*Town of Nichols*

*Regular Board Meeting*

*January 29, 2020*

*Supervisor Engelbert brought meeting to order at 7:00pm in the 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; Will Heveland (Highway Superintendent), and Jo and Brad Bartholomew.*

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

***MINUTES***

*The motion to accept the minutes as presented, made by B. Crannell 2nd by E. Woods*

*Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 5-0-0-1*

***NEW BUSINESS***

* *Gear Cor. – (Will Heveland)*

*Gear Cor. Is a store that carries the clothing that the Highway men need to wear, and offers decent prices for (class 3) florescent T-Shirts, Superintendent Heveland, feels this would be a good alternative for clothing so all employees look the same in color and style of cloths.*

*Town Board feels Gear Cor. Is a good alternative, E. Woods suggested All Star Sports in Owego also, cost may be less at one or the other but that gives men a choice of where to purchase clothing.*

*The motion to set up an account with Gear Cor. and All-star, made by K. Engelbert 2nd by B. Middleton.*

 *Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 5-0-0-0*

* *No Parking Law -*

*K. Engelbert- begin process for public hearing for a Local Law, Seasonal Parking signs from November 15 thru April 15 on all Town roads.*

*Motion to begin process made by B. Crannell 2nd by B. Middleton*

 *Roll Vote;*

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

 *Carried 5-0-0-1*

***OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

* *Bookkeeper – K. Engelbert*

*Bookkeeper works for/at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor – K. Engelbert has a few resumes and a couple other people that may be interested.*

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

* *Highway Department – W. Heveland*

*W. Heveland inquired about a new hire to take his place on the Highway Department. Board responded that hiring for the Highway Department is his responsibility but that the Board would be happy to sit in on interviews if Heveland would like them to.*

*An advertisement for position should be put in Town’s designated papers*

* Buildings & Grounds – Ray Thetga Jr.

The shower and locker rooms are almost completed at NES for the Emergency Evacuation Plan.

Mr. Thetga is unable to access the gym due to Tioga Downs security protocol.

***OLD BUSINESS***

* *Employee Handbook*

*A motion was made by B. Middleton to update and edit The Town’s employee handbook 2nd by E. Woods.*

*Roll vote;*

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

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

* *LodeStar PILOT – LeeAnn Tinney*

*B. Middleton made the motion to amend the Pilot Program percentages received to 36% for the Town, 32% County and 32% for the Owego Apalachin School,*

 *2nd by R. Thetga Sr.*

*Roll vote;*

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

*K. Engelbert (nay) Carried 4-1-0-0*

* *NY Rising/Comprehensive Plan – Barb Crannell*

*Barb Crannell and Lesley Pelotte stated that the updates to The Comprehensive Plan for the town and village are about 50%-70% completed.*

*The objective Comp Plan is:*

1. *What is coming into town and what is already here.*
2. *Economic Plan – Owego/Waverly*
* *J’s Clean Sweep*

*The Board feels that it is not necessary to have J’s clean the Highway Department and that the highway crew can clean the barn.*

* *Time Clock*

*The Board stated that Superintendent Heveland can order a time clock of his choosing and to change the time sheet to daily not hourly.*

 ***OTHER OLD BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS***

* FEMA Money

R. Thetga Sr. made the motion in favor of applying for FEMA for the October 2019 flood, 2nd  B. Middleton.

Roll Vote;

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

K. Engelbert (nay) Carried 4-1-0-0

* Tioga Opportunities has not paid rent since June 2019.

***MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS & PAY BILLS***

 The motion to accept the reports and pay bills, made by B. Crannell, 2nd by R. Thetga

 Sr.

 Roll Vote;

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

***ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, QUEATIONS, 7 CRITICISMS FROM THE PUBLIC***

* Thank you to Superintendent Heveland for fixing the road with cold patch and fill around manhole markers.
* Tioga County stated the manhole is The Town’s responsibility not The County’s. They do not do anything not in the road.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***MOTION TO ADJOURN***

 The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8: pm, by R. Thetga Sr. 2nd by B. Middleton.

 Roll Vote;

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

Karen Hunsinger

Town Clerk 02/05/2020