

Village of Nelsonville
March 15, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

7:30pm - Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Vouchers: Trustee Moroney asked about the additional invoice for Marc for \$1360 for additional snow removal as additional fees were not anticipated above his regular contract. Mayor Bowman will follow up. Trustee Moroney recommends that we table that invoice and approve the rest. Trustee Moroney makes motion to approve and Trustee Pedlosky seconds, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Winward makes motion to approve the minutes from February 16, 2021. Trustee Moroney seconds, all in favor.

Financial Report: February total was \$208,619.59. Deposits as of today \$5442.67. Subtract abstract #10 (\$13,419) plus payroll (\$12,32,3.16) Abstract numbers will be a little off, because we didn't approve that voucher for the \$1360. \$ 25,742.26 in expenses for a total of \$188,320.10 in checking and \$132,008.28 in savings for a bank balance of \$ 320,320.10. Mayor Bowman ends by saying we will be reviewing the budget process later on in the meeting.

Correspondence:

Letter from Philipstown Court - Moving back to the renovated Town Hall on April 1.

Letter from Sonia Rzyz-Ryski- Ms. Rzyz-Ryski reiterated concerns about the draft Short Term Rental law from the previous meeting.

New Items

Resolution to sign contract with Putnam County Real property to Print the Nelsonville Village Tax Rolls for 2021-2022.

Motion to contract with County - Trustee Moroney makes motion, Trustee Mechaley seconds, all in favor.

Open Issues:

Budget Schedule- Trustee Winward announces that the tentative budget meetings will be on March 17th and 23rd to be adopted by March 31. The final budget meetings will take place on April 6, 14, and 18 to review and pass the final budget by April 30th. Trustee Winward comments that everything seems to be in really good shape, the

budget changes have been made to date and copies are in the mailboxes for everyone. We will also get this around electronically to everyone. As expected, we got back the full \$44,375 in CHIPS funding that we expected from the pave jobs on Division and Bank Streets. We have a list of new things we like to talk about for the coming year, and we have some new exciting revenue to talk about when we start our budget meetings.

Cell Tower Lawsuit - Mayor Bowman states that we were informed by our attorneys that Eisenbach, Et.al had filed two separate lawsuits. One in district court and one in the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals. The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the case. We are still awaiting the district court case. This is the one before Judge Briscetti. This is the outlier now. Motions were due in early February, so we should be hearing soon.

Sheriff's Substation Lease - Mayor Bowman explained that we anticipate entering into a new lease agreement with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office for a new 5 year lease that will start at \$1200 for the 1st year, increase to 1300/month for the 2nd year, \$1400/month for the 3rd year, to \$1500/month for the 4th and 5th years. The Village needs to raise the rent to plan ahead for capital projects like the fire escape, new roof, etc. in the coming years. We love having the Sheriffs as our tenant and Putnam County has put a ton of work into that building and we recognize that, but we can't depend on them to make all the capital improvements on the building that we own. We need to take some responsibility and start putting aside some funds for these things going forward.

STR Update - Trustee Winward notes that in February we had our first meeting on the creation of Short Term Rental (STR) legislation. We haven't introduced it for a vote yet. We don't plan to until after our budget meetings and our new Trustees are in office. We plan to leave some time for our new Trustees to participate in the process. There will be time for more discussion, even tonight if people want to speak about it. Some potential desired changes to the bill we heard already are: increase the number of permits, increase the number of days to rent. We heard misunderstandings about parties and events. We aren't saying that no one can have a party in the Village, this just pertains to usage of a STR as a party venue.

Election Day: - Trustee Winward says we are ready tomorrow for election day, from 12:00- 9:00pm. She thanks former election inspectors Gloria VanTassel, Judy Meyer and Greta Graham.

Mayor Bowman thanks both Trustee Pedlosky and Trustee Mechaley for their work on the Board over the past two years as this is their last official meeting.

*Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of individual(s).

Adjournment.