

**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 6<sup>th</sup>. "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. 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)
  - 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 Fredricksen  
BOFC Member Ted Dydynski