

*Nichols Town Regular Board Meeting  
September 24, 2024  
6:00PM*

*Board Members Present: Supervisor Esther Woods, Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte, Councilperson Rose Cole, and Councilperson J. Ladd Yost*

*Board Members Absent: None*

*Others Present: : Lee Ann Tinney, Katelyn Klossner, Tammy Godfrey Myers, Jo Bartholomew, Brad Bartholomew, Virginia Okrasinski, Erica Deretz, Robert Nugent, Ray Thetga, Jr. and Marcy Hill, Town Clerk.*

*The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, seconded by Esther Woods at 6:00pm.*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the August 27, 2024 minutes by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Rose Cole*

*Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-abstain*

*Acceptance of Financial Reports: A motion to accept the August financial reports by Councilperson R. Cole, seconded by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte*

*Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-abstain*

*Public Comments –*

*Tammy Godfrey, DCO – Town of Tioga. Tammy shared concerns she has regarding the Town of Nichols Dog Control Officer. Supervisor Wood stated that she would like Ms. Meyers to contact her directly with any ongoing concerns.*

*Jo & Brad Bartholomew – Toys for Tots Coordinators.*

*They are coordinators for the Tioga County, NY. They stated that every year it is a struggle to find space to operate out of. Everything that is generated financially, goes back into our county. There is a need for space to store, sort and distribute toys. It is generally a three month period from October – end of January to complete the drive. Over, 3600 families were given 11,000 toys last year. Each toy that is received is “touched”. All legal information/requirements (IE: Insurance certificates, reimbursement for space) would come from Toys for Tots Foundation.*

*Departments- \*Note full reports have been given to the board and are on file in the clerk’s office.*

*Highway – Absent*

*Building & Grounds – The camera install has been finalized for both inside and outside of the building. Mr. Mente will be starting work at the library soon. Boxes are being moved from carriage house for court.*

Sewer/Water – Bid Award opening tonight at 5:30 PM. Bob will reach out to TurnKey Solutions to discuss bid specs. We will need to get a quote vs. a T/M estimate

Code Enforcement – on file.

Historian Full report on file

Library – Erica stated the library was awarded a Lego Stem Grant. Mrs. Okrasinski will contact Deb Kelsey for wall papering and Mrs. Bartlow for window coverings. She will also look into a chandelier. Councilperson R. Cole will Mrs. Okrasinski an air conditioning grant.

New Business:

A. Appraisal Quotes FEMA Homes:

A motion to approve the quote from Martin Kane Appraisals for appraisals of FEMA properties by Councilperson Esther Woods, seconded by Councilperson Rose Cole

Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-abstain

B. Resignation- Historian:

A motion to accept the resignation of Kem Hart-Baker, Historian by Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Councilperson Rose Cole

Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-Abstain

C. Town Hall Signage

We have an email from Ted Dydinski from Cooley's quoting \$ 639 to turn sign over and reuse it. A quote for a new sign is approximately \$1550 - We need to reach out and request a detailed quote.

We will look into signage options. A quote for a composite sign will also looked into also.

D. Budget Transfers –

A motion to approve budget transfer #1 \$40,000 from General Fund To: Library; budget transfer #2 To: DA Fund \$90,000 from consolidated saving; Budget Transfer #3 from General Check to High Yield Consolidated Savings account \$ 250,000. 00. By Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Councilperson L. Yost,

Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-Abstain

E. Coughlin & Gerhart – Rate increase for 2025. FYI

Old Business:

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4. Fall Clean Up – October 11<sup>th</sup> (11-2) and October 12<sup>th</sup> (8-12).

5. *Emergency Preparedness Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – A press release will be forthcoming*

*Budget Workshop – 6PM 9/26 and then work with LGSS the following week or so.*

*A motion to approve vouchers and pay bills by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Councilperson Rose Cole.*

*Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-abstain*

*General Fund: \$60,498.46*

*Highway \$ 25,899.76*

*Library \$ 4,700.07*

*Sewer/Water \$ 9087.63*

*A motion to move into Executive Session for matters of personnel by Councilperson R. Cole, seconded by Councilperson L. Yost*

*Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-abstain*

*A motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:45 by Councilperson R. Cole, seconded by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte*

*Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-abstain*

*A motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by Supervisor Esther Woods, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte.  
All in favor*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
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