**Town of Nichols**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**February 27, 2019**

Supervisor Engelbert brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm 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 (present), Councilperson Barbara Crannell (absent), Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (present), Tiffany Middendorf Deputy Town Clerk

Also Present; Lesley Pelotte, Jordan Douglas, Ray Thetga Jr., LeeAnn Tinney, Melanie Pandich, Roseann Cole

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

**MINUTES**

The motion to accept the minutes as presented from 01/08/2019 and 01/23/2019 was made by B. Middleton, 2nd by R. Thetga.

Roll vote; R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).

 Carried 4-0-1

**NEW BUSINESS**

LeeAnn Tinney, from Tioga County Economic Planning and Development, presented The Board with a financial assistance application for Nichols Distribution, LLC, (Best Buy) looking for a letter of support of sales tax abatement for their renovation and expansion project.

The estimated 4% tax savings is $514,214.64 for the equipment purchases.

Supervisor Engelbert made a motion for a letter of support to be drafted in favor of Best Buy’s sales tax abatement for their renovation and expansion project, 2nd by E. Woods.

Roll vote; R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (nay), E. Woods (aye) K. Engelbert (aye).

 Carried 3-1-1

**RESOLUTION #6-2019**

 ACCEPTING COUNTY DETERMINING THAT

DIRECTOR OF B&G CLASSIFIED AS WORKING SUPERVISOR

POSTION RETROACTIVE

At a meeting of The Town Board of The Town of Nichols, held at The Town Offices, 54 East River Rd; Nichols, New York on the 27th day of February, 2019, the following resolution was offered and seconded;

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Nichols accepts Tioga County’s determination that Director of B&G is classified as a working supervisor position, retroactive to February 1, 2019.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that The Town of Nichols accepts Tioga County’s determination that Director of B&G is classified as a working supervisor position, retroactive to February 1, 2019.

Supervisor Kevin Engelbert Aye

Councilperson Ray Thetga Abstain

Councilperson Bill Middleton Aye

Councilperson Esther Woods Aye

Councilperson Barbara Crannell Absent

Melanie Pandich, of The American Red Cross was present discussing what was involved in having a Red Cross approved shelter in the town. Melanie stated the shelter facility and start up would be up to the town to supply. The Red Cross would then provide the personnel and supplies needed in an emergency.

Supervisor Engelbert’s suggested The Red Cross draw up a contract that they could then present to the town board.

Tioga County Soil & Water will be having an informational meeting March 5th & 6th at 6:00pm of an overview of “Susquehanna Regional River Initiative” and watershed assessment findings that were completed in the fall of 2018.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**UPDATE FROM TOWN DEPARTMENTS/PERSONNEL**

Kevin Vought-Highway

* Road maintenance is constant struggle this time of year.
* New truck has been returned from International for repair. He also stated that each towing incident that occurs due to the “problem” the town will be reimbursed $500.00 in towing expenses.

Ray Thetga Jr.-Building & Grounds

* The mowers currently used for the cemetery are sufficient for the upcoming season.
* The NES building will need larger mower for safety reasons. Ray has done research on some mower models and made some suggestions to the board.
* He stated he did research into purchasing towing trailers for equipment. He presented a price range for 16 and 22 foot length.

Supervisor Engelbert stated the board would look into the suggestions Mr. Thetga Jr. has suggestion and make a decision at the March 13th 2019 Town Board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Framework is going up on the new highway garage.

March 5th at 2:00pm is the next meeting with the contractors.

**ACCEPT REPORTS & PAY BILLS**

Councilperson Middleton made the motion to accept the reports and pay bills, 2nd by Councilperson Woods.

Roll Vote: R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), K. Engelbert (aye)

 Carried 4-0-1

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm was made by Supervisor Engelbert, 2nd by B. Middleton.

Roll Vote: R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), K. Engelbert (aye)

 Carried 4-0-1

Tiffany Middendorf

Deputy Town Clerk

02/28/2019