

*Nichols Town Regular Board Meeting
July 11, 2023
7:00 pm*

Town Supervisor, Esther Woods, brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Nichols Elementary School located at 139 Ro-Ki Blvd Nichols NY 13812.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL;

Supervisor Esther Woods (present), Councilperson Bill Middleton (present), Councilperson Ladd Yost (present), Councilperson Rose Cole (present), and Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte (present).

ALSO PRESENT;

Rick Kie, Jill Kie, Will Heveland, Chris Wagner, Barbara Cushman, Kaylee Rollison, Frank Okrasinski, and Marcy Hill (Town Clerk).

MINUTES

*Motion to approve the revised minutes from June 13, 2023 made by R. Cole 2nd by L. Yost
Roll Vote; B. Middleton(aye), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (aye).*

Carried 5 aye- 0 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain

PUBLIC HEARING: CHAPTER 92 OF TOWN CODES:

Public hearing opened at 7PM.

Barbara Cushman asked what changed in the laws. Brenda shared the minor changes.

No other comments were heard.

Public hearing closed at 7:05PM

Public Comments: *If you would like to speak there will be a 2-minute time length per person, the board will consider your comments, if warranted we will respond at a later time.*

No Public Comments.

New Business:

Local Law-Zoning Frontage Requirements

The new law will include a 25 foot frontage ruling.

You would have to have an "easement" to access property without the 25 foot rule.

We have no requirement at this time. Existing land locked properties are grandfathered in.

If you purchase land locked property you will need to purchase the 25' feet frontage.

This will go to Tioga County for review. If the county passes the law we will then have the option to approve or deny it.

Village of Nichols - Security cameras at Kirby Park.

There was discussion regarding the Town purchasing camera/security equipment for Kirby Park. There are two options – The lessor of the two quotes is what is currently in use at the park. We need to get an updated quote to see if the cost has increased. We will also look at the cost adding additional lighting and more cameras in the future.

Motion to approve up to \$25,000 for the purchase of security cameras for Kirby Park B. Middleton 2nd by L. Yost Roll Vote; B. Middleton(aye), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (aye).

Carried 5 aye- 0 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain

Cady Library

Kaylee was present at the meeting to ask that the library receive copies of paid vouchers after checks have been printed. Marcy will provide this to the library.

Property Tax Cap

Bringing this up now before we complete a resolution. Last year the town had to stay under the 2% tax cap since a resolution was not discussed. Reminder Tioga Downs monies cannot be used for road repair.

Postage for Southern Tier Network

Rose Cole shared that STN has completed the buildout for this year. There are many people that have not signed up for this service. Free installation is offered until the end of August. Southern Tier Network is asking if the Town of Nichols would support the cost of a mailing.

After a brief discussion – it was determined that the Town would not support this.

Supplies for Disaster

Esther stated that we have the money set aside to purchase supplies needed for use of our building as a disaster shelter. We need to have a better idea of what to purchase.

Chris Wagner, Plant Manager of Crown Cork, stated that Crown Cork and Seal would be willing to donate water to be used in this type of emergency.

Mr. Wagner stated that Crown Cork and Seal would like to help supplement the town with what is needed for sustainability projects. Town officials will be in contact with Crown Cork and Seal. The Board thanked Mr. Wagner for his offer of assistance.

Cleaning of Rooms

Since we no longer have a cleaning services Rose feels many areas are being overlooked. There were many options discussed on how the cleaning of the town offices would be handled. This topic will move forward to another meeting.

Health Insurance

The second meeting this month will be a work session to discuss health insurance options.

Department Reports:

Kem Baker, Historian – No report

Ray Thetga, B/G – No report

Bob Nugent, S/W – Bob introduced Chris Wagner from Crown Cork and Seal to discuss changes to the Industrial Discharge Permit. These changes will align things more to EPA standards.

*Motion to approve changes to the Crown Cork & Seal permit R. Cole 2nd by B. Fay-Pelotte
Roll Vote; B. Middleton(aye), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (aye).*

Carried 5 aye- 0 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain

Committee Reports:

Reap – Nothing new to report – meeting tomorrow

Hazard Mitigation – First meeting was held in May.

LEPC – Next meeting in September

Old Business:

- *Status of Air Conditioning – Installation is July 19th*

Emergency Plan Annexes – Rose stated that they held another meeting just prior to this meeting. The committee has gone through the majority of the basic plans and will start to look at the more detailed plans. She noted these are confidential plans, but will be shared with the board. It was noted that the Village will be included in the planning process.

- *Depot Rd Project – Deadlines will be met and it will go to bid very soon.*
- *FEMA Properties update – Passes second phase. No other information provided.*
- *Signage – Waiting until AC and door are complete to see what funding is left.*

Fire Commissioner – Rose shared that the fire department has no keys to any of the town buildings. Keys will be given to the fire department to be kept in a lockbox for access to all town buildings. Bill will make sure that the keys to all buildings are provided

There was a police report filed from an incident at the Waste Water Plant. A copy of the report will be filed with the Town Clerk.

Accept vouchers and pay bills:

Motion to accept vouchers and pay bills made by B. Middleton 2nd by L. Yost

Roll Vote; B. Middleton(aye), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (aye).

Carried 5 aye- 0 absent 0 No- 0 abstain

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by R. Cole 2nd by L. Yost

Roll Vote; B. Middleton(aye), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (aye).
Carried 5 aye- 0 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcy Hill
8/8/2023

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