*Town of Nichols*

*Regular Board Meeting*

*January 23, 2019*

*Supervisor Engelbert brought meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the Town Hall, located at 54 East River Rd. Nichols NY*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Roll Call; Councilperson Ray Thetga (present), Councilperson Bill Middleton (present), Councilperson Esther Woods (absent), Councilperson Barbara Crannell (present), Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (present), Karen Hunsinger Town Clerk*

*Also present; Jordan Douglas, William Leonard, Terry Sheets (Bradco Supply), Johnny Williams (Morning Times).*

***MINUTES***

*Adoption of minutes held until next meeting.*

***QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, & CRITICISMS FROM THE PUBLIC***

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *Appointment’s*

*The motion to reappoint Denise Liske as Deputy Dog Control Officer*

*Motion made by B. Crannell 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote;*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

*Carried 4-0-0 -1*

*The motion to appoint William Leonard to the Planning Board, made by B. Crannell 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote;*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

*Carried 4-0-0 -1*

*RESOLUTION #5 – 2019*

*A RESOLUTION ASKING THAT AIM FUNDING BE*

*RESTORED IN THE NEW YORK STATE’S BUDGET*

**Whereas,** “Aid and Incentives for Municipal Funding” (“AIM”) is essential to the Towns and Villages that receive such funding; and

**Whereas,** AIM is key state funding that Local Governments have relied on for years; and

**Whereas,** AIM affects not just Local Governments but the communities that they are located in; and

**Whereas,** Governor Cuomo’s proposed 2020 budget plan eliminates AIM funding for Local Governments that rely upon AIM funding for more than two (2) percent of their budgets; and

**Whereas,** It is believed that such a cut will save New York State $60,000,000 in its budget but it will dramatically impact 1,328 of New York State’s 1,465 Towns and Villages; and

**Whereas,** Many Local Governments are already struggling financially, especially those in Upstate; and

**Whereas**, Local Governments must create and pass budgets that navigate a number of difficult financial stressors that include: the New York’s Tax cap, increasing health insurance costs, high contribution rates for the New York Retirement System, prevailing wage, competitive bidding and procurement obligations, the Wicks Law, the Taylor Law, Workers Compensation, and a dedicated but an often unionized and civil service protected work force; and

**Whereas**, In addressing its budget and its Local levy, Local Governments must face limited avenues for revenue generation, limited economic development in its boundaries, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, an aging population often on limited incomes, a diminishing population, potential business opportunities that are fleeing high taxes and thus leaving New York State and often unpredictable sales tax distribution and/or generation; and

**Whereas**, The loss of AIM is magnified for those Local Governments which already have all or part of their 2020 budgets set; and therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Town of Nichols on behalf of its residents, recognizes the important role of AIM funding in Local Governments; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Town of Nichols enthusiastically encourages the New York State Governor, the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate to consider the consequences of the proposed reduction of AIM for Local Governments and demands that such funding be replaced in the Budget; and be it

**Resolved**, That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, Senator Akshar, Assemblyperson Friend, County Executive Saurbrey, the Upstate New York Towns Association, The New York State Association of Towns, New York Conference of Mayors and the Local News *Media.*

*Roll Vote;*

Supervisor Kevin Engelbert aye

Councilmember Ray Thetga aye

Councilmember Bill Middleton aye

Councilmember Esther Woods absent

Councilmember Barbara Crannell aye

* *Tioga County Chamber of Commerce Celebration*

*Will be held on February 16, 2019.*

* *Cleaning of the Cady Library*

*The motion to hire J’s Clean Sweep to clean Library, made by B. Middleton 2nd by B. Crannell.*

*Roll Vote;*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

*Carried 4-0-0 -1*

***OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

* *Truck Bid – R. Thetga*

*1 (one) bid was received for the purchase of a 2019, (4 four) door, Steel body Ford Truck for the new Buildings and Grounds position.*

*The bid followed specs for truck coming in at the following price.*

*Truck Body $ 47,390.00*

*Bradco cab & chasey $35,358.01*

*$ 73,384.01 Total*

*The motion to authorize Supervisor K. Engelbert to sign acceptance letter, made by B. Middleton 2nd by B. Crannell.*

*Roll Vote:*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

*Carried 4-0-0 -1*

***UPDATE FROM TOWN DEPARTMENTS/PERSONNEL***

* *Jordan Douglas – keeping up with weather, and machinery.*

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *New York Rising/Comprehensive Plan – B. Crannell*
* *REAP - B. Crannell*
* *Update on Highway Garage – K. Engelbert*

*The Town will have to pay Town’s share first, and GOSR will pay balance of funds for Garage.*

* *Tioga Opportunities INC. –*

*Request for additional keys for doors at NES, due to their rotating staff. Tioga Opportunities will pay for additional keys.*

***ACCEPT REPORTS AND PAY BILLS***

* *The motion to accept the reports and pay bills, made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga.*

*Roll Vote;*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

*Carried 4-0-0 -1*

***ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, & CRITICISMS FROM THE PUBLIC***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

*The motion to go to executive session at 7: 48 pm to discuss personnel was made by, K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Crannell*

*Roll Vote;*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

*Carried 3-0-0 -2*

*The motion to go out of executive session at 7:53 pm made by B. Middleton 2nd by B. Crannell*

*Roll Vote;*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

*Carried 3-0-0 -2*

*The motion to hire Ray Thetga Jr., as Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Town of Nichols, at a salary of $40,000.00 included in the 2019 budget, made by B. Middleton 2nd by B. Crannell.*

*Roll Vote;*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

*Carried 3-0-0 -2*

*The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm made by K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote;*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

*Carried 3-0-0 -2*

*Karen Hunsinger*

*Town Clerk*

*02/06/2019*