

**Approved
Village of Nichols
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
November 24, 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:** – November - 1 inspection, 1 follow up inspection, 1 building Permit, 1 Contractors permit.
- V. Approval of October 2025 Minutes:** – Motion to approve the October Minutes:
Offered: A. Hill
Second: B. Myers
Aye: 5 Nay: 0
Carried
- VI. REAP (Rural Economic Area Partnership) Report:** – Meeting scheduled for January.
- VII. Committee Reports:**
 - A. Trees / Street Lights (B. Myers) – All good
 - B. Levee/Sidewalks (S. Varga) – All good for this year.Talked about sidewalk in front of Cady Library and also section of sidewalk near Post Office.
 - 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) – Streets ok. Discussed putting gutters on north side of pavilion to help prevent deterioration of pavilion.
- VIII. Old Business:**
 - A. Radar Sign Installation – Signs installed and working on W. River Road and S. Main Street. Discussed installing remaining signs on E. River Road and Roki Blvd.
 - B. Street Drywells – Have two quotes, third quote never received. Motion to Accept Quote from D. Hazard for \$6,000.00.
Offered: S. Varga
Second: A. Hill
Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Carried

- C. Taxes – Completed and Affidavit of Unpaid taxes sent to County
- D. Garbage collection- Calls were made to 3 companies. It was decided to ask each company for quotes based on collection of garbage and recycling every week, the village paying a set amount every month to offset the cost for residents. There are approximately 3 different companies collecting in the village now. It was also discussed removing the village contribution.
- E. Little League Agreement – Bryant put together an agreement for the Little League. Will implement next season. It was agreed to charge \$100.00 per season to help offset Village costs.

XI. New Business:

- A. Christmas Lights – Lights are up and will be activated the day after Thanksgiving. A big thank you to Brad Zimmer of Zimmers Affordable Tree Service for using his tree truck to help Joey to put the lights up.
- B. Carols and Cocoa – Event at Cady Library December 6th. "Flyer attached".
- C. Village Generator – Will look into contract from New York Rising for PM on Generators.
- D. Amazon Account – Discussed getting a Amazon Business account sponsored by NYCOM. This account would give the Village a 25% discount on various products and the discount is good for two years
- E. Village Hall upgrades – Discussed replacing the furnace with a propane wall mount unit and also discussed installing a INCINOLET toilet. It would require making a small room for an enclosure. Steven and Ray will look into the cost for the room.

XII. Correspondence: NA

XIII. Financial:

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

XIV. Close / Adjourn – Motion to adjourn: 8:20

- Offered: A. Hill
- Second: R. Thetga Jr
- Aye: 5: Nay: 0
Carried

2025 November 24

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 November Report

1. NFD 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)
 - a. Operations
 - i. Contracting for BLS (same as 2025) w/ Cander EMS
 1. In conjunction w/ Tioga Center
 2. NFD cost is \$80,000
 3. Coverage is from Monday through Friday, 06:00 to 18:00
 - ii. Volunteer EMS from 18:00 to 06:00 Monday through Friday and on weekends
 - b. Billing
 - i. We have contracted w/ Professional Ambulance Billing (PAB) for billing in 2026
 - ii. Working on paperwork for billing insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid
 - iii. Nichols (Town and Village) will only be billed for what their insurance covers, no additional billing
4. Brush Truck
 - a. Truck is being letter and will be put into service once completed
5. Audit by the Office of the State Controller
 - a. Audit completed in September
 - b. Preliminary report meeting scheduled for 12/1

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