

## Town of Nichols

### Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 22, 2025 – 6:00 PM

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Board Members Present:

Supervisor Esther Woods, Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte, Councilperson LeeAnn Tinney, Councilperson Rose Cole, Councilperson J. Ladd Yost

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff Blow, Matt Freeze, Jason Goble, Marnie Strait, and Marcy Hill, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, seconded by Esther Woods at 6:00pm  
Pledge of Allegiance

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#### B. Approvals

A motion to approve June 2025 minutes by, Supervisor E. Woods, seconded by Councilperson J. Ladd

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent

#### Acceptance of Financial Reports

A motion to accept the March 2025 financial reports by Supervisor E. Woods, seconded by Councilperson R. Cole Vote: -4 Ayes, 0-No, 1-abstain, 0 absent

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#### C. Public Comments

- **Jason Goble, 2118 W. River Rd.** – Requested to lease town-owned FEMA property for farmland. Discussion noted that while FEMA-owned property cannot be sold, leasing may be possible with FEMA approval (which can take up to a year). Issue raised regarding property ownership and adjacent land. Board will revisit.
  - **Marnie Strait** – Expressed concern about unsafe traffic speeds on West River Rd. Stated police presence is inadequate. Requested temporary speed limit signage. Board noted it is a county road but agreed to pursue possible safety measures.
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#### D. New Business

1. **E. & W. River Road Traffic Concerns**

- Councilperson R. Cole reviewed FOIL information on traffic incidents (2024–2025).
  - Traffic Safety Board of Tioga County will review and provide recommendations.
  - Councilperson R. Cole will continue to gather data.
  - 2. **Appointment – Town Assessor**
    - **Resolution #18** – Appoint Town Assessor – Adopted.
  - 3. **Resolution #19 – Water Gauges & Emergency Sirens – Tabled**
    - Discussion of flood preparedness and emergency notification.
    - Consideration of new gauges and shared services with Town of Owego for notifications.
    - Leanne will contact Town of Owego; Esther will research siren options.
  - 4. **Internet Connectivity** – Splicing and installations ongoing (Decker, Quarry, Stanton, and E. River Roads). Map nearing completion.
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## E. Old Business

- **Grant Update – Carriage House/Library** – Approved to move to next step. Quotes for windows underway. Deadline: end of July.
  - **Depot Road Project Reimbursement** – No updates.
  - **FEMA Property** – Warner property payout pending FEMA reimbursement.
  - **Room 2 Renovations** – Three estimates received. Recommendation to award contract to Clark Quality Carpentry, contingent on references. Motion carried. Anticipated timeframe: Fall/Winter.
  - **Design Connect Project** – Awaiting return of college students for design proposals (3 options).
  - **Painting Quotes** – Due tomorrow; to be reviewed at next meeting.
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## F. Department Reports

- **Highway** – Oil & stone project completed (noted best work in 10 years). Decker Rd. project to begin Monday; Mount Pleasant to follow. Creek gravel effective in some areas, less so in others. Roller purchase postponed to 2026 due to pending truck delivery.
  - **Building & Grounds** – Ray Thetga Jr. – Not Present.
  - **Sewer & Water** – Bob Nugent – Pressure recording devices installed; monitoring ongoing. New sampler received.
  - **Code Officer** – D. Chrzanowski – Not Present.
  - **Library** – E. Deretz provided report.
  - **Nichols Fire Commissioners** – Not Present.
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## G. Committee Reports

- **REAP** – Ladd attended quarterly meeting. Reported repayment of REAP loan. Brewery sanitizing equipment still in storage; attempts to sell to local breweries unsuccessful.

- **LEPC – Public Health** – Updates included:
    - DSS placing homeless in Hickories Park.
    - Appointment of new EMS coordinator.
    - County radio project underway to ensure all municipalities are equipped with updated systems.
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## **H. Abstracts**

- A motion to approve vouchers and pay bills by Councilperson E Woods, seconded by Councilperson L. Tinney

Vote: 5-Ayes, 0-Naye 0-abstain Motion carried.

General Fund: \$99,229.94  
Highway \$195,495.64  
Library \$5,297.31  
Sewer/Water \$21,162.37

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## **I. Public Comments**

No additional public comments.

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## **J. Executive Session**

Motion made to enter executive session for personnel-related matters.

- Motion: LT
  - Second: BFP
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## **K. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned following executive session.

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**Recorded by:** Marcy Hill  
**Approved on:**