

Town of Nichols
Town Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2026

Call to Order, Pledge, and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor B. Cushman
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor B. Cushman, Councilperson R. Cole, Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte, and Councilperson J. Ladd Yost

- Absent: Councilperson L. Tinney
- Others Present: Jeff Blow, Harold Hall, Robert Nugent, Matt Freeze, and Marcy Hill, Town Clerk

Approval of Minutes

Minutes: March 24, 2026 / April 14, 2026

A motion by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Councilperson Rose Cole to approve the March 26, 2026, and April 14th, minutes as presented.

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0- Abstain, 1- Absent

(Cole-Aye; Tinney-Absent; Cushman-Aye; Yost-Absent; Fay-Pelotte-Aye; Yost-Aye)

Motion carried

Approval of March Financials

Financials: March 2026 Financials

A motion by Supervisor B. Cushman, seconded by Councilperson Rose Cole to approve the March 2026 Financials

Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nay, 1- Abstain, 1 Absent

(Cole-Aye; Tinney-Absent; Cushman-Aye; Yost-Absent; Fay-Pelotte-Aye; Yost-Aye)

Motion carried

Public Comments

Each speaker was limited to two minutes. The Board listened to all comments and reserved the right to respond later if warranted.

No Comments

Department Reports

- Highway – Jeff Blow
Highway Superintendent Blow presented quotes for road work to begin. The following were approved:
A motion by Supervisor B. Cushman, seconded by Councilperson J. Ladd Yost to approve oil/stone quote from Suit Kote NTE \$210,000.
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0- Abstain, 1 Absent
(Cole-Aye; Tinney-Absent; Cushman-Aye; Yost-Aye; Fay-Pelotte-Aye)
Motion carried

A motion by Supervisor B. Cushman, seconded by Councilperson Rose Cole to approve guardrail quote from Chenango Supply NTE \$14,300.00

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0- Abstain, 1 Absent
(Cole-Aye; Tinney-Absent; Cushman-Aye; Yost-Aye; Fay-Pelotte-Aye)
Motion carried

A motion by Supervisor B. Cushman, seconded by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte to approve paving quote from Dalrymple NTE \$298,900.00

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0- Abstain, 1 Absent
(Cole-Aye; Tinney-Absent; Cushman-Aye; Yost-Aye; Fay-Pelotte-Aye)
Motion carried

- Buildings & Grounds – Ray Thetga Jr.
- Sewer & Water – Bob Nugent – Bob added to his submitted report that there will be a hydrant quote forthcoming.
- Code Officer – D. Chrzanowski – No report
- Library – E. Deretz – Historian and Library annual reports are completed. Thank you to the Lions Club for the bench donation. The bench will soon be dedicated “In Memory” of Mr. Carl Wendela. Mrs. Deretz also thanked the town for the summer flowers for the library.
- Nichols Fire Commissioners -No report

New Business

Justice Grinage Conference Approval

The March conference attendance had previously been approved.

Electronic Recycling Day

Discussion was held regarding Tioga County separating the tire recycling and electronics recycling events. The County can come to the Town site one day per month. The electronics recycling company would also come onsite for collection. The Board agreed no changes were needed at this time. It was discussed to continue holding events in the early spring and fall while maintaining the same tire recycler. The fall recycling date was set for Friday, October 9th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

1st Net Cell Phones

Supervisor Cushman met with Tioga County IT Coordinator Brandon Clark regarding 1st Net cell phone services available for government officials and first responders. The cost would be approximately \$34 per month with reportedly strong reception coverage. It was noted that a \$50 stipend is currently being paid. The Board will look into the initial cost of phones through the program.

Discussion was also held regarding obtaining a quote from NYMIR for a cybersecurity plan. NYMIR expressed concerns regarding the Town’s cybersecurity protections. Tioga County is assisting with drafting the cybersecurity policy.

FEMA Community Gardens

Supervisor Cushman reported there will be a TC Depot meeting tomorrow where FEMA Community Gardens will be discussed. It was noted that the Town may have several properties that could qualify for the program.

Old Business

Town Hall Access Control System

Quotes have been received for the Town Hall access control system. The Board will wait until May to take action on the matter.

NYSEG Follow-Up

A letter was received from Thomas O'Mara. Barb read the letter aloud to the Board.

Committee Reports:

An upcoming REAP meeting was discussed. Ladd will attend on behalf of the Town.

Voucher Approval:

A motion by Councilperson R. Cole, seconded by Supervisor B. Cushman to accept abstract and approve vouchers for the General, Highway, Library, and Sewer & Water Funds

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0- Abstain, 1 Absent

(Cole-Aye; Tinney-Absent; Cushman-Aye; Yost-Absent; Fay-Pelotte-Aye; Yost-Aye)

Motion carried

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

A motion by Supervisor B. Cushman, seconded by Councilperson B. Fay-Pelotte to adjourn meeting.

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0- Abstain, 1- Absent

(Cole-Aye; Tinney-Absent; Cushman-Aye; Yost-Absent; Fay-Pelotte-Aye; Yost-Aye)

Motion carried