly Elliot:* why

+ *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* for the town to have better regulations on big events for health safety.

+ *Debbie Colgrove:* will the new law address regulations?

+ *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* yes

Supervisor Ryan Skoda: If there are no more further comments, concerns or questions I will entertain a motion to close the Public Hearing for LL 4 -2024.

7:12 pm: Public Hearing Closed: *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to close the Public Hearing for LL 4 -2024, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

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

7:12 pm: PH LL # 3 – 2024 Amending the LL # 1 – 2024 STR Regulation:

+ *Susan Raymond:* what happened why the change?

+ *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* CEO Dennis Callahan feels with his assistant they will be able to handle the inspections.

+ *Donay Queenan:* in the following Section 6. A. CEO should be Code Enforcement Officer

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

A. Owner must arrange and pay for inspection by the CEO Code Enforcement Officer 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 before a STR Permit will be issued.

✚ *All agreed*

Supervisor Ryan Skoda: If there are no more further comments, concerns or questions I will entertain a motion to close the Public Hearing for LL 4 -2024.

7:19 pm: Public Hearing Closed: Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to close the Public Hearing for LL 4 -2024, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

Guest Speaker: Jackie Salvatore, Columbia County Undersheriff: the Resident Deputy program was discontinued a few years ago because of short staffing. Our resident deputy with five years or more are assigned take home vehicle. We have deputy who lives in Ancram which would be able to respond to calls in Taghkanic if he on duty or dispatch will send the closest car. All emergency please call 911 or the main office number 518-828-3344.

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

September 9, 2024: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

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

September 30, 2024: Town Board Budget Workshop meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

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

The Correspondence:

1. Leonard Higgins President and Chief Operating Officer, GTEL
 ✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** I received a call from Mr. Higgins to setup a meeting, I have not returned his call will update next month.
2. Charels Swab monthly LOSAP

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: *Kyle Miller*, report submitted.

I have 3 entries for this month:

9/13 - Stray tan/brindle dog seen in front of the church on Churchtown-Taghkanic Rd. No further sightings since.

9/17 - Stray yorkie found on Rt. 82. No collar or tags. Reunited with the owner shortly after by the finder.

9/23 - Report of a missing black and tan coonhound. Found by the owner shortly after.

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

Planning Board: *Katherine Bainer*, Chair report submitted.

Assessor: no report submitted.

✚ **Sole Assessor: Supervisor Ryan Skoda** interviews were held by ZOOM on October 2, 2024 with the following applicants:

- Dave Galarneau
- Brittany Santarelli
- Timothy McGowan
- Garth Slocum

✚ **Appointment: Board Member Elisabeth Albert** motioned to appoint Brittany Santarelli Sole Assessor to fill the remaining term ending September 31, 2025, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

Supervisor Ryan Skoda: Brittany Santarelli will be starting this Thursday October 17, 2024.

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

Historian: Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

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

The Columbia County Traffic Safety Board met at the Public Safety Building in Hudson on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

Both Stall Bridge, Pleasantville Road in Clermont and Bash Bish Bridge on Valley View Road in Copake are expected to re-open by Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

Hot in-place recycling is underway on County Route 19 from Manorton to Livingston, and full depth reclamation on County Route 46 in Stuyvesant is underway. Paving on 9J north to 26A in Stuyvesant will begin next year.

The next meeting of the Columbia County Traffic Safety Board is scheduled for November 21, 2024 at which time the 2025 TSB Meeting calendar will be set.

Environmental Management Council: Robert Brush no report submitted:

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



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Upcoming Events

Upcoming:

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.



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Supervisor: Ryan Skoda, report submitted.



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Highway: Eric Gaylord, report submitted.

✚ **Craryville Road Bridge Resident update: Supervisor Ryan Skoda: Superintendent Eric Gaylord** was going to be here tonight. The resident on

Craryville Road were invited here tonight to hear your opinions on not replacing the bridge and dead ending Craryville Road with a cul-de-sac.

- ❖ *Molly Elliot, 77 Craryville Road:* agree to dead end
- ❖ *Jessica 46 Craryville Road:* agree to dead end
- ❖ *Jermey Boal 111 Craryville Road:* agree to dead end. Would like to see a walking path developed. I am willing to help if the town needs permission for the use of my land for the turn around and the walking path.
- ❖ *Joanne Klien Manor Roack Road:* agree to dead end, but would like to see the debris cleanup. Will there be an issue with the fire company?
- ❖ *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* I have had that conversion with the Chief and no.
- ❖ *Meridith Glabman:* will there be an issue with mail department?
- ❖ *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* no
- ❖ *Melissa Dougherty 87 Craryville Road:* agree to dead end but would like to see a walking path.
- ❖ *Raymond Colgrove:* what about a foot bridge/
- ❖ *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* don't know will look into.

✚ **Resolution 12 – 2024 Reservoir Road/City of Hudson:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* Superintendent Eric Gaylord and I has questions for Attorney Howard concerning the Resolution. Attorney Howard was out of the office until October 15. I will contact him with our concerns, I would like to table this until next month.

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned to table **Resolution 12 – 2024** until the November 11th meeting, *seconded by Board Member Elisabeth Albert.*

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

✚ **New Forge Road/Murcott:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* Attorney Howard needs to get in touch with Mrs. Murcott.

