*Town of Nichols*

*Regular Board Meeting*

*April 9, 2019*

*Supervisor Engelbert brought meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, located at 54 E. 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 (highway dept.), Ray Thetga Jr. (buildings & grounds dept.), Warren Howler (Morning Times), Michele & David Ricketson, Darryl Seward.*

***MINUTES***

*The motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2019 made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga.*

*Roll vote;*

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

*Carried 4-1-0-0*

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

*Mr. Ricketson had questions about dog licensing and why his licenses never seem to be right.*

*Supervisor Engelbert directed the Question to Town Clerk K. Hunsinger.*

*Mr. Ricketson stated he licenses his dog in January when paying taxes every year, but yet he gets a delinquency notice every year for this dog, and he stated that he and the Town Clerk have had this discussion on several occasions, but it is still unclear to him why when the license renewal is purchased and the check is cashed why he still gets a delinquency notice.*

*K. Hunsinger explained to Mr. Ricketson that when you initially purchase the dog license the computer program automatically defaults to that date. So if you originally licensed your dog earlier or later then when you renew your license the program defaults to the original date. Example: original date of licensing is October, but you renew your license in January the program first indicates your renewal as being late, and your renewed license will be effective only from January to October (original Licensing (month) date) of the same year, so in reality your only getting a 10 month license not a whole year based on the date which you originally licensed your dog.*

*2nd Example: again original date of licensing is October but you renew your license in July the program defaults to original date of purchase so if you renew your license in July you are in reality paying for a 3 month license, My office does try to let people know of the default to ensure renewals on original date (month) of purchase to correct the less then yearly licenses.*

***NEW BUSINESS***

*Red Cross meeting at NES for Emergency refuge, on Monday April 8, 2019, Barbara Crannell, Ray Thetga Jr., Bill Middleton, and Leslie Pelotte were in attendance.*

*Red Cross/ Health Dept. looked at Kitchen, fire alarms, outside spikits, NES needs an AED (Automated Emergency Defibulator) system installed, Ray Thetga Jr. stated that Evan Smith with the Nichols Fire Dept. would maintain the AED system.*

*R. Thetga Jr. also stated that the Town Halls AED needs to be maintained, pads will be outdated soon, after discussion Town Board decided that the Town Employees also need recertification of AED along with employees at NES getting certified for AED.*

*The Health Dept. stated Kitchen looked in good shape verify everything is in good working order. B. Crannell signed a standard agreement for the Town and has a copy of agreement for Towns records (given to K. Engelbert).*

*They will also send insurance and code of ethics for Towns records. The Red Cross will also rely on volunteers for the first few days of emergency. When they arrive on scene they will take over operations.*

*The NES will sleep 50, cots and blankets (2 Two per cot) will be provided, Red Cross will pay for or reimburse Town for all expenses (food, fuel, amenities, electric). If Board is not satisfied with contract the Town can back out of it at any time.*

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

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

* *Highway Dept. – J. Douglas*

*Maintaining dirt Rds. Servicing trucks for summer work, sweeping sand off roads.*

*R. Thetga Sr. – stated when sweeping, roads it should be wet, only do sweeping after rain, roads were very dry dust and dirt was very thick, Joanne Thetga couldn’t see through the dust, almost hit tractor, not to mention the car was filthy after going through dust, visibility should never be that bad, this is how accidents happen and people get hurt or killed.*

* *Buildings and Grounds – R. Thetga Jr.*

*New mower delivered this week, conducted interviews for Buildings & Grounds employees, hired Tim Mills he started Monday April 8,. R. Thetga and Tim M. have been cleaning up cemeteries. R. Thetga to hire more employees in the near future, part time summer help.*

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *REAP/COG – B. Crannell*

*At the last REAP meeting a grant request was turned in for Rural Development.*

*Council of Government (COG), 2020 census*

* *Highway Garage update – K. Engelbert*

*Roof and Garage doors are on Garage. The question of security alarms for the Town Barn, a discussion ensued. Nothing resolved at this time.*

***OTHER OLD BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

***ACCEPT REPORTS & PAY BILLS***

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

*Roll Vote;*

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

*Carried 4-1-0-0*

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

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

*The motion to go to executive session at 7: 23 pm to discuss personnel was made by B. Crannell 2nd by R. Thetga*

*Roll Vote;*

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

*Carried 4-1-0-0*

*The motion to go out of executive session, made at 7:30 pm made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

*Carried 4-1-0-0*

*The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm made by R. Thetga 2nd by B. Crannell.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

*Carried 4-1-0-0*

*Karen Hunsinger*

*Town Clerk*

*04/16/2019*