

*Nichols Town Regular Board Meeting
November 27 2023
6:00 pm*

Town Supervisor, Esther Woods, brought the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Nichols Elementary School located at 139 Ro-Ki Blvd Nichols NY 13812.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL;

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

ALSO PRESENT;

Will Heveland, Bill Woods and Scot Taylor

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes from November 7, 2023 made by B. Fay-Pelotte 2nd by L, Yost Roll Vote; R. Cole (abstain), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (aye).

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

Public Comments: *If you would like to speak there will be a 2-minute time length per person, the board will consider your comments, if warranted we will respond at a later time.*

Town Board Member Position – Due to the resent resignation of Councilperson Middleton we have two people interested in the vacant councilperson positon.

Supervisor Woods asked each to introduce themselves:

Scot Taylor, lifelong member of the community. Aware of the board seat- interest – wants Nichols to do well – this was a pretty vibrant area in the past and would like to see it improve. Have some ideas/questions on how to do this. We are very fortunate to have two schools that offer great educational and opportunities. How do we keep our schools and community vibrant?

Bill Woods, also lifelong member of the community. Stated he ran unsuccessfully twice in the past. Has an interest to get involved in the community. Works at Guthrie – a lot of ideas to keep Nichols great again. Really impressed by the internet and would like to be apart and keep the momentum going. How do we utilize what we have?

New Business:

Cleaning Services - Two quotes in the meeting packet. Dynamic Cleaning is a little cheaper than the Class A quote. Dynamic Cleaning would do a deep clean for their first visit. Dynamic Cleaning come in with a bid of approximately \$650 per month for a once a month cleaning of all buildings. Class A Cleaning services also submitted a quote to clean the town buildings monthly. The cost for that quote was \$645.

The Cady Library is also very interested in cleaning service. This will be moved forward until next month.

Stipends- The \$400 for eye and dental coverage. We do not cover any dental work and eye care coverage. If they are in our insurance program – then you will continue to get the \$400 if they are taking the health insurance. With the new insurance all the copays will be covered and one dental cleaning. We are going to save money with the Bronze program. It was discussed and the amount will remain at \$400.00 per year.

*Planning Board – To reduce members from 5 to 3 members.
Our board is not a very active board – the language on the terms will need to be changed.
This would go into effect in January 2024.*

*We need to set the date of hearing for December 12, 2023.
A motion to approve a public hearing for Planning Board member reduction R. Cole and 2nd L. Yost
Roll Vote; R. Cole (abstain), B. Fay-Pelotte (aye), Ladd Yost (aye), and E. Woods (aye).*

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

Brenda passed out a “marked up” version of the fee schedule. Doug Chrzanowski, Code Enforcer, has gone thru the list. The list will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Reports:

Kem Baker, Historian – No Report.

Will Heveland – Will spoke to the issue of resident taking sand from the Town Barn’s. This is a long time standing practice of allowing the town resident’s to take sand during the winter months. No trespassing signs will be put up at the new facility and the old town barn. Will, will have the signs made and will post them.

Code Enforcement– No report

Library – Emily VanScoy, REAP. She found about 7-8 different grant opportunities for Library upgrades. Rose will work with REAP and the library to work on these.

Ray Thetga, B/G – No Report.

Bob Nugent, S/W – No Report.

Committee Reports: *Reap –No Report*
 Hazard Mitigation – No Report
 LEPC – No Report
 Council of Government – No report

Old Business:

- *Depot Rd Project – Final Punch List. Brenda went out today and walked it with Roger. Brenda would like to meet with Will and Hunt Engineering to discuss the “berm”. Keep the conditions we have now. We will try to get the additional cost reimbursed after project is finished.*

- *Village of Nichols – Drainage from Roki Boulevard – Brenda reached out to two contractors. As soon as they can come out they will walk and look at the projects.*
- *NY Class Investments – Esther is working on; this.*
- *FEMA Property(s) No Update*

Court System -IT issues – Tioga County will be reaching out to Art Mayer. There are no other issues noted with any other municipality that uses fiber internet to connect to the state’s system.

Accept vouchers and pay bills:

Motion to accept vouchers and pay bills by B. Fay –Pelotte 2nd by R. Cole

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

Carried 4 aye- 0 absent 0 No- 0 abstain

Motion to move to Executive Session at 7:00 R Cole 2nd B. Fay-Pelotte

Motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:20 L. Yost 2nd R. Cole

Motion to adjourn made by B. Fay-Pelotte 2nd by R. Cole

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

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Marcy Hill 12/12/2023*