

**Town of Nichols
Regular Meeting
April 27, 2022**

Deputy Supervisor Bill Middleton brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the old Nichols Elementary School 139 Ro-Ki Blvd, Nichols, NY 13812

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call;

Councilperson Bill Middleton (present), Councilperson Esther Woods (present), Councilperson Rose Cole (present), Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte (present), Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (absent).

Also present;

Kem Hart-Baker (Historian), Martin Jerzak (CEO), Howard and Jayne Stoltzfus, Fred Allis, Mari Townsend, Mark Hanford, Benjamin Klein, Jessica Woods, Glen Martin and Bobbi Mosier (Deputy Town Clerk).

Questions, Comments & Criticisms –

New Business –

- *Candidate for Tioga County Court Judge - Mari Townsend introduced herself to everyone in attendance at the Board Meeting, she explained that she is running for Tioga County Court Judge and told everyone her qualifications and background as to why she would make a good County Court Judge.*
- *Employee Handbook – The Board reviewed and discussed changes made and changes that should be made to the employee handbook for full time and part time employees. The edits have been sent to the Town Attorney for review.*
- *Smoke Free Grounds Policy - Discussion about signage stating no smoking or tobacco use at Kirby Park followed and the Board was reminded that Kirby Park is run by the Nichols Village and not the Town.*

Additional New Business -

Spring Cleanup Day – R. Cole has been talking to the Town CEO about doing a Town wide Spring Cleanup Day where residents can bring trash, electronics, tires etc to a designated area. Board discussion followed. R. Cole and M. Jerzak to get more information to the Town Board about shared services through the County.

Update from Town Departments/Personnel -

Code Enforcement Officer – M. Jerzak asked the Board to request that the Town Clerk do his mailing for him. The Board said they would look into the request.

Historian – K. Hart-Baker mentioned the grant that she applied for was approved in the amount of \$2,000.00. The cost of the printer/scanner and fireproof safe is more than the grant amount and she is requesting Town Board approval to cover the \$1,794.00 remaining amount due.

Motion to cover the \$1,794.00 made by B. Fay-Pelotte 2nd E. Woods.

Roll Vote;

E. Woods (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), R. Cole (aye), B. Middleton (aye).

Carried 4 aye- 1 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain

Old Business -

Hazard mitigation – E. Woods is submitting the information regarding the people that are interested in the FEMA Mitigation to Tim Steed from Hunts Engineering. The application for the grant has to be by June 1, but there is no time frame when the grant would be approved and if it will cover everyone that is interested in the buyout. Homeowners that have submitted their contact information should expect a call from Hunts Engineering.

Shared Services - B. Middleton said that at the Upstate Towns Assoc. meeting they discussed EMT services. The Board discussed that this may have to be a paid position. Brain Cole is meeting with Candor Fire Commissioner and Supervisor, whose EMT's are employees of that Town, to see how they do things and if our Town can incorporate the same thing.

Comprehensive Plan/COG - B. Fay-Pelotte mentioned that the Comprehensive Plan may need to be overhauled and that would take a lot of time. At the COG meeting they discussed cemetery fees throughout Tioga County, as well as Town's taking over for cemetery associations after they dissolve.

Hazard Mitigation - R. Cole said she was unable to attend the last meeting and the next meeting is on May 11.

Old Business -

B. Fay-Pelotte asked M. Jerzak to update the Board on the projects he was working on. M. Jerzak told the Board that Tioga Downs was in the process of putting a daycare, Jim's RV has been sold to Wilkins, the Dandy Mini Mart will be expanding their building and adding more gas pumps and he is sending out notices for property maintenance violations. M. Jerzak also mentioned that he has heard comments throughout the Town and asked the Board if there has been a consideration about putting in a Wegman's or larger grocery store over by the Truckstop area. The Board discussed adding something to the Comprehensive Plan and working with the IDA to get businesses to our area.

Other Old Business -

Additional Comments, Questions & Criticism from the Public -

H. Stoltzfus thanked M. Jerzak for his work as CEO and hopes that he keeps up the good work. He pointed out violations he notices from driving around. H. Stoltzfus asked if the minutes of the last meeting's minutes were posted yet and mentioned that he would still like to see the minutes transcribed.

J. Stoltzfus - Mentioned that they would like to be heard.

The Board discussed with H. Stoltzfus what is legally required to be in the Town Board Minutes.

Executive Session -

Motion to Adjourn -

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm made by E. Woods 2nd B. Fay-Pelotte.

Roll Vote;

E. Woods (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), R. Cole (aye), B. Middleton (aye).

Carried 4 aye- 1 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain

Respectfully Submitted

Bobbi Mosier

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