***Town of Nichols***

***Regular Meeting***

***December 8, 2020***

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

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Roll Call;*

*Councilperson Ray Thetga Sr. (present), Councilperson Bill Middleton (present), Councilperson Esther Woods (present), Councilperson Barbara Crannell (present), Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (present).*

*Others present;*

*Ray Thetga Jr. (Buildings & Grounds), Will Heveland (Highway Superintendent), Brandon Sickler (Highway employee), Chris Williams (commissioner Nichols Fire Dept.), Karen Hunsinger (Retiring Town Clerk), LeeAnn Tinney (IDA), Roseann Cole*

***MINUTES***

*Motion to accept the minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk from the November 10, 2020 board meeting made by B. Middleton 2nd by E. Woods.*

*Roll Vote;*

*Ray Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

 *Carried 5 aye- 0 absent-0 No-0 abstain*

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

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *Chris Williams (commissioner Nichols Fire Dept.) - New Nichols Fire Station is almost complete. Fire station is requesting for Town to provide snow removal and salting. Towns of Vestal Barton and Tioga do it for their Fire Stations.*

*Kevin Engelbert – Have we done it in the past, do we have a contract with the fire station?*

*Chris Williams – No*

*Kevin Engelbert – Our attorney seems to think we need a contract with Nichols FD for liability purposes.*

*Barbara Crannell – Will there be any conflict of interest with Ray Thetga Jr. being Fire Chief?*

*Kevin Engelbert – No*

*Motion to have Town of Nichols plow and salt new Nichols Fire Department made by Bill Middleton 2nd Esther Woods*

*Roll Vote;*

*Ray Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

 *Carried 5 aye- 0 absent-0 No-0 abstain*

 *Kevin Engelbert to contact lawyer to draw up contract.*

* *The town of Nichols needs a new REAP representative as Jacob Cole is stepping down from the position*
* *Hunt Creek Rd Erosion Project*

*Will Heveland – We have an estimate from the engineer for the materials and labor needed to fix the erosion on Hunt Creek road near Depot Bridge. The 50 year solution is recommended.*

*Kevin Engelbert- What is the difference in cost?*

*Will Heveland – Town Cost for 25yr is $14,000.00 and 50yr is $20,000.00. The coarser stuff will adhere together better.*

*Esther Woods – Can we cover it?*

*Kevin Engelbert – Yes and I think the 50yr solution is best. What would the time frame be?*

*Will Heveland – Depends on the amount of water in the creek at the time. May have to start soon or wait until after Spring.*

*Motion to fix erosion on Hunt Creek Rd with 50yr made by Ray Thetga 2nd Bill Middleton*

*Roll Vote;*

*Ray Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

 *Carried 5 aye- 0 absent-0 No-0 abstain*

* *Cancel the December 23, 2020 Board Meeting*

*The motion to cancel the Dec. 22, 2020 Board meeting, made by Bill Middleton 2nd by Ester Woods*

*Roll Vote;*

*Ray Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

 *Carried 5 aye- 0 absent-0 No-0 abstain*

* *Date for Organizational Meeting is set for Tuesday, January 5, 2021*

***ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

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

*Highway Department – W. Heveland*

*Rented arm mower is and Highway Department has been mowing brush on sides of the roads throughout the Town. Bill Middleton asked if the town will be salting the dirt roads. W. Heveland stated that they do not salt the dirt roads. Ray Thetga mentioned that the brush mowers are leaving debris in the ditches on the side of the road and that the debris should be cleared before it plugs up the sluice pipes. Ray Thetga also asked that the potholes on the Right of Way, behind Town Hall, be filled.*

*Buildings and Grounds – R. Thetga Jr.*

*Mowing season is over and have a lot of burials at Nichols Cemetery lately. Removed tree next to NES and talk to county regarding tree removal by the Old Town Garage and have been doing regular upkeep maintenance on our machinery. R. Thetga Jr. asked if the Town offices will be moving to NES. Kevin Engelbert said no, that the Justices might be moving up there if the grants come in. Kevin Engelbert to follow up with Angel Zito about the grants.*

***OLD BUSINESS***

*Barbara Crannell – No new news on Comprehensive Plan and stated that with Covid going on she hasn’t been to a Council Government meeting in a while.*

***ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMEBERS***

***ACCEPT REPORTS AND PAY BILLS***

*Motion to accept the Reports and Pay Bills, made by Kevin Engelbert 2nd by Esther Woods*

*Roll Vote;*

*Ray Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

 *Carried 5 aye- 0 absent-0 No-0 abstain*

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

*Motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel made by Bill Middleton 2nd Esther Woods*

*Motion to go out of executive session made by Bill Middleton 2nd Esther Woods*

***ADJOURN***

*Motion to Adjourn meeting at 7:56 pm, made by Kevin Engelbert 2nd by Ray Thetga*

*Roll Vote;*

*Ray Thetga (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye).*

 *Carried 5 aye- 0 absent-0 No-0 abstain*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

***Karen Hall***

*Deputy Nichols Town Clerk*

*12/10/2020*