

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

- I. Call to Order** – 7:00 p.m.
- II. Attendance** – Mayor: Lesley Pelotte, Trustees: S. Varga, R. Thetga Jr., A. Hill, B. Myers. Guest: Brandon Sickler
- III. Privilege of the Floor** – NA
- IV. Code Enforcement Report** – July, 2 inspections, 1 Building permit, 1 Contractors permit, 2 Violation letters sent.
- V. Approval of June 2026 Minutes** – Motion to approve the June Minutes:
Offered: A. Hill
Second: B. Myers
Aye: 5 Nay: 0
Carried
- VI. REAP (Rural Economic Area Partnership) Report** – No report until next REAP meeting
- VII. Committee Reports**
 - A. Trees / Street Lights – (B. Myers) all ok.
 - B. Levee/Sidewalks (S. Varga) – Levee ok. Sidewalks- will schedule repairs
 - C. Insurance (R. Thetga Jr,) – Ok, waiting for binder
 - D. Grants/Investments (A Hill) Working on resubmission to Tioga Downs
 - E. Streets/Park (L. Pelotte) – **Streets** - Paving scheduled for 2027. **Park-** Brandon to get electrician estimates to separate the pavilion outlets from the camera feed so outlets can be turned off without effecting the cameras. The outlets have been used by the homeless to charge their electronics and power other items. Also, the Sheriff was called to remove the homeless that were sleeping in the pavilion. The new flashing crosswalk sign has been received. The invoice was forwarded to the Fire Department.
- VIII. Old Business**
 - A. IRS Filing- Second quarter for 2026 has been filed. Accountant still working on previous years.
 - B. Tax collection- collection going well Still about \$6,000 outstanding.
 - C. Village Hall Upgrades- Contractor to start windows next week.

- D. Coating of Park parking lot and trails- Steven will talked to the contractor and mid-September is the latest to do the job. The coating cannot be driven on for at least two days. If there are soccer practices or games they will have to park on the south side and walk over.
- E. Property Maintenance Law. The draft's we did have been sent to our lawyer for review and consolidation into a workable law. Our lawyer will be at our August meeting to answer our questions and finalize the Law for adoption. We will ask Martin to attend also.
- F. Park Signs- Will order as well as children playing sign for Johnson Street
- G. Veolia Water- Street repairs have been completed. Sidewalk on S. Main will be fixed when other sites that have to be worked on are completed.

XI. New Business

- A. Vac Truck Insurance – The County and the Town of Owego have both paid.
- B. Maintenance Request – Brandon informed the Board that the mower deck for the Large John Deer mower is becoming unusable. Brandon obtained 3three quotes for a new mower that attaches to the rear PTO, by getting a mower that attaches to the rear PTO it would eliminate the removal of the Mower deck to attach the bucket to the tractor. The Board agreed to purchase the mower. Brandon also requested no Parking signs for the village hall because the residents adjacent to the Village are parking in front and it becomes unsafe to bring equipment in an out. Brandon also suggested a tank for gasoline to be put on our truck to facilitate fueling equipment and be able to purchase gasoline from Scott Smith at a price much lower than we are paying Dandy. Brandon has a tank that he will sell to the Village for \$100.00. The Board agreed to get the gasoline tank.

XII Correspondence

Received a letter from NYS Homes and Community Renewal informing the Village that we have met the re requirements maintaining our status as a Pro-Housing Community for 2026.

XIII. Financial

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

XIV. Close / Adjourn – Motion to adjourn: 7:55

Offered: R. Thetga Jr

Second: S. Varga

Aye: 5: Nay: 0

Carried