

**Approved
Village of Nichols
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026**

- I. Call to Order:** – 7:00 p.m.
- II. Attendance** – Mayor: Lesley Pelotte, Trustees: S. Varga, A. Hill, Ray Thetga Jr. B. Myers. Guest: Laurie Arnold, Ray Arnold
- III. Privilege of the Floor:** – Laurie Arnold asked the Board if an Autism Awareness event could be held at Kirby Park. The board agreed that would be a very informative event for Village residents. Ms. Arnold was informed that insurance would be needed and to schedule the event as soon as possible as the pavilion schedule fills up very fast.
- IV. Code Enforcement Report:** – Two-month report at April Meeting
- V. Approval of February 2026 Minutes:** – Motion to approve the February Minutes:
Offered: A. Hill
Second: R. Thetga Jr.
Aye: 5 Nay: 0
Carried
- VI. REAP (Rural Economic Area Partnership) Report:** – Next meeting is scheduled in May.
- VII. Committee Reports:**
- A. Trees / Street Lights (B. Myers) – Street lights good. Trees good.
 - B. Levee/Sidewalks (S. Varga) – Levee good. Sidewalk deficiencies will be addressed when weather permits
 - C. Insurance (R. Thetga Jr,) – All good
 - D. Grants/Investments (A Hill)- Nothing pending.
 - E. Streets/Park (L. Pelotte) – Discussed Cady Ave. The mayor talked to Veolia regarding the dip in Cady Ave. Veolia will repair and patch. Cady Ave is on the schedule to be paved in 2027. Park- There was an outage at the park that effected lights and cameras. An electrician found that it was a problem at NYSEG connection at their pole. They were notified and it was corrected. We received a bill from the electrician. The mayor is submitting to NYSEG for reimbursement.
- VIII. Old Business:**
- A. IRS Filing- Ongoing
 - B. Little League Agreement- The Board made several changes and a motion was made to approve the agreement

Offered: R. Thetga Jr.

Second: A. Hill

Aye: 5 Nay 0

Carried

- C. Village Hall Upgrades- It was decided that before we make other upgrades we should invest in new windows. S. Varga will get estimates on windows and also look at regrading the driveway to eliminate runoff from entering the building.
- D. Coating Park parking lot and trails. Need one more estimate and with the cost of gas escalating quotes may have to be adjusted.
- E. Paving- With the cost increase we may have to wait until next year.

IX. New Business:

A. Property Maintenance-Local Law- A proposed law was presented to the Board and the board will get back to the mayor with comments and then the proposed law will be sent to our lawyer.

B. Park Rules and Signs- A proposed set of rules for the park was presented to the board and a motion to approve was asked for.

Offered: R. Thetga Jr.

Second: A.Hill

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Carried

C. Library use of Electronic Sign- The Library asked to use the sign to advertise their programs available to the public. The sign was purchased for village business and emergency notifications. The use by other organizations is not consistent with the intended use. It was suggested that the library purchase their own electronic sign.

D. Flower Shop- The owner of the building on the corner of N. Main and River Rd. sent a proposed site plan to our code officer. It looks good. When complete it will greatly enhance that area.

E. Pickleball Court at the park- (added late) The mayor was contacted about using the basketball court for pickleball. The board agreed that the court could be used if the markings and net were temporary and removed after each use. The village would not supply nets or revamp the court for pickleball.

X Correspondence:

Fiscal Stress Score from State- the village scored well.

Town NYSEG Letter- Everyone received the letter.

XI. Financial:

A. Board review of monthly financial statements

B. Payment of monthly bills –

Offered: S. Varga

Second: A. Hill
Aye: 5 Nay: 0
Carried

XII. Close / Adjourn – Motion to adjourn: 8:14
Offered: S. Varga
Second: R. Thetga Jr.
Aye: 5: Nay: 0
Carried