*Town of Nichols*

*Regular Town Board Meeting*

*September 11, 2018*

*Supervisor Engelbert brought meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the Town Hall located at 54 East River Rd.*

*Nichols NY.*

*Pledge of Allegiance;*

*Roll Call; Councilperson Ray Thetga (absent), Councilperson Bill Middleton (present), Councilperson Esther Woods (absent), Councilperson Barbara Crannell (present), Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (present), Karen Hunsinger Town Clerk.*

*Also present; Leslie Pelotte (Village Mayor), Darryl Seward, William Leonard, Terry K. Burkhardt, Mary Chalker, Leona Visscher, Bradley Barthalemeu, Kevin Vought (Highway Superintendent).*

***MINUTES***

*The motion was made to approve the minutes from August 14, 2018, with edits, made by B. Crannell 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote;*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye). Carried 3-0-2-0*

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

*Residents from Bardwell Rd. were present to express their concerns about the traffic on Bardwell Rd and the 2nd entrance to Tioga Downs used primarily for employees, deliveries and horse trailers. The Residents have children that need to meet the bus at the end of Bardwell and the 2nd entrance to Tioga Downs and feel that this is dangerous for a School bus stop. Supervisor Engelbert stated that he agrees and suggested this can be resolved by having the Bus pull down Bardwell rd. and pick children up at their homes. The discussion went on with questions, if the bus would have enough room to turn around at the end of Bardwell, Leona Visscher stated that there is plenty of room by her barn at the end of the Road to turn around. In the meantime, Supervisor Engelbert will send an email to Tioga Downs asking them to improve the signage, and possibly have white lines painted, at the end of their west entrance driveways. Highway Superintendent Vought will also try to get the double yellow lines on Bardwell Road repainted.*

*Smith Creek Road, Darryl Seward was present to address a bridge on Smith Creek Rd. above his home that over flows its banks every time we get heavy rain fall. The bridge in Mr. Seward’s word’s was built in late 30’s early 40’s and is in very bad shape. A discussion ensued of what could be done to resolve problem or fix bridge.*

*Superintendent of Highway stated that it would be very costly and time consuming, they could put a box culvert or concrete walls under bridge, and update bridge, but it still may not prevent water from going over banks.*

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *2019 Stray Haven Contract – K. Engelbert*

*Supervisor Engelbert went over the new Contract for 2019 the contract was increased from $800.00 to $1000.00 for the annual contract, all other charges stayed the same as past contracts.*

*The motion to approve the contract was made by K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye). Carried 3-0-2-0*

* *REAP – B. Crannell*

*Administrative Grants ($96,000) for Towns and County.*

*Annual Support for REAP from Town of Nichols, REAP is becoming more and more active with supporting Businesses in Towns and County, they are doing and will continue to do good things for the Towns and Communities.*

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

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

* *Highway Department – K. Vought*

*New 2018 Truck was delivered this week, and is road ready. Projects on Briggs Hill, Briggs Hollow, Sacketts Creek, Coryell Rd. and Cole Hill Rd. are completed.*

*No major projects for 2019 due to Highway Garage being built.*

* *Planning Board – B. Crannell*

*Hazard Mitigation Plan moving forward*

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *New York Rising/Comprehensive Plan*
* *REAP – Meeting on 9/12/2018*
* *Highway Garage Update – K. Engelbert*

*K. Engelbert inquired of construction start date, received no answer.*

* *Buildings and grounds – K. Engelbert*

*Will discuss at next meeting, Lynn and Joyce Bailey may have new people joining Cemetery Association and are looking into taking back mowing and trimming in 2019.*

*Martins plumbing and Heating - B. Middleton has not yet received an estimate for Maintenance of Heating and Cooling at NES Building, K. Hunsinger called Martins to look at and repair Air Conditioning at Town Hall; Martin looked at Air Conditioner and has ordered parts. K Hunsinger will call Martins to see when estimate and parts will be in.*

***ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

***ACCEPT REPORTS AND PAY BILLS***

*The motion to accept the reports and pay bills was made by B. Crannell 2nd by B. Middleton*

*Roll Vote*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye). Carried 3-0-2-0*

***ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, & CRITICISMS FROM TH PUBLIC***

*Brad Barthelmeu – LA- Familial Club*

*Mr. Barthelmeu wants Town Board to know that there is NO Club at his address of 159 Bardwell Rd. Nichols NY.*

*There is no club and/or no club house; any gathering that is at his house is for friends and/or family.*

*This is coming from an incident over the weekend when the Town CEO and Mr. Barthelme were at a difference of opinion and a cease and desist order was put on 159 Bardwell Rd. for a Barbeque at the Barthelmeu residence. The BBQ had been advertised in the local papers and was advertised as being The La Familial Bikers Club BBQ. This was a mistake and not meant to be a Club function although Mr. Barthelmeu is a long time member of this club. This club is starting a new club chapter and never has been and never will be associated with the Texas Based LA Familial Club that is known for violence and causing trouble.*

*Mr. Barthelmeu wants the Town Board and the Town of Nichols to know that this Club Chapter of La Familial is interested in doing nothing but help the communities within which they live, by doing fund raisers, rides for children, and Christmas presents for the children of low income families.*

*They want to support and give back to the Communities.*

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

*The motion to go to Executive Session at 7:55 pm for personnel discussion, made by B. Middleton 2nd by B. Crannell.*

*Roll Vote*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye). Carried 3-0-2-0*

*The motion to go out of executive session at 8:07 pm made by B. Middleton 2nd by B. Crannell*

*Roll Vote*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye). Carried 3-0-2-0*

***ADJOURN***

*The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm made by K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Middleton.*

*Roll Vote*

*B. Middleton (aye), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (aye). Carried 3-0-2-0*

*Karen Hunsinger*

*Nichols Town Clerk*

*09/17/2018*