*Town of Nichols*

*Town Board Meeting*

*Public Hearing*

*October 13, 2020*

*Supervisor Engelbert brought meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Nichols Elementary School (NES) 139 Ro-Ki Blvd. Nichols NY.*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

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

*Also, present; Will Heveland (Highway Superintendent), Kem Hart Baker (Cemetery), Carrie Thetga, Roseann Cole, Bryan Cole, Brandon Sickler, Ray Thetga Jr. (Buildings & Grounds), Karen Hall, Averill Campbell, Nathan VanWhy (Attorney) Sandra Lute (Justice).*

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

*Rose Cole – where are Solar farms going to be located?*

*K. Engelbert – one will be on Hunt Creek Rd. and one on Smith Creek Rd.*

***MINUTES***

*The motion to approve the minutes from September 8, 2020 meeting, made by B. Middleton 2nd by B. Crannell.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 3-1-0-1*

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *Town Historian – Kem Hart Baker*

*K. Baker presented the William G. Pomroy Grant, that she is willing to write, to get Historical signs for the Nichols Cemeteries. K. Baker would like the Towns approval and needs their backing to write a letter of approval for this Grant.*

*K. Baker is also interested in becoming the new Historian for Nichols and has done much research on the History of Nichols, the Cemeteries in Nichols and being the Historian and what is expected for that position.*

*K. Baker was hired to help Town Clerk and Buildings & Grounds with organization of Nichols Cemetery and all the paperwork and filing that needs to be done and to consolidate records into an easy computer layout for quicker references. K. Baker gave a shout out to R. Thetga Jr. for all of his help in finding graves at the cemetery and matching them to card files.*

*The motion to authorize Supervisor K. Engelbert to sign letter for Grant, made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-1 -0 -0*

* *Court Clerk Position – Sandra Lute*

*The present Court Clerk has accepted a new position, and has rendered her resignation, S. Lute has received resumes through advertising in Court system and has chosen a replacement for the out going Clerk (Town Board has Copy’s of Resume).*

*The motion to appoint Karen Vinti as new Court Clerk for Justice Sandra Lute, made by*

*B. Crannell 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-1 -0 -0*

*The motion to go into Recess at 7:14 from the Town Board meeting, made by K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-1 -0 -0*

*The motion to go into a Public Hearing at 7:16 for Resolution #8 – 2020, made by R. Thetga 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-1 -0 -0*

***Resolution #8 -2020***

*The Incorporation of the Wappasening Hose Company*

*At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Nichols, held at the Old Nichols Elementary School, 139 Ro – Ki Blvd, Nichols, New York on the 13th day of October, 2020, the following resolution was offered and seconded:*

*WHEREAS, the Wappasening Hose Company has begun the process of formally incorporating and registering with the State and the IRS; and*

*WHEREAS, as part of this process, the Town Board of the Town of Nichols is required to hold a Public Hearing to hear resident concerns, if any; and*

*WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was duly held at the Town Offices, (temporarily) at the Old Nichols Elementary School, 139 Ro-Ki Blvd, Nichols, New York on the 13th day of October, 2020 at 7:00 pm and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said incorporation; and*

*WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Town Board that this constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c) (26) and (33).*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Nichols having considered resident concerns, if any hereby resolves that the incorporation of the Wappasening Hose Company is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Nichols, and consents to such incorporation.*

*Resolved; that this resolution will take effect immediately.*

*The motion to accept Resolution #8 – 2020, made by K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Middleton*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-1 -0 -0*

*The motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm, made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga*

*Roll Vote;*

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

*Carried 4-1 -0 -0*

* *Cancel October 28, 2020 meeting*

 *The motion to cancel the next meeting of October 28,2020, made by K. Engelbert 2nd by*

 *B. Middleton.*

 *Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-1 -0 -0*

***ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

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

* *Highway Department – W. Heveland*

*School bus signs put up in Town, Red Brush road bridge work done*

*Second mowing of year being done now.*

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

*Fall projects being started, 2 trees at NES need to be removed, a row of pine trees at Town Hall are dead and need to be removed, K. Engelbert suggested after pine trees are removed to purchase hedge to be put in place of pine trees next spring. Ash trees in tree line at end of Town Hall need to be removed also, R. Thetga Jr. stated that he has been in touch with the neighboring resident to get approval from them to take trees down, due to some health issues of neighboring residents he is not pushing getting approval at this time. Eves on Town Hall need to be cleaned of leaves, storm shudders are back on Town Hall for fall and winter.*

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *New York Rising/Comprehensive Plan – B. Crannell*
* *COG/REAP – B. Crannell*
* *Approve 2021 Preliminary Budget*

*The motion to approve the 2021 Preliminary Budget, Made by K. Engelbert 2nd by*

*B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-1 -0 -0*

* *The motion to set the 2021 Budget Hearing for November 10, 2020 at 7:10pm , was made by*

*R. Thetga Sr. 2nd by B. Middleton*

 *Roll Vote*;

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

 Carried 4-1 -0 -0

***ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

* *Testing at old dump on Tuttle Rd. is done, maintenance by Buildings & Grounds to continue.*

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

* *NYS Discontinuing the Recycling and the impact it will have.*

*Short discussion in conclusion this is not a step forward.*

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

*The motion to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:58 pm was made by K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 Carried 4-1 -0 -0

*The motion to go out of Executive session at 8:27 pm made by B. Middleton 2nd B. Crannell*

 *Roll Vote;*

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

 Carried 3-2 -0 -0

 **ADJOURN**

*The motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm made by K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Middleton.*

 Roll Vote;

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

 Carried 3-2 -0 -0

*Karen Hunsinger*

*Nichols Town Clerk*

*10/28/2020*