*Town of Nichols*

*Regular Board Meeting*

*December 11, 2018*

*Supervisor Kevin Engelbert brought meeting to order at 7:01 pm 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; Warren Howler, Carol Colwell, Jorden Douglas, Kevin Vought, Robin & Darryl Seward, Dot Richter, William Leonard.*

***CEO REPORT –*** *Submitted and on file in the Clerk’s Office.*

***SUPERVISORS REPORT –*** *Submitted and on file in the Clerk’s Office.*

***CLERKS REPORT -*** *Submitted and on file in the Clerk’s Office.*

***JUSTICE REPORT -*** *Justice Byers*

*November 2018*

 *Fines: $ 26,298.00*

 *Surcharges: $ 13,919.00*

 *Civil Fees $ 1,760.00*

 *Total $41,977.00*

 *Total Cases 289*

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

*Resident Carol Colwell was present and stated that she has years of property management experience and wants to know why junk and unlicensed vehicles are allowed to be on properties, and why Code hasn’t addressed the problem, stating that she has talked to the CEO in August, October and late November and nothing has been done? Carol also stated she has gone around Briggs Hill and /Briggs Hollow and has seen at least 10 properties with junk vehicles.*

*Town Board will talk to CEO to see what is happening with properties.*

***MINUTES***

*The motion to accept the minutes of November 13, 2018 as presented, 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*

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *CCNN – (Community Care Network of Nichols), Dot Richter*

 *Brief narrative of CCNN- a community based service, started as a grass roots service in Nichols D. Richter has been involved with since the beginning 19 years ago. Now CCNN will be merging with Tioga County Opportunities.*

 *K. Engelbert asked what has changed.*

 *D. Richter answered, donations are down, awarded grants can take up to almost a year to receive, updates in training for staff.*

 *CCNN will still be located at the Nichols Elementary School but will be under a different name after the consolidation with Tioga Opportunities, all services will remain the same.*

 *D. Richter has been employed by Tioga Opportunities since July, when the consolidation/merger with Tioga Opportunities happens D. Richter will be bringing over $300,000 worth of grants to the table to save all the programs, and all programs will be integrated with Tioga Opportunities.*

* *Hazard Mitigation Plan (Draft) – B. Crannell*

*The Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is on the County Website. Communities have separate sections in plan. HMP is a blueprint for each community for reducing property damage and saving lives during natural disasters, and to enable the county and municipalities to be eligible for qualifying mitigation projects.*

* *Building & Grounds (Truck) – R. Thetga*

*R. Thetga had lead and found truck, but truck was sold, R. Thetga has possibly found another truck, but truck will have to be put out for bid.*

*The motion to authorize purchase of truck for Building & Grounds was made by B. Middleton 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*

* *1766 South Main Street – K. Engelbert*

*Property is for sale, it’s in the flood plain and is not selling, owners would like to donate it to the Town. A discussion ensued over donation of property to Town, conclusion that the Town has no use for property and Town cannot accept property unless there is a reason Town has use for it or if it were a part of FEMA buyout Town feels it would be better if sold to a neighbor, but that decision is up to the property owner. K. Engelbert to notify owners that Town is declining donation.*

* *Cancelation of Dec. 27, 2018 Town Board Meeting*

*The motion to cancel December 27, 2018 Town Board Meeting, 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*

* *Set date for 2019 Organizational meeting*

*The motion was made to set 2019 Organizational Meeting for January 2, 2019 at 9:00am in the Town Hall, 54 E. River Rd. made by B. Middleton 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*

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

* *Broad Band meeting in Bath NY, B. Crannell will attend meeting, Broad Band may be coming through Nichols.*

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

* *Highway Department – K. Vought*

*Plowing and sanding as needed, cutting brush. Plasma cutter broke, cost to fix it $1,500.00, K. Vought has decided not to replace cutter until after garage is completed, discussion ensued over plasma cutter, and Board suggested getting new plasma cutter at the cost of $1,850.00. Old cutter is too dangerous to use and cutter is a necessary tool.*

*Smith Creek Rd. – Darryl Seward, tree was taken down near his property, tree was left near/in creek, and plow took out his mailbox during last storm. K. Vought stated mailbox will be taken care of.*

* *Planning Board – B. Crannell*

*Planning Board is working to get bond from Solar Company for Solar farm.*

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *New York Rising/Comprehensive Plan – B. Crannell*

*Comprehensive Plan will be meeting in early January with Village of Nichols. K. Engelbert – Objective of meeting? To get plan completed.*

* *REAP – B. Crannell*

*Meeting on Dec. 12, 2018, nothing local from last meeting.*

* *Highway Garage – K. Engelbert*

*Garage is moving forward. Contractors found spring on south west corner of building, Fed Ex put in Buck Rd. Road to garage has to be modified.*

*Driveway – work order*

*Covering concrete during winter months – work order*

*Steel to be delivered in January or February. Electrician is running underground wiring, no major setbacks. Occupancy of Garage – spring / summer 2019.*

* *Building & Grounds Position – Town Clerk has taken in 10 -15 applications for position, K. Engelbert would like Board members to come in and look over applications.*

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

***ACCEPT REPORTS AND PAY BILLS***

*The motion was made by E. Woods 2nd by B. Middleton*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 5-0-0-0*

*The motion was made to pay end of year bills and balance all accounts, 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*

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

*William Leonard inquired about the Town Hall being moved or building a New Town Hall.*

*K. Engelbert – yes, once Highway Garage is completed, the Town does need a bigger Town Hall to accommodate Jury trials and storage for records, building may start as soon as 2020.*

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***ADJOURN***

*The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm, made by R. Thetga 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*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*

*12/14/2018*