*Town of Nichols*

*Public Hearing*

*Regular Board Meeting*

*October 24, 2018*

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

*Also present;*

*Warren Howler, Darryl & Robin Seward, Chris Williams.*

***MINUTES***

*The motion to accept the minutes as revised, made by B. Crannell 2nd B. Middleton*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-0-0-1*

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

*Mr. & Mrs. Seward were present to inquire about Bridge on Smith Creek Rd., someone was at Bridge and marked bridge and road with lines, Seward’s were curious as to who it was . Supervisor Engelbert stated if it wasn’t the Highway Superintendent and /or Highway employee’s then it was most likely Mike Jura from Soil & Water, and that the Seward’s could contact Highway Superintendent Vought.*

*There is nothing new to discuss about the Bridge, K. Engelbert reiterated that the Highway Department will work on Bridge in 2019, and that DEC regulates streams and creeks, but that in his opinion the creek needs to be cleaned and dug down for wider opening.*

***NEW BUSINESS***

*Nichols Fire Department – Chris Williams*

*Chris Williams was present to update the Town Board on the Board of Fire Commissioners member Paul Fredrichsen. Paul has had a stroke and it is unknown what the extent of the damage from stroke will be, it will be a few weeks before they will know.*

*Due to seriousness and recovery time for Paul Fredrichsen, Chris stated this will make a vacancy on the Board of Fire Commissioners according to NYS Law. The Board of Fire Commissioners will be appointing James Williams to the Board of Fire Commissioners to fill Paul Fredrichsen’s term at the Boards next meeting on November 5, 2018.*

*PUBLIC HEARING*

*2019 BUDGET*

*Supervisor Engelbert opened Public Hearing at 7:11 pm Floor was open to public for questions or comments on 2019 Budget.*

*Supervisor stated there have been know changes made to the Budget from Tentative or Preliminary Budget and at this time with budget left as is there will be a 26.6 % tax cut.*

*No further comments*

*Supervisor Engelbert closed Public Hearing at 7:14 pm.*

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

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

* *Planning Board – B. Crannell*

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *New York Rising – B. Crannell*
* *Reap – B. Crannell*
* *Nichols Cemetery – K. Engelbert*

*The meeting for the Nichols Cemetery Association will be on November 3, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Presbyterian Church, Main Street Nichols.*

* *Highway Garage – K. Engelbert*

*Nothing new to report, contractors are hard at work, the project is moving very quickly.*

* *NES – B. Middleton*

*There was a leak in one of the bathrooms and the furnace quit working last week, Martin’s plumbing and Heating was contacted and fixed problems, working on maintenance contract with Martin’s.*

* *Nichols Cemetery mowing contract – B. Middleton*

*B. Middleton and K. Engelbert have looked at cemeteries before and after Scotts Lawn mowed them, both Middleton and Engelbert felt that they looked good. B. Middleton spoke with Scotts Lawn about the Cemetery Mowing and they have offered to hold their prices at the 2018 price for 2019.*

***ACCEPT REPORTS AND PAY BILLS***

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

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-0-0-0*

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***ADJOURN***

*The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 4-0-0-0*

*Karen Hunsinger*

*Town Clerk*

*10/25/2018*