**TOWN OF NICHOLS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 26, 2020**

Supervisor Kevin Engelbert brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Nichols Town Hall located at 54 East River Rd; Nichols, NY.

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).

Also present;

Ray Thetga Jr., LeeAnn Tinney (County IDA), Will Heveland (Highway Dept.), Matt Freeze (Morning Times), Brad & Jo Bartholomew, Dot Richter, Carl & Eppie Kithcart.

**MINUTES**

The motion to accept the minutes from February 11, 2020 meeting as presented, made by B. Middleton, 2nd by E. Woods.

Roll Vote;

R. Thetga Sr. (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**

Carl Kithcart asked when Moore Hill Rd was going to be worked on. Supervisor Engelbert stated that it would be worked on this year when weather permits.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Dot Richter – TOI Community Room at Nichols School Building

Ms. Richter presented The Board with three MOU’s (memorandum of understanding) to review for use of the Community Room to prevent any miscommunication between parties.

* LeeAnn Tinney – IDA

Ms. Tinney stated that since the properties are over 25 acres that are being rezoned The Town need to complete a SEQR form and write a letter of intent to accept lead agency on the project.

Councilperson Crannell made the motion that the Nichols Town Board intends to serve as Lead Agency for SEQR process, 2nd by Councilperson Middleton.

Roll Vote;

R. Thetga Sr. (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye) Carried 5-0-0-0

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public hearing was opened at 7:15pm regarding a local law for “No Parking” signs in the town from November 15 thru April 15 so vehicles are not in the way and/or hit by snowplows during winter snowstorms.

Public hearing was closed at 7:20pm with no comments from the public.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**UPDATE FROM TOWNDEPARTMENTS/PERSONNEL**

* Ray Thetga Jr – Building & Grounds

There was discussion of the purchase of a back hoe and which model to purchase. The Board will review the information on the presented models and vote at the March 10th board meeting on this matter.

* Barbara Crannell – Planning Board

The Planning Board is working on a new ordinance draft that if an RV is a residence certain criteria must be met. She will keep The Board informed on this process.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Barbara Crannell – Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Pelotte and Councilperson Crannell are hallway through reviewing the current plan and is projecting the end of the second quarter for an updated draft.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

* Barbara Crannell – Council of Governments

Laura Bennett, Public Health Coordinator, is looking into grants for preventative measures to making sunscreen into local parks. Barb stated that the village could take advantage of this grant.

* Public Health is in the process of making changes to the current benefits. The Community Health Assessments (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) are available online and to download at The County website.
* A copy of the Tioga County Code Enforcement Study Baseline Report February 2020 is available in The Town Hall for review. The Town is looking into Thompkins Municipal Health Insurance consortium. Supervisor Engelbert made the suggestion to have Amy Poff from The County at the next Town Board meeting.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS & PAY BILLS**

The motion to pay the bills was made by Councilperson Middleton, 2nd by Councilperson Woods.

Roll Vote;

Ray Thetga Sr. (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye),

K. Engelbert (aye) Carried 5-0-0-0

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 7:45pm and closed the session at 8:10pm.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm was made by Councilperson Woods 2nd by Councilperson Crannell.

Roll Vote;

R. Thetga SR. (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (aye), B. Crannell (aye),

K. Engelbert (aye) Carried 5-0-0-0

Tiffany Middendorf

Deputy Town Clerk

03/02/2020