

APPROVED
1-13-2025

December 30, 2024
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting

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9:08 am: The Taghkanic Town Board held its Year-End meeting on the above date at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

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

Absent:

Correspondence:

1. John Roberts, Churchtown Cemetery Association Administrator resignation
Supervisor Ryan Skoda: I have reach out to Mr. Roberts to have him turn over the records no response as of yet. Both Towns (Claverack and Taghkanic) will be responsible for the maintenances of the cemetery. The plots that are available are in Taghkanic. I may have someone interested in the position, but they would like to see the records first before committing.

2. Southern Columbia Hudson Pop Warner Inc., Thank you
3. National Grid, smarter meter will be here soon
4. Lesley Doyel, President-, The Roeliff Jansen Historical Society
5. Columbia-Greene Humane Society, 2025 agreement
6. NYSDOT, Shared Services Agreement
7. Joseph Cordato, ZBA letter of interest
8. Joseph Cordato, PB letter of interest
9. Celine Kagan, PB letter of interest
10. Board of Fire Commissioners Craryville Fire District, Election results
11. Thomas Sass, Highmark Blue Shield, 2025 renewal
12. Scott Schneider, 175 Acre property on County Route 10
13. Elena, Hinman Straub
14. John Roberts, not seeking another term
15. Andrew Howard, Highway Superintendent serve on PB NO
16. Perry Ascher, Christmas Tree recycling?

Superintendent Eric Gaylord is willing to accept Christmas Trees. Needs to be posted in the Tgazette.

New Business:

A. PB & ZBA:

▪ **PB letters of interest:**

✦ **Celine Kagan:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to appoint Celine Kagan as member of the Planning Board term ending December 31, 2031, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

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

• **ZBA letters of interest:**

✦ **Joseph Cordato:** *Board Member Elisabeth Albert* motioned to appoint Joseph Cordato as member of the ZBA term ending December 31, 2029, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

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

Clerk Rogers will post a notice for the Alternate seats for PB, ZBA and also for a clerk for both boards.

B. 2025 Columbia-Greene Humane Society Contract: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve 2025 Columbia-Greene Humane Society Contracts, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

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

There was a discussion about the contract requirement that the town, rather than the animal's owner, pays to cover charges for housing strays at the shelter. The Board feels the responsibility belongs with the pet owner. Cheryl will check with the Town Attorney about how (and whether) this can be addressed.

C. NYS Shared Services Agreement: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve NYS Shared Services Agreement for a two year term, seconded by *Board Member Doug Craig*.

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

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✦ **December 30, 2024 Abstract:** on a motion by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, seconded by *Board Member Doug Craig*.

2024 General Fund Vouchers	#	393 - 420	\$	22,608.54
2024 Highway Fund Vouchers	#	150 - 159	\$	11,595.69

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

Public Comment: None

Executive Session: None

With no further business, on a motion by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli***, seconded by, ***Board Member Pery Ascher*** the Year-End meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **January 13, 2025** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:

Zoom: