

*Nichols Town Regular Board Meeting
October 29 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: Virginia Okrasinski, Erica Deretz, Robert Nugent, Ray Thetga, Jr. Will Heveland, LeeAnn Tinney, Ray Thetga, Sr. and Marcy Hill, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, seconded by Esther Woods at 6:00pm Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing - Tax Levy Override

Public hearing opened at 6PM.

Supervisor Woods stated the reasoning behind the tax levy override.

No other public comments made.

Hearing closed at 6:03PM

A motion to approve the Tax Levy Override made by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Supervisor E. Woods.

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

Public comment – Tentative Budget Preliminary Budget 2025

Hearing Opened at 6:04PM

Bob stated that the deputy salary line for the sewer line is going to be short.

No other comments.

Hearing closed at 6:08PM

Public Hearing - Charter Franchise Agreement

Open public hearing @ 6:09 PM

Supervisor Woods stated that this is the same percentage as last year; which, was an increase from 3% to 5%.

No other comments made.

Close public hearing @ 6:11PM

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the September 24, 2024 minutes by Councilperson J. Ladd Yost, seconded by Councilperson Rose Cole

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

Acceptance of Financial Reports: A motion to accept the September financial reports by Councilperson Rose Cole, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte

Vote: 3-Ayes, 0-No, 1-abstain

Public Comments – None

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

Highway – Backhoe quotes – This is a buy, not a lease with Caterpillar we are doing a “trade-in” program. CHIPS will be applied for – we will roll money over. There are a lot of roads that need to

work. Supervisor Woods will provide each department with their 2025 budget. It is noted that the 284 form will also need to be sent also.

Building & Grounds – Plugging away at “to-do” list. Friday Air Temp will be at Library for a walk through.

Sewer/Water – Lead and Copper samples done. Bid for project. Updated contract will need to be signed and invoice will be sent. Work could start next month.

Code Enforcement – on file.

Library – Going well porches are beautiful. New library Aide started last week. Councilperson Cole has two contractor coming in to give estimate for air conditioning.

New Business:

A. Preliminary budget approval:

A motion to accept the preliminary 2025 budget by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Councilperson R. Cole

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

B. Highway Department Purchases:

A motion to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar Backhoe made by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Councilperson R. Cole

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

A motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 Dodge Ram Truck(NTE 57,775) by Supervisor E. Woods, seconded by Councilperson R. Cole

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

A motion to approve the disposal (sale or auction) of a 2001chevrolet and backhoe by Supervisor E. Woods, seconded by Councilperson J. Ladd Yost

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

C. Gravel Crushing – Will is going to present bid estimates at the next meeting.

D. Town Hall & Cady Library Signage – Estimates were presented to the board. The board will approve cost and design features at a later date. The timeline for completion of this project is spring 2025.

E. Set Date of Special Meeting – The board will convene on November 12, 2024 in a Special Meeting to approve the 2025 budget.

- F. Tioga County Planning Board Member Approval – The board will recommended that Pam Moore continues in this position.

A motion to recommend Pam Moore as Tioga County Planning Board Member by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Supervisor E. Woods.

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

- G. *A motion to approve the roof quote (town hall)from Hale Roofing for \$345,500 by Councilperson Esther Woods, seconded by Councilperson J. Ladd Yost.*

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

- H. *Handrails and balusters will be replaced at Cady Library along with the porches.*

Other New Business:

It is noted that Councilperson Rose Cole will contact Class A cleaning and cancel the cleaning service at Carriage House.

Supervisor Woods would like to seek approval for the purchase of planters for the library front porch. She would like to shop locally and would not exceed \$1500.00

In talks with the Tioga County Sheriff's Department and they making more of a presence around the building.

The water from Crown Cork & Seal has been stored in Room 11. We will look into MRE's after the first of the year. We will evaluate the number of cots and other accessories need to meet the shelter requirements.

Committee Reports.

REAP – Quarterly meeting was held.

Old Business:

- 1. Library Front Porch – Almost complete.*
- 2. Town Hall Kitchen – Still working on these items will finish purchase in January.*
- 3. Depot Road Reimbursement – Awaiting closeout. Paperwork has been submitted.*
- 4. FEMA Properties – Appraisals have been done. Awaiting the next step.*
- 5. Fall Clean up – move to one day next year.*

A motion to approve vouchers and pay bills by Councilperson J. Ladd Yost, seconded by Councilperson Rose Cole.

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

General Fund: \$185,294.37

Highway \$ 129,772.50

Library \$ 1,584.16

Sewer/Water \$ 5,056.30

A motion to move to Executive session by Councilperson Rose Cole, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte

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

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session and adjourn at 8:15pm by Supervisor Esther Woods, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte.

All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcy Hill

10/29/2024