

APPROVED
1-13-2025

December 9, 2024
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers December 7-9, 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, 4 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
	Eric Gaylord	Highway Superintendent

Guest Speaker: NONE

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

November 11, 2024: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

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

The Correspondence:

- a. Joseph Cordato, letter of interest ZBA
- b. Alexandra Fairley, LHI Coordinator NYS Department of Transportation
 - + **Board Member Perry Ascher:** The address needs to be updated.
 - + **Clerk Rogers:** I will have the address updated.
- c. 2025 Agreement for Shared Services Col. Co. MIS

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to sign the 2025 Share Services Agreement with the Columbia County MIS, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

- d. Colleen Kirk, NCS Credit
- e. Perry Ascher, email
- f. Stephan King and Mario Verna, Claverack Library
- g. Kristen Peek, Environmental Analyst 1 NYSDEC
- h. Segalla Sand & Gravel, Inc., Christmas card
- i. Elena DeFio Kean Esq., Hinman Straub Attorney at Law, Retainer Agreement – Labor Representation

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned to sign the Retainer Agreement – Labor Representation with Elena DeFio Kean Esq., Hinman Straub Attorney at Law January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027, seconded by **Board Member Doug Craig**

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

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: *Kyle Miller*, no new activities to report.

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

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

Taghkanic Planning Board Report for November 2024

The were no meetings in November.

Assessor: *Brittany Santarelli*: report submitted.



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

Dennis Callahan is requesting permission to purchase software from IWORQ and that the Board approve Resolution 13 – 2024 to update the Fee Schedule with the STR Regulations and to update the fee for Certificate of Occupancy research from \$75 to \$100.




iWorQ Systems
Proposal -- Taghkanic

 Software- IWORQ Service Agreement:

Board Member Perry Ascher motioned to approve the purchase and agreement for software – IWORQ for the Building Department, seconded **Board Member Elisabeth Albert**.

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

 Resolution 13 – 2024 updating Fee Schedule:

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to approve Resolution 13 – 2024 Fee Schedule update as presented, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**.

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

Dennis Callahan presented the Board with the Town of Livingston’s draft Shipping Container Law for them to review.



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Historian: *Nancy Griffith*, report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, report submitted



241209 TRAFFIC
SAFETY REPORT.pdf

Environmental Management Council: *Robert Brush* no report submitted:
Office for the Aging: *Celine Kagan and Susan Silverman*, report submitted as follows:
Upcoming Events

Sunday Dec 15 Cookie Event (possibly with CS committee) at the Taghkanic Fire House.
2025 event updates to follow



241209 CLERK REPORT.pdf

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



241209 SUPERVISOR REPROT FROM ACCO

Supervisor: *Ryan Skoda*, report submitted.



241209 HIGHWAY REPORT.pdf

Highway: *Eric Gaylord*, report submitted. *Superintendent Gaylord*
New Forge Road/Murcott: *Fran Murcott*: I have meet with Attorney Howard and exchanged the information for the deed. My surveyor has done the survey is preparing the paperwork and will get it over to Attorney Howard.

Advisory Board reports:

Financial Advisory Committee Report: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* reported the following: FAC does not meet until Nov. 13, which is after the Town Board meeting. I will have an FAC report for the December Town Board Meeting.

Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community: *Board Member*



241024 CSC Report.pdf

Doug Craig report submitted:

Digital Communication Advisory Committee: *Nadja Palenzuel* no meeting held.

Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force: *Betsy Albert* will send the report at a later date.

Old Business:

1. **Zoning Review:** *Supervisor Ryan Skoda*: I have started to review Attorney Fitzsimmons and Linda's recommendations. Linda's comments are making it easier, hope to be done by next month.

✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda**: attended a meeting of the tri-town affordable housing group last week, where Chris Brown was also in attendance. Chris and I have been in contact worked on the application and it has been submitted. We did not need a letter of support or a Resolution.

✚ **STR Tax:** The County has contracted with Granicus to help with identifying STRs in the County. Dennis Callahan is the town contact person. Str Taxing will be in effect as of January 1, 2025.

- **Arthur Griffith**: how many STRs are there?
- **Supervisor Ryan Skoda**: not venturing a guess.

✚ **Certified Pro Housing application:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda the application is in the works; more information is need for the State.

2. **New Town Hall:** Supervisor Ryan Skoda one RFP for an Engineer to do a Feasibility Study was received the Board held a ZOOM interview with the following:

✚ **Chad A. Lindberg P.E. Taconic Engineering, DPC**

Board Member Doug Craig motioned to hire Taconic Engineering Firm to conduct a feasibility study on the existing town hall property, seconded by Board Member Linda Mirabelli.

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

Supervisor Ryan Skoda asked Board Member Doug Craig to continue being the contract person with Taconic Engineering to let them know we would like to move forward with the Feasibility Study.

New Business:

1. **February 2025 Calendar:** Board Member Perry Ascher motioned to accept the February 2025 calendar with suggested changes, seconded by Board Member Linda Mirabelli.

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

2. **Permission to notice for the open seats for next year's ZBA, and PB:**

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to notice for the open seats on the ZBA and PB for 2025, seconded by Board Member Linda Mirabelli.

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

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

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

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	367	-	374	\$	5,470.95
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	137	-		\$	4,493.50

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

- ✚ **December 9, 2024 Abstract:** on a motion by Board Member Elisabeth Albert, was approved for payment, seconded by Board Member Linda Mirabelli.

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	375	-	392	\$	9,230.06
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	121	-	136	\$	15,685.48
2024 ARP Project	#	7	-		\$	

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 have a contract with the Taghkanic Fire Company for 2025?
- + Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** No not yet that is up to the Fire Commissioners now.
- + Arthur Griffith:** who are the commissioners?
- + Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** Andrew Soltano, Jeffrey Browne, Scott Marinoff, Abbie Hodgson, and Vincent Kobos.
- + Board Member Perry Ascher:** informed the board that he has been contact with Elizabeth Javarez from Verizon, discussing better cell coverage for the town.

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 **8:30** pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **January 13, 2025** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall: Arthur Griffith Fran Murcott Sue Soltano

Audience via Zoom: Susan Silverman Celine Kagan Joyce Thompson Steve Smollens
Joann Klein Donay Queenan