*Town of Nichols*

*Regular Board Meeting*

*May 14, 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 (present), Councilperson Barbara Crannell (present), Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (present), Karen Hunsinger Town Clerk.*

*Also Present; Kevin Vought (Highway Superintendent), Ray Thetga Jr. (Buildings &Grounds Superintendent), Rose Cole (Zoning Board), Matt Freeze (Morning Times), Bob Huseby (Code Enforcement)*

***MINUTES***

*The motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2019 made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga.*

*Roll vote;*

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

 *Carried 5-0-0-0*

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

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *Resignation – K. Engelbert*

*Justice Michael Byers has handed in his resignation effective August 12, 2019.*

 *Supervisor Engelbert enquired at the Board of Elections to see if it was too late to get someone on the ballot to run for Justice Position in the November election. It is not too late so advertising for position will be done immediately to give interested parties time to collect names for petitions.*

 *The motion to accept Justice Michael Byers resignation, made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga*

 *Roll vote;*

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

 *Carried 5-0-0-0*

* *Upstate New York Towns Association Annual Meeting – B. Crannell, B. Middleton*

*Solar Energy in NYS., attendance was good, talk of milling black top for hot patches.*

* *Next Board Meeting May 22, 2019 – K. Engelbert*

*The motion to cancel May 22, 2019 meeting made by R. Thetga 2nd by B. Crannell*

 *Roll vote;*

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

 *Carried 5-0-0-0*

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

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

* *Code Enforcement – B. Huseby*

 *The Law in the Code books for RV’s year round is not written in text for residents it is written for parks and campgrounds. The code needs to be revised for residents, for example RV’s parked in lawns or driveways of residents and family members living in RV’s year round.*

 *The question of storing campers? those that use campers for vacation etc.. is there a code for storage?*

 *B. Huseby, No as long as the camper is not hooked to water/sewer or electric the storage of the camper in lawn, driveway etc.. is allowed.*

 *The motion to send Code to Planning Board for revising was made by B. Crannell 2nd by B. Middleton*

 *Roll Vote;*

 *R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (abstain), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (No).*

 *Carried 5-0-1-1*

* *Highway – K. Vought*

*Cleaning ditches, took down tree by resident Greg Rogers, tree was split and falling in direction of electrical lines and road.*

*Waiting for rain to stop to start road work on dirt roads.*

*$140,000.00 in chips, chips didn’t award winter chips to Town this year.*

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

*Dan Rogers, may not be interested in digging graves, Board may want to find alternative person or look into purchasing equipment for cemetery so Ray Jr. and or crew can dig graves.*

*Smoking at NES Building, smoking outside but always in same place and does not take care of cigarette butts, and they are piling up, discussion ensued of smoking on Government property. Bill Middleton to look into this, Ray Jr. will politely ask persons to take care of Cigarette Butts.*

*Ray Jr. and Crew are working diligently to keep up with lawn mowing, the rain detours mowing but they have been able to keep up with it, being this is the first year for the Building and Grounds Dept. Ray Jr. feels now that the lawns need to be mowed no less than twice a week due to so much rain fall, grass is growing at a quicker rate, if we get dryer weather it will probably be put back to once a week.*

*Cemetery Rules:*

*The Cemetery Association had Cemetery Rules posted at the Cemetery, some of which are very strict. Ray Jr. asked if rules could be changed?*

*K. Engelbert – only the Town Board can make changes since the Town has now taken control of the Cemetery following the discontinuing of the Cemetery Association.*

*Ray Jr. is to copy Rules and give to Board members to look over for next Board Meeting.*

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *New York Rising – B. Crannell*

*Meeting was last week B. Crannell was out of Town, she will follow up at next Board meeting on June 11, 2019.*

* *Council of Government – same as above.*
* *Highway Garage – K. Engelbert*

*Pictures were sent to Board Members, of the progress being made at the Garage. They are making good progress, and moving forward.*

***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 5-0-0-0*

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

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

*The motion to go to executive session at 8: 13 pm to discuss personnel was made by R. Thetga 2nd by E. Woods.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 5-0-0-0*

*The motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:22 pm was made by B. Middelton 2nd by R. Thetga. Carried 5-0-0-0*

*The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm made by B. Crannell.2nd by E. Woods.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 5-0-0-0*

*Karen Hunsinger*

*Town Clerk*

*05/16/2019*