*Town of Nichols*

*Regular Board Meeting*

*January 24, 2018*

*Supervisor Engelbert brought meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Nichols 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 (absent) Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (present), Karen Hunsinger Town Clerk.*

*Also present; Warren Howler*

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

***MINUTES***

*The motion to approve minutes from January 9, 2018 made by B. Middleton 2nd by E. Woods*

*Roll Vote;*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), K. Engelbert (aye) Carried 4-1-0*

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *Lighting on West River Rd –*

*A discussion ensued over lighting on West River Rd., Mr. Gurrell (Tioga Downs) would like lighting from overpass to Rt. 282 to Tioga Downs. A discussion further ensued over what type of lighting LED or Sodium, this will depend on which type of lighting would be more invasive to residents on West River Rd. and price.*

*The Town of Nichols will be responsible for Electric bills from lighting, until or if Tioga Downs revenues to the Town for gaming drops or is cut at all.*

*There will be no cost for lighting to be installed.*

* *Public Hearings*

*Set date for Public Hearing for Drone and Update of NYS Building Codes and Ordinances. For February 13, 2018 at 7:00pm and 7:10pm in the Nichols Town Hall 54 East River Rd. Nichols NY 13812.*

*The motion to set Public Hearing dates and times for Drones and NYS Building Codes & Ordinances, for February 13, 2018 Made by K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Middleton*

*Roll Vote;*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), K. Engelbert (aye) Carried 4-1-0*

***OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD***

* *Dog Control Meeting – B. Middleton*

*Towns in Tioga County contract with Stray Haven in Waverly NY for Dog Kennel and Boarding fees for dogs running at large and lost/stray dogs, for the last 4 years the contract costs were $800.00 plus $100.00 per dog for boarding fees.*

*Stray Haven, under new management would now like to increase their contract fees for the year 2019 to$15,000.00 plus $100.00 per dog boarded.*

*A discussion ensued over contract fees and alternatives to using Stray Haven Kennels.*

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

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *Update on Highway Garage – K. Engelbert*

*K. Engelbert received a letter from The Office of Storm Recovery, Highway garage has been accepted by a letter of acceptance , however this does NOT constitute approval.*

*A discussion ensued over a letter of acceptance but not approval of Garage.*

* *The Town Board authorize the purchase of a fully equipped 2018 Ford crew cab truck.*
* *NES – K. Engelbert*

*Tioga Central School has found abstracts, Tioga Downs signed contract for their own easement, and the Boyle house at the end of property of School has easement for their driveway.*

***OTHER OLD BUSINESS FROM BOARD***

***ACCEPT REPORTS AND PAY BILLS***

*The motion to accept reports and pay bills, made by B. Middleton 2nd by E. Woods*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), K. Engelbert (aye) Carried 4-1-0*

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***ADJOURN***

*The motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:49 made by R. Thetga 2nd by E.Woods*

*R. Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), K. Engelbert (aye) Carried 4-1-0*

*Karen Hunsinger*

*Town Clerk*

*02/06/2018*