

Nichols Town Regular Board Meeting
January 9, 2024
6:00 pm

Town Supervisor, Esther Woods, brought the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Ladd Yost (present), Councilperson Rose Cole (present), and Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte (present).

ALSO PRESENT;

Will Heveland, Robert Nugent, Kem Hart-Baker, Erica Deretz, Steven Palinosky, Basil Bacon, Ray Thetga, Jr., and Marcy Hill (Town Clerk).

MINUTES

*Motion to approve the revised minutes from December 12, 2023 and January 2, 2024 made by R. Cole
2nd by L. Yost*

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

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

Financials:

Table approve of December Financials – they were just received today.

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:

Steven Palinosky- Tioqa County Real Property

Mr. Palinosky was in attendance tonight to share the changes to exemptions. He will share with the Board a formal record of each change he discussed. He note that he is doing this presentation to all town and school boards.

RESOLUTION #3-2024

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JANUARY 2, 2024
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Nichols held at the Nichols Town Building, 139 Roki Blvd, Nichols, New York the 9th day of January, 2024, the following resolution was offered by B. Fay-Pelotte and seconded by L. Yost

WHEREAS, the Town of Nichols held its annual Organizational Meeting on January 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the minutes from said Organizational Meeting incorrectly listed the hourly pay rate of the Deputy Highway Superintendent. The correct pay rate is \$26.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Nichols hereby amends the meeting minutes from the January 2, 2024 Organizational Meeting to include the wage rate sheet recognizing the hourly rate of pay of the Deputy Highway Superintendent as stated hereinabove; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately.

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

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

TV & Rolling Cart Approval for Highway Garage

Discussion regarding the purchase of a rolling cart and TV for the highway department was discussed and "ok'd" for purchase.

Town Hall Locks

There was discussion regarding rekeying all locks at Town Hall. Ray will be asked to get quotes.

Security Risks At Town Buildings –

Due to recent happenings at the Town Hall there was discussion regarding security. Ideas were discussed on how to secure the area.

Department Reports:

Kem Baker, Historian – No report

Ray Thetga, B/G – No report

Bob Nugent, S/W – Bob will update inventory

Committee Reports:

Reap – Nothing new to report – meeting tomorrow

Hazard Mitigation – First meeting was held in May.

LEPC – Next meeting in September

Old Business:

- ECode 360- Brenda shared an updated regarding ECode 360. There are 7 laws that need to be codified.

Motion to have the seven (7) codes codified made by R. Cole 2nd by L. Yost

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

Carried 4 aye- 0 absent 0 No- 0 abstain

- Depot Rd Project - Project is complete. Waiting for FEMA reimbursement.

- *FEMA Properties update – The town has been asked to provide more photographs of each property.. No other information provided.*
- *Village of Nichols Drainage Issue from Ro-Ki – Engineering Firm has been notified and the drawings previous done will be reviewed again.*

Accept vouchers and pay bills:

Motion to accept vouchers and pay bills made by B. Fay-Pelotte 2nd by L. Yost

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

Carried 4 aye- 0 absent 0 No- 0 abstain

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by R. Cole 2nd by B. Fay-Pelotte

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcy Hill

1/9/2024