

The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, with Mayor Winward presiding.

Present: Mayor Winward; Trustees Anderson, Moroney, Potts, and Zhynovitch; Clerk Harris

Absent: None

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Winward called the meeting to order and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Zhynovitch

Seconded by: Trustee Anderson

Vote: All in favor

Approval of Vouchers

MOTION: Approve the June 2026 vouchers.

Moved by: Trustee Potts

Seconded by: Trustee Moroney

Vote: All in favor

Correspondence

Mayor Winward reported that the Village has approximately \$110,000–\$120,000 in CHIPS funding available and discussed potential sidewalk improvement projects. The Village will work with an engineer to identify eligible projects and ensure compliance with State requirements.

Reports

Clerk Harris

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Clerk Harris presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2026:

Description	Amount
Previous Balance	\$353,494.86
Receipts	\$13,663.01
Disbursements	\$26,589.34
Checking Account	\$340,568.53
Savings Account	\$132,698.70
TOTAL	\$473,267.23

Mayor Winward

The mayor reported on the Flood Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan being undertaken jointly with Cold Spring and Philipstown. Cold Spring is leading the project. The project resulted from the July 2023 storms and the municipalities' ongoing efforts to reduce flood risk and improve climate planning. The three municipalities received a grant through the Hudson River Estuary Program to conduct the flood vulnerability study and adaptation plan. Mayor Winward explained that the goal of the project is to evaluate current and future flood risk associated with the Back Brook and Foundry Brook watersheds, with Back Brook located in Cold Spring and Foundry Brook affecting Nelsonville. The project will develop a climate assessment and adaptation plan identifying future actions that the villages and broader area can take to reduce risk. The project timeline is expected to continue through the end of the year and will include consultant work as well as resident participation. The intended outcome is a work plan that can support future grant applications for engineering, construction, green infrastructure projects, and traditional stormwater drainage improvements. Mayor Winward also reported that the Village is working with Putnam County on the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. She noted that, unlike prior years when the update process was more limited, the County has retained a consultant who is assisting municipalities in developing stronger individual plans and helping ensure that mitigation planning is cohesive countywide.

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Trustee Moroney

Trustee Moroney reviewed upcoming infrastructure and maintenance projects, including pothole repairs, pavement markings, vegetation management, and street sweeping. He also reported on improvements made to the Village Hall flagpole.

New Business

Replicate and Replace Village Hall Sign

Mayor Winward reported that the Village Hall sign outside the main office will be replicated and replaced. She noted that the existing sign is showing its age and that the Village wants a sign that reflects the pride residents have in Nelsonville. The mayor reported that Signs Ink has been working with the Village on the project for some time and already has the template for the sign. The replacement will look the same as the existing sign but will no longer be made of wood, reducing long-term maintenance needs. The Village is coordinating with the Town to remove the existing sign in order to reduce project costs, and installation is expected after July 4, 2026.

Fish and Fur Club Building Improvements

The mayor reported on the deteriorated condition of the stairs and porch at the Fish and Fur Club building. Quotes are being obtained for replacement, with wood construction being considered as a cost-effective alternative to concrete.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan Update

Mayor Winward provided an update regarding the Village's efforts to update its Comprehensive Plan. She reviewed that the Village previously applied for a Department of State comprehensive planning grant, and was notified in December that it had not been awarded. Only 14 of 92 municipalities received funding. After the award announcements, the Village participated in a debrief with Department of State representatives, who advised that the Village had requested too little funding. The Village had requested the minimum amount of \$75,000 because, at that time, the local match was 10 percent and the Village expected that its share, together with consultant work, would be approximately \$15,000, which was considered feasible using the new County sales tax share funding.

The Board had previously voted to try again based on positive feedback from the Department of State. However, Mayor Winward reported that the grant rules were released only a few weeks prior and had changed. The revised rules would require a 25

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percent municipal match, with a minimum project amount of approximately \$100,000 rather than \$75,000. The mayor stated that some exemptions or thresholds may reduce Nelsonville's match to 15 percent, but even that could result in a higher local cost than originally anticipated. Before authorizing additional work on another application, the mayor asked the consultants to provide information on what a basic or "bare bones" comprehensive plan would cost without relying on the grant program and is awaiting a revised quote.

Mayor Winward stated that the Village has already spent approximately \$5,000 on the initial application and had been willing to spend another \$3,000 for resubmission work. If the Village pursued the grant route under the revised requirements, the total local cost could exceed \$30,000. She expressed hope that a more limited plan could be completed for under \$20,000 and stated that it would be difficult to justify a \$150,000 comprehensive plan for a small municipality with approximately 250 households.

The mayor noted that the Village's current Comprehensive Plan is approximately 35 years old and no longer adequate. She stated that climate change, smart growth, walkability, modern infrastructure planning, and preservation of Village character are not adequately addressed in the existing plan. An updated Comprehensive Plan remains important for future infrastructure projects and grant eligibility.

Crosswalk Traffic Study

Mayor Winward provided an update on the traffic study for the proposed crosswalk near the businesses at the east end of the Village, near Homestyle Bakery. She reported that the Village was required to hire a traffic study firm before NYSDOT will consider allowing the crosswalk. The Village hired Colliers, and the firm completed pedestrian and traffic counts on June 3 and June 6. The firm will prepare a report for submission to NYSDOT.

The mayor explained that NYSDOT will review the number of pedestrians crossing in the area, traffic volumes, and the gaps between vehicles to determine whether there is sufficient time for pedestrians to cross without a crosswalk and whether the location meets State requirements. Mayor Winward stated that she has emphasized that people may not currently cross there in large numbers because it does not feel safe. She also noted that other factors should be considered, including the businesses in the area, their ability to have safe customer access, and the fact that Healy Road currently does not have a sidewalk connection or crosswalk to allow pedestrians to safely access the sidewalk side of the road. The next step will be receipt of the consultant's report and NYSDOT's review.

Open to the Floor

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Discussion included the Comprehensive Plan, code review efforts, pedestrian safety near Haldane High School and sidewalk connectivity along Cedar Street, and the status of the Village's request for yard debris disposal access at the Philipstown Landfill.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Moroney

Seconded by: Trustee Potts

Vote: All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Harris

Village Clerk