*Town of Nichols*

*Regular Meeting*

*February 11, 2020*

*Supervisor Kevin Engelbert brought meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Nichols Town Hall located at 54 East River Rd. Nichols NY.*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Roll Call;*

*Councilperson Ray Thetga Sr. (present), Councilperson Bill Middleton (present), Councilperson Esther Woods (present), Councilperson Barbara Crannell (present), Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (present).*

*Also present;*

*Ray Thetga Jr. LeeAnn Tinney, (County IDA), Shane Spinner (Highway Dept.), Will Heveland (Highway Dept.), Jordan Douglas (Highway Dept.), Matt Freeze (Morning Times).*

***MINUTES***

*The motion to accept the minutes from January 29, meeting as presented, made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.*

*Roll vote;*

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

 *Carried 5 aye-0 absent-0 No-0 abstain*

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

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *Zoning Changes Request - Bob Huseby*

*A zoning change request for Depot Rd. 3 properties, the order of requested change to come to the Town Board first and be voted on to go to the Zoning Board and then to County Planning Board for approval and then the Towns Lawyer can draft Local Law.*

*A company is looking to buy property and would like Zoning to go from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to IBAR (Industrial- Business-Agricultural-Residential).*

*The motion was made to pass the Zoning changes to the Zoning Board, made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4 aye-0 absent-0 No-1abstain*

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

***UPDATE FROM TOWN DEPARTMENTS/ PERSONEL***

* *Highway Dept. – (W. Heveland)*

*Snow and Ice removal, weight limit signs put up. Need new cutting edge on plow, truck F350 needs deaf fluid, F250 need plow fixed.*

*Gear Cor. & All-star – two companies that the Highway crew and Superintendent were looking at to purchase clothing from. A discussion ensued over prices between two companies and prices on line or at local Walmart’s. Better prices, quality of clothing & safety clothing were the topics of discussion.*

 *Board stated that it didn’t matter where each individual purchased clothing as long as they were uniform to each other and all safety clothing (reflective clothing) were purchased to keep employees safe when working in and alongside of roads.*

* *Buildings & Grounds - (R. Thetga Jr.)*

*NES (Nichols Elementary School) cleaned out 4 of the 5 rooms they were renting, they also took wires down for internet but put them up in the block ceiling, so they can be reused.*

*Equipment for Cemetery’s*

*R. Thetga Jr. has obtained 4 quotes for equipment for cemetery to excavate graves. Board members to review quotes before next meeting.*

*Library front porch renovations - (R. Thetga Jr.)*

*An outside source has shown interest in a donation of either monetary value or possibly replacing all six of the large pillars, pricing for replacement of pillars was done by John Khoen and to replace all pillars to look historically correct and at the size they are at present would be astronomical at $30 to $60,000 per pillar. In the light of cost the donation source has since decided to replace all 6 bottom bases to the pillars. The only change in the Bid the Town received will be cost of labor for the replacement of bottom bases, question from board, would donator consider cover cost of labor? R.Thetga Jr. to find out from donation source what they will be willing to cover.*

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *Lode-star- LeeAnn Tinney*

*After the first split for pilot program was rejected by Tioga County and Owego Appalachian School District the Town sent back a split of 36 % Town, 32% County and 32% School District.*

*LeeAnn Tinney was present to tell Town Board the proposed split was again rejected by County and School District, County and School District want a 33% across the board split and will take nothing less.*

*A discussion ensued; LeeAnn Tinney presented Board with pilot Contract/Resolution, with the 33% across the board split. Town Board discussed and many concerns were voiced, about IDA lead on Pilot verses Town lead on Pilot, why different what’s the same, IDA always negotiates for higher for County and School and Town gets lowest portion never equal across board. Solar farm would like to*

*wrap up resolution before end of February.*

*The motion to approve Lode-star pilot at 1/3 Town, 1/3 County, and 1/3 School District, pilot split was made by, B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga*

*Roll vote;*

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

 *Carried 3aye-0 absent-1 N0-1abstain*

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

***MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS & PAY BILLS***

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

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4 aye-0 absent-0 Nay-0abstain*

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

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***ADJOURN***

*The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, made by R. Thetga, 2nd by B. Middleton*

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

 *Carried 4 aye-0 absent-0 Nay-0abstain*

*Karen Hunsinger*

*Town Clerk*

*02/20/2020*