

**Approved
Village of Nichols
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2025**

- I. Call to Order:** – 7:00 p.m.
- II. Attendance** – Mayor: Lesley Pelotte, Trustees: S. Varga, A. Hill, B. Myers., Ray Thetga Jr. Guest: Bryan Cole
- III. Privilege of the Floor:** – Bryan Cole gave the Board the Fire Department October report (attached).
- IV. Code Enforcement Report:** – October - 2 inspections, 2 follow up inspections. 1 building Permit, 1 Contractors permit 1 Certificate of Occupancy.
- V. Approval of September 2025 Minutes:** – Motion to approve the September Minutes:
Offered: S. Varga
Second: A. Hill
Aye: 5 Nay: 0
Carried
- VI. REAP (Rural Economic Area Partnership) Report:** – A call was placed to Elaine Jardine for information.
- VII. Committee Reports:**
 - A. Trees / Street Lights (B. Myers) – All good
 - B. Levee/Sidewalks (S. Varga) – All good for this year
 - C. Insurance (R. Thetga Jr.) – Everything fine
 - D. Grants/Investments (A Hill)- No news, waiting for response from Tioga Downs
 - E. Streets/Park (L. Pelotte) – Looking at Johnson Street for next year. Park is doing fine.
- VIII. Old Business:**
 - A. Radar Sign Installation – Marked out waiting for UFPO
 - B. Street Drywells – Have two quotes, waiting for third
 - C. Taxes – Will complete Village collection 10/31 then turn over to County.
 - D. Garbage collection- Per lawyer we only have to get 3 quotes
 - E. Little League Agreement – Bryant is working on it.
- XI. New Business:**
 - A. New Election Law – The new law does not affect the Village

- B. Maintenance employee retiring. Joey will be retiring next July. Need to look for a replacement. Remember we do not offer insurance or retirement.
- C. Veolia Water – Water in park will be repaired this fall and repairs to streets and sidewalks will also be repaired this fall. Well Number 2 should be coming on line soon.
- D. Soccer – Completed their season on the 25th. They raked out the areas where there was damage and re-seeded. They did a great job.
- E. Fire Department letter – The Mayor wrote a letter from the Board thanking the Fire department for all they do for the Village (attached).

XII. Correspondence: Sample Ballot

XIII. Financial:

- A. Board review of monthly financial statements
- B. Payment of monthly bills –
 - Offered: R. Thetga Jr.
 - Second: S. Varga
 - Aye: 5: Nay: 0
 - Carried

XIV. Close / Adjourn – Motion to adjourn: 8:05

- Offered: R. Thetga Jr
- Second: B. Myers
- Aye: 5: Nay: 0
- Carried

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October 26, 2025

Nichols Fire Department

106 West River Road

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The Village Board is writing to express our deepest gratitude for the unwavering service your team provides to our community. Your courage, professionalism, and compassion in the face of danger are nothing short of extraordinary.

In moments of crisis, when seconds matter most, you are the first to respond-bringing not only your expertise but also compassion and calm to chaotic situations.

In particular, I want to acknowledge the strength and dedication you show when responding to horrific accidents. These moments are often chaotic and heartbreaking, yet you bring calm, care, and expertise to every scene. Whether it's pulling victims from wreckage, administering first aid or simply offering a reassuring presence, your actions make a difference. Your actions save lives, comfort families, and restore hope when it's needed most.

We often take for granted the sacrifices you make—the long hours, the emotional toll, and the risks you face daily. But please know that your work does not go unnoticed. Our community is safer, stronger, and more resilient because of you.

Please know that our community stands behind you with immense respect and appreciation.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Mayor Lesley Pelotte and the Village Board of Trustees

2025 June 23

TO: Lesley Pelotte, Mayor, Village of Nichols, NY
Esther Woods, Supervisor, Town of Nichols, NY
Nichols Village Board
Nichols Town Board

FROM: Bryan Cole, Chairman, Nichols Joint Fire District, Board of Fire Commissioners

SUBJECT: 2025 October Report

1. NJFD BOFC Meetings are the first Monday of the Month – unless a legal holiday – at 19:00 at the Fire Station, Community Room
2. Budget for 2026 passed on 10/21
 - a. We are at the 2% tax cap
 - b. Total budget is \$549,032
3. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) report for May
 - a. In conjunction w/ Tioga Center, Contracting w/ Candor EMS for 2026
 - b. Coverage is from Monday through Friday, 06:00 to 18:00
 - c. Volunteer EMS from 18:00 to 06:00 Monday through Friday and on weekends
4. Brush Truck
 - a. Chief Ray Thetga and I conducted the inspection on Friday, 10/17
 - b. Drove from Luverne, MN to Nichols, NY
 - c. Truck is being lettered and will be put into service once lettered
5. Audit by the Office of the State Controller
 - a. Audit completed in September
 - b. Preliminary report anticipated in December

Sincerely,

Bryan Cole
Chairman, Nichols Joint Fire District, Board of Fire Commissioners

CC:
BOFC Vice Chairman, Chris Williams
BOFC Secretary, Ryan Crispell
BOFC Member, Mike Freidricksen
BOFC Member Ted Dydynski