Advisory Board reports:

Financial Advisory Committee Report: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* reported the



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following:

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 follows:

Old Business:

1. **Zoning Review:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* I have not had time to review Attorney Fitzsimmons and Linda’s recommendations, I hope to have this month.
2. **New Town Hall:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda* the RFP for Engineer to do a Feasibility Study was posted in the Register Star, I received calls from two interested Engineers. I asked both to have a quote to me for tonight’s meeting neither one has gotten back to me.

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned to run the notice again requesting RFP for an Engineer to do a Feasibility Study for the Taghkanic Town Hall Property, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert.*

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

3. **2025 Budget Workshop:** October 23, 2024 6:30 pm

4. **Taghkanic Fire Commissioners:** Below is a list of individuals that have been recommended for the appointment of fire commissioner. All have volunteered to serve a 1-year term. Let me know if you have any serious reservations about these appointments. This is just a 1-year term and all would have to run for election in 2025.

Andrew Soltano
Jeffrey Browne
Abbie Hodgson
Scott Marinoff
Vincent Kobos

Board Member Perry Ascher motioned to appoint Andrew Soltano, Jeffrey Browne, Abbie Hodgson, Scot Marinoff, and Vincent Kobos to serve a 1-year term as Fire Commissioner for the Taghkanic Fire District, seconded by *Board Member Doug Craig.*

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

New Business:

1. **December 2024 Calendar:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to accept the December 2024 calendar with suggested changes, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli.*

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

2. **LL 3 – 2024 STR Regulation/STR Application:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda:* does the board have any further concerns with the regulations? None. *Supervisor Skoda* proceeded with the SEQTA review.

- ✚ **SEQRA Full form: Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** reviewed the part two questions and asked for a motion for a negative declaration for the purposes of SEQRA.

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned with the review of part two of SEQRA finding no significant negative environmental impacts will arise from adopting STR regulations I move we issue a negative declaration for the purposes of SEQRA, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

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

- ✚ **LL # 3 – 2024 STR Regulations: Supervisor Ryan Skoda** asked for a motion to approve LL 3-2024

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned to approve the passing of LL 3-2024 Amended STR Regulations, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

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

- LL 4 – 2024 enacting a six (6) month moratorium on public events: Supervisor Ryan Skoda** does the board have any further concerns with Local Law 4 – 2024 six (6) month moratorium?

- ✚ **Board Member Doug Craig:** It appears the objective of LL4 is to introduce a moratorium on large gatherings in Taghkanic, not just those of 500 or more persons, but all "large" gatherings.

- ✚ **Board Member Linda Mirabelli:** I agree with Doug the way that this is drafted it is not accomplishing what we want a moratorium for.

- ✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** The following paragraph needs to be deleted all together, I will work on all suggested changes and send out the amended version.

~~The Town has recently become aware of individuals and organizations seeking to host large public events with up to 499 people without any oversight, review, and/or input from the Town of Taghkanic. A review of Town of Taghkanic Local Law 2 of 1972 indicates that regulation of large public assemblies is limited to those events exceeding five hundred (500) persons.~~

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to amend LL 4 with suggested changes and refer to the County Planning Board, seconded **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

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

- LL 5 – 2024 to allow the insertion of information materials in certain tax bills mailed by the Town of Taghkanic.**

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned to set a Public Hearing for Local Law 5 – 2024 to allow the insertion of information materials in certain tax bills mailed by the Town of Taghkanic for November 11, 2024 at 7 pm., **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

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

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✚ **September 11, 2024 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	277	-	\$	
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	105	- 106	\$	132,625.19
2024 ARP Project	#	6	-	\$	

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

✚ **September 24, 2024 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	277	- 296	\$	60,048.60
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	107	-	\$	88,553.25

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

✚ **October 1, 2024 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	297	-	\$	
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	108	-	\$	
2024 ARP Project	#	6	-	\$	13,640.00

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

✚ **October 14 2024 Abstract:** on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, was approved for payment, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	297	- 322	\$	19,395.64
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	108	- 120	\$	78,064.17

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

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

- ✚ **Arthur Griffith:** Does the town own a vehicle counter?
- ✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** No but the County does.
- ✚ **Authur Griffith:** who's responsible for paying for the abandon roads?

- ✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:**
 - **Reservoir Road** when the Resolution is ready to be approved the road is being turned over to the City of Hudson.
 - **New Forge Road 4/10 of a mile:** when all the paperwork is finalized and ready for Board approval is being turned over to Fran Murcott. Mrs. Murcott is paying for the survey and the construction of the cul-de-sac.
 - **Craryville Road:** the town will be maintaining the road.
- ✚ **Susan Soltano:** is there a list of roads that have been paved and or improved this year? Why where the residents on Craryville Road notified about their road being dead ended but not New Forge Road residents?
- ✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** Brothers and Reese Road where paved. Superintendent Eric Gaylord would be able to provide you with the complete list for this year. Craryville Road is a through road and has been closed for over two years because of the bridge collapsing. **Superintendent Gaylord** wanted to let them know of the expense of a new bridge vs dead ending it.

Executive Session: None

With no further business, on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert** the meeting was adjourned at **9:35** pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **November 11, 2024** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall: Arthur Griffith Debbie Colgrove Ray Colgrove Molly Elliot
 Jessica Meredith Glabman Auggie Queiros Susan Soltano
 Jackie Salvatore

Audience via Zoom: Joanne Klein Celine Kagan Donnay Queenan Susan Raymond
 Melissa Dougherty Jeremy Boal