

**TOWN OF NICHOLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 2023**

*Deputy Town Supervisor, Brenda Fay-Pelotte, brought meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Nichols Elementary School located at 139 Ro-Ki Blvd Nichols NY 13812*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL;**

*Supervisor Esther Woods (absent), Councilperson Bill Middleton (absent), Councilperson Ladd Yost (present), Councilperson Rose Cole (present), and Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte (present).*

**ALSO PRESENT;**

*Kem Hart-Baker, Bob Nugent, Ray Thetga Jr, Heather Manuel and Marcy Hill (Town Clerk).*

**MINUTES**

*Motion to approve the amended minutes from April 26, 2023 made by R. Cole 2nd by L. Yost  
Roll Vote; B. Middleton(absent), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (absent).*

*Carried 3 aye- 2 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain*

*No public comments.*

**New Business:**

*Brenda Fay-Pelotte reviewed the recent property tax cap regulations. We need to start thinking about this. We will bring this forward again in June or July and have a resolution prepared for the September timeframe.*

**Drafting Table – Town Assessor-**

*Motion to approve the purchase of a drafting table for the town assessor made by Ladd Yost  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rose Cole*

*Roll Vote; B. Middleton(absent), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (absent).*

*Carried 3 aye- 2 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain*

*Cady Library – Trash and recycling service has been canceled and the Library will select who they want. The Historian’s recycling will be brought to the Town Hall.*

**Department Reports:**

*Historian – Kem has been working with on how to receive donations for the Bicentennial celebration. She is working with The Community Foundation of South Central NY. They will be used a “pass through” for these donation. Kem will continue to meet with them to finalize.*

*Cemetery Signs – Kem present the Board with the signage option.*

*Option 1: \$5030.00 & No Install cost*

*This option includes Nichols Cemetery (1 sign) and Asbury, Coryell and Briggs Hollow cemeteries (3 signs).*

*Option 2: \$3240.00 - This option would be all four (4) signs of the same design. The design would be*

*like Option 1 - #2 (three cemetery signs)*

*Motion to approve Option #1 for the cemetery signs and that the Town of Nichols will cover any overage above the grant amount of \$5000 by Ladd Yost 2<sup>nd</sup> Rose Cole – It is noted that the Town will also do the installation of the signage.*

*Roll Vote; B. Middleton(absent), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods(absent).*

*Carried 3 aye- 2 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain*

*Building & Grounds - Ray Thetga Jr*

Utility Trailer –Quotes on trailers range from \$6200-\$7900. They will all fit up to 3 mowers. These quotes are under the weight limit so anyone can use it. Ray will pick the model and get the trailer ordered.

*Motion to approve the purchase of the PJ Trailer at \$6200.00 (if building and grounds is over budget – this purchase will come out of contingency monies) by Rose Cole 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladd Yost*

*Roll Vote; B. Middleton(absent), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods(absent).*

*Carried 3 aye- 2 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain*

Front Door quotes:

Mancini quoted \$90/hr. plus travel time and Ray would work with the contractor.

The second quote from Mancini was to replace all hardware (including threshold) along with new panic bars for \$4092(material) plus \$1500(labor). There was a brief discussion on which option was the best.

*Motion to approve the quote for hardware replacement by Mancini by Rose Cole 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladd Yost*

*Roll Vote; B. Middleton(absent), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods(absent).*

*Carried 3 aye- 2 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain*

*Robert Nugent*

Bob met with Crown Cork last week. He is waiting to hear back from the EPA and there may be some changes with permitting. EPA is becoming stricter with their processes and Crown Cork is awaiting the EPA feedback. Once Bob has the reporting, he will contact the NYS DEC. Bob stated he is hoping Crown Cork will keep handling their own industrial waste testing. The Board agreed with that.

**Committee Reports:**

Reap - None

Hazard Mitigation – None

LEPC – None

Council of Government – None

Bicentennial – Kem stated they had a very productive first meeting on April 28th. They developed a volunteer waiver and release. Also created a questionnaire or volunteers to obtain their skills. There are about 7-8 volunteers. June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next meeting. The committee has been coordinating with other organizations. There will be a logo contest. It is a pretty good start. Kem and Ladd are working on making deductions tax deductible.

Rose wanted to say that the dog catcher was great to work with. Very quick response and helpful.

**Old Business:**

- New Town Hall Project Review final punch list
  - Air Conditioner waiting on quote from Martin's.
  - Signage
  - Panic buttons –Locations determined
  - Driveway sign – drawings for the tentative sign from the previous drawings will be sent to Ladd
- Emergency Plan Annexes – Nothing new since last meeting
- Depot Rd Project – Nothing new since last meeting.
- FEMA Properties updates – Esther has reached out to the attorney.

Cady Library-

It was chartered as a public library – it is funded by the taxpayers and by a will. The town owns the building. There is a charter that goes to the NYS regents' board. Tax funds come through the school district budget vote, and the Towns donation. We will have to further review the funding of the library. They nominate their own trustees and are not covered by civil service. We currently do their payroll and need to review doing this. Esther is working on this step.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT VOUCHERS AND PAY BILLS**

*Motion to accept vouchers and pay bills by Ladd Yost 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose Cole.*

*Roll Vote; B. Middleton(absent), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (absent).*

*Carried 3 aye- 2 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN –**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm made by Rose Cole 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ladd Yost.*

*Roll Vote; B. Middleton(absent), R. Cole (aye), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), L. Yost (aye), and E. Woods (absent).*

*Carried 3 aye- 2 absent- 0 No- 0 abstain*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Marcy Hill*

*5/9/2023*