

*Nichols Town Special Board Meeting
February 13, 2024
6:00PM*

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 (absent), Councilperson Rose Cole (present), and Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte (present).

ALSO PRESENT;

Marcy Hill, Town Clerk

Approve minutes and financial reports. - Tabled.

Public Comments – None

New Business

Selling of Old Town Barn – E. River Road

There is a great deal of equipment and it's being used as storage. Mowers, skid steer and plows are kept. The building is full – it is being used as cold storage. It is also a historical landmark.

Covid Policy – Do we need to add to the handbook? No, we will follow Tioga County's protocol.

Village of Nichols Merger – Esther talked with Lesley and she will talk with the Village Board. It will be a long process. It will have to be a cooperative union. . The village also has to initiate the process. We do help the village. The town will still do all of the things that we do now for the village.

Library Money – Email from Debbie Stubecki regarding their CD Money. The NY Class information was given to Mrs. Okrasinski. If it was moved it would still be under the towns accounts. Erica and Ladd will check on this with the Library board.

Cameras on Town buildings. – We are having more problems on the village. Are we interested in putting more cameras throughout the town on all buildings?

We will have TC come look and evaluate the premises. We will look at lighting also.

*REAP Money – Letter for REAP. Asking for donation for \$484 – it is based on population
A motion to donate to REAP by R. Cole 2nd by L. Yost.*

*Motion to approve the donation to REAP for \$484[HM1] 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

*NYS Community Revitalization- email blast to all municipalities. They have a couple
opportunities that may benefit our old town barn area. River access – make it more of a
picnic area.*

There is also hazard mitigation grant that may be appropriate for this area.

*After approval of our comprehensive plan – would like to look into to see what we may
be eligible for.*

*Rose will also look into what grants may be appropriate for the library or museum for
the historical preservation.*

*American Legion Hometown Hero's – Nichols Legion Post 1624 is moving forward with
another round of hometown hero banners. Getting ready to put out the press release –
taking down banner, giving to owners and putting up new ones. Have application
online and the at the clerk's office. The goal is to have the orders in by May and have up
by mid-summer. The Legion will handle all the order processing portion of the event.*

*Comprehensive Plan – Our plan is with Tioga County for review. We can approve with or
without county approve. It is a 20 year plan – the last supervisor was not interested in
doing this.*

Catholic Charities –

*There was a great deal of discussion regarding who Catholic Charities bring to our
facility due to recent events around town and at the Town Hall.*

Departments-

*Highway - Will asked about the request for a five-year plan for the highway department. He
will be in Albany on March 4th and 5th for an Advocacy Day. The men has been doing brush
cutting and mowing.*

Building & Grounds – Ray shared that the justices approached him to day about the cleaning

crew and the desire to have their office cleaned.

Lights for Town Hall are roughly \$1200 total. This would be replacing canopy lights and the lights around the perimeter of the building. Library lights will also be looked at.

Locks- Yel-Help came in at under \$1500 and Bennedum's will not honor quote from last year.

Justices -Phone lines are run at Town Hall – Court will continue to have Verizon for a fax line.

Carriage House – painting is continuing.

Town Hall- The grease trap in the kitchen backed up and needed to be pumped out.

Sewer/Water –Bob's report was in the packet. Estimates for getting internet to sites where the system are installed.

A motion to approve Southern Tier Network NTE \$15,000 to install internet at well house, reservoir, Stanton Hill pump Station by R. Cole 2nd B. Fay-Pelotte.

Code Enforcement – IDA has come in for a permit for the Buck Farm demolition. The barn at Tioga Downs is almost done. They are now working on interior as well as other barns.

Historian – Kem stated that they are plugging alone with painting. Museum received donations recently. All tables rented for vendor event and a "waiting" list was created.

Looking to get signage at the Carriage House for the museum.

Tioga Downs donated \$2500 for the bicentennial celebration. Other companies are donating their time to volunteer for the weekend.

Library – Erica stated that the LEGO challenge was very well attended. Adult craft painting is upcoming. Summer reading program is in the planning phase. Taking all of the Tioga central yearbooks, the Comet will be digitized and will go on NY Heritage. The Station will allow the library use of the parking lot for the Touch a Truck event.

Old Business:

ECode - This is all set.

Depot Road Project - Waiting for FEMA reimbursement. Brenda and the engineers have gone out and walked project. Tioga County is in the creek and will be there working for a while longer. We will need to have Marcus Cole Construction back to finish after the county has completed their clean out.

Ro-Ki Boulevard Drainage – Brenda is working on this. We will see if the issue is coming from our property.

FEMA Properties– still working on it. FEMA requested additional photos and they have been sent. Photos have been sent.

*Motion to approve vouchers and pay bills 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 by B. Fay-Pelotte 2nd by Rose Cole
Vote; R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (aye).
Carried 4 aye- 0 absent- 0 No- 0- abstain*

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10PM

*Respectfully_Submitted,
Marcy Hill
2/13/2024*