*Town of Nichols*

*Regular Town Board Meeting*

*June 26, 2019*

*Supervisor K. Engelbert brought meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Nichols Town Hall, located at 54 E. River Rd. Nichols NY.*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Roll Call;*

*Councilperson Ray Thetga (present), Councilperson Bill Middleton (present), Councilperson Esther Woods (present), Councilperson Barbara Crannell (present), Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (present).*

*Also present; Brad and Jo Bartholomew, Darryl & Robin Seward, Ray Thetga Jr.*

***MINUTES*** *Held over to next meeting, changes need to be made.*

***QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & CRITICISMS FROM PUBLIC***

*Lounsberry Truck Stop – was it sold, and if so did sale fall through, nothing is being changed.*

*Bridge on Smith Creek Rd. – estimated time of repair, will Road be closed for repairs, Supervisor K. Engelbert yes after July 9, 2019.*

*B. Bartholomew – Smith Creek Rd., in some places weeds are too high, can’t see around corners and /or road signs, road is twisty signs are to warn people of condition of road but if they can’t see signs it’s no help.*

*Ketchum Rd. – ditches, Sluice pipe dangerous could possibly cause accident.*

*Town Board – Highway Superintendent is an elected official, can’t tell him what to do. Can let him know of concerns.*

*Sulpher Springs Rd. – Two farms sold to Amish families, horses working fields, buggies on road, may be dangerous for Amish Families, vehicles traveling at higher speeds around corners and over knolls slower buggies could be in danger of getting hit.*

*Town Board – Highway department, get signs for traffic for slower moving Amish Buggies.*

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *Summer Food Service Program – free for Kids and Teens, Supervisor Engelbert asked for information to be put on Bulletin Board in entry way and on Town’s Web site.*

* *Twin Bridges – Telephone Company, sent quote of predicted savings for the Town’s Phone services. Not a big savings, Town Board – stay with Magna, current service has been service for years.*
* *Refurbishing of Cemetery Record Books – Clerk Karen*

*Two of the older Cemetery Books are in very poor condition, Town Clerk Karen Hunsinger obtained a quote from Kofile, a company that refurbishes Marriage, Death and Birth record books for Towns the quote was $1220.00 for the less damaged book and $1,500.00 for the most damaged book.*

*The Motion to refurbish Cemetery Record Books, Made by B. Middleton 2nd by B. Crannell.*

*Roll Vote;*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), Esther Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye). Carried -5-0-0-0*

***OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

***UPDATE FROM TOWN DEPARTMENTS / PERSONNEL***

* *Maintenance Department - Ray Thetga Jr.*

*Keeping up with mowing of all Town owned properties and FEMA properties, doing some maintenance and repairs on Buildings.*

*Contacted other Porta – John businesses for cleaning of the Town owned Porta –John at the Nichols Cemetery. Since the Town owns the Porta – John it will be less expensive to have Paul Wiles clean it twice a month at a charge of $30.00 a month.*

* *Replacing Porch on front of Library – R. Thetga Jr. will contact contractors and get bids for replacement.*

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *New York Rising/Comprehensive Plan – B. Crannell*

*Was out of Town*

* *REAP – B. Crannell*

*Out of Town*

* *Town Garage – K. Engelbert*

*Garage should be done by the end of July, and ready to be moved in by August.*

*Payments to Date;*

*GOSR - $1,959,201.00*

*Town of Nichols - $371,173.31*

* *Nichols Cemetery Rules – for all Four Cemeteries – K. Engelbert*

*Inquired of board if they had looked at and come up with any changes to Rules from when Cemetery Association was running Nichols Cemetery (main Large Cemetery).*

*One change was mentioned by B. Middleton – allowing artificial flowers all year, on grave sites. Leave to discretion of Maintenance Director – R. Thetga Jr. to remove if/when flowers were looking too faded or worn.*

***OTHER OLD BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

* *Tioga County Republican Committee - K. Engelbert*

*Nominations for Justice position for the Republican Party - TCRC by July 17, 2019*

*Discussion of who has picked up packets to run for Justice Position, and who has turned packets in to Board of Elections.*

***ACCEPT REPORTS ANDPAY THE BILLS***

*The motion to accept the report and pay bills – made by B. Crannell 2nd by B. Middleton*

*Roll Vote;*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), Esther Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye). Carried -5-0-0-0*

***ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, COMMENTS u CRITICISMS FROM THE PUBLIC***

***EXECITIVE SESSION***

***ADJOURN***

*The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm made by R. Thetga 2nd by B. Middleton*

*Roll Vote;*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), Esther Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye). Carried -5-0-0-0*

*Karen Hunsinger*

*Town Clerk*

*06/28/2019*