

**Approved
Village of Nichols
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2026**

- I. Call to Order** – 7:00 p.m.
- II. Attendance** – Mayor: Lesley Pelotte, Trustees: S. Varga, R. Thetga Jr., B. Myers. Absent A. Hill. Guest: Jeff VanWagenen, Martin Jerzak.
- III. Public Hearing (Budget)** – Opened 7: 05 Closed 7:45
- IV. Privilege of the Floor** – Jeff VanWagenen of Veolia Water gave an update on Well #2. The plan is to put it online July 1st. There is ongoing testing to make sure it meets all regulations. Jeff also informed the board that they will be performing work on Howell Street and will need to shut water off to Howell, Bliven and Kirby Streets. Veolia will notify customers and the Village will put it on our sign. Jeff also asked for keys for his foremen for the water spigot so they can flush it regularly.
- V. Organizational Business** –
- **Monthly Meeting Designation** – Motion to make every Fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm the designated meeting date & time:
Offered: R. Thetga
Second: S. Varga
Aye: 4 Nay: 0
Carried
 - **Media Designation** – Motion to make the Sayre Morning Times the designated Village paper:
Offered: R. Thetga Jr
Second: S. Varga
Aye: 4 Nay: 0
Carried
 - **Attorney Designation** – Motion to make the firm of Coughlin & Gerhart the designated Village Law firm.
Offered: B.Myers
Second: S. Varga
Aye: 4 Nay: 0
Carried
 - **Official Depository** – Motion to make Nichols Community Bank the official depository for the Village of Nichols:
Offered: S. Varga
Second: R. Thetga Jr
Aye: 4 Nay: 0
Carried

- **Appointment of Clerk/ Treasurer** – Motion to appoint Kamilah Varga as the Village Clerk / Treasurer.
Offered: R. Thetga Jr
Second: B. Myers
Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1
Carried
- **Appointment of Tax Collector** – Motion to appoint Lesley Pelotte as the tax collector for the Village of Nichols:
Offered: R. Thetga Jr
Second: A. Hill
Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1
Carried
- **Designation of Signors on Bank Accounts** – Motion to designate Lesley Pelotte and Kamilah Varga as signors on village bank accounts:
Offered: B. Myers
Second: S. Varga
Aye:4: Nay: 0
Carried
- **Appointment of Deputy Mayor** – Appointed Steve Varga as deputy mayor.
- **Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer** – Motion to appoint Martin Jerzak as the village code enforcement officer:
Offered: R. Thetga Jr
Second: B. Myers
Aye: 4 Nay: 0
Carried
- **Committee Appointments** –
 - **Levee/Sidewalks** – Steve Varga, appointed.
 - **Trees/Streetlights** – Bryant Myers, appointed.
 - **Grants/ Investments**-Ann Hill, appointed.
 - **Insurance** – Ray Thetga Jr., appointed.
 - **Park/Streets** – Lesley Pelotte, appointed.

VI. Code Enforcement Report – March and April 4 inspections, 3 follow up inspections, 2 Building permits, 1 contractor’s permit

VII. 2025/2026 Budget Vote –Public Meeting closed at 7:45. Motion to approve the budget:
Offered: S. Varga
Second: B. Myers
Aye: 4 Nay: 0
Carried

VIII. Approval of March 2025 Minutes – Motion to approve the March Minutes:
Offered: R. Thetga Jr.

Second: S. Varga
Aye: 4 Nay: 0
Carried

IX. REAP (Rural Economic Area Partnership) Report – Meeting in May

X. Committee Reports

- A. Trees / Street Lights – All ok
- B. Levee/Sidewalks (S. Varga) – Levee ok. Sidewalks waiting for good weather
- C. Insurance (R. Thetga Jr,) – Working on renewal, will submit paper work when completed
- D. Grants/Investments (A Hill) Absent
- E. Streets/Park (L. Pelotte) – Streets- ok, looking to pave South end of Cady Ave next year Park - Looks good.

XI. Old Business

- A. IRS Filing- on going
- B. Little League Agreement- signed and received payment
- C. Village Hall Upgrades- Steve working on quotes for windows and entrance regrading.
- D. Coating of Park parking lot and trails- Steve working on quotes
- E. Paving Cady Ave.- Veolia Water preformed a minor repair on the dip in the pavement. We will mill and pave the south end in 2027.
- F. Property Maintenance Law. The code officer talked to the board about items to include in the law. The board has a draft and will work on the law at our next meeting. Several properties with property maintenance issues were discussed.

XI. New Business

- A. Tax Collection 2026- Drop Box at the bank same as last year.
- B. Required Handouts (Code of Ethics, Defense and Indemnification Policy, Procurement Policy) – All trustees were given the handouts and policies.
- C. Park water spigot- Has been repaired by Veolia
- D. Spring Yard Wast Pickup – May 16th
- E. Roki drainage and paving- Working with the Town
- F. May Meeting Date Change – meeting will be on the 18th because of Memorial Day

XII. Correspondence

XIII. Financial

- A. Board review of monthly financial statements

B. Payment of monthly bills –
Offered: S. Varga
Second: R. Thetga Jr.
Aye: 4: Nay: 0
Carried

XIV. Close / Adjourn – Motion to adjourn: 8:45
Offered: R. Thetga Jr.
Second: S. Varga
Aye: 4: Nay: 0
Carried