

## MINUTES

### Village of Nelsonville, NY Regular Board Meeting November 16, 2020

Approve Vouchers - November Abstract #6 = \$46,945.30 - Vouchers approved - Trustee Moroney makes motion - Trustee Winward seconds - all in favor

Approve Minutes - September and October 2020 - Mayor Bowman caught that the dates were the same on both - clerk fixed that - Mayor Bowman was pleased with the amount of detail in these minutes. Trustee Mechaley makes motion - Trustee Moroney seconds -all in favor.

\*Monthly financial statement - Clerk gives report - End Oct \$288,941.37 chkg - deposited \$9,658.98 - abstract #6 \$4,6945.30 payroll \$4,593.16 expenses \$51,548.36 - total checking \$ 247,061.89 and savings \$131,990.41 total balance - \$379,052.30. Election Notice - notice given of annual election 4 months from now - Tuesday March 16, 2021 and the officers are to be elected - two Trustees for a 2--year term. Clerk will advertise in the PCNR 11/18/20.

**REPORTS:** *Putnam County Hazard Mitigation program participation/culmination - Clerk clerk encourages the public to check it out and give their input and feedback..... lack of generators in our municipal buildings - something to look at going forward*

*Leaf pickup week of 12/5 - Marc joined the meeting to speak about this. It was decided that garden debris. (but no large branches) would be collected too. Talking about brush and chipping and filling in some wet areas in the Nelsonville Preserve with mulch. - Trustee Mechaley is trying to reach OSI for advice about the best material to use.*

*Potential to spread invasives if we use garden debris for mulch - we will do leaf pick up and week of 12/5 will be leaf and garden debris - PAPER BAGS ONLY. Marc has wood chips - if we want to use wood chips he can provide. Something to look into for going forward.*

*Next Spring we will do a clean-up at the Secor Parcel and collect whatever people want to dump*

*in dumpsters.... Mayor Bowman states we will check with OSI about wood chips and filling in....*

## **OLD ISSUES**

**Smoke on Crown/Secor** - building inspector to speak to the homeowners who were identified.

**OSI Secor update** - Trustee Mechaley didn't get an answer - Mayor Bowman will reach out.

**Winter parking** - New signs we ordered will be ready in about 10 days.....

**Trailer on Adams Avenue** - Bill Bujarski handling this - Trailer does not move. It does have a plate. Clerk to give Bill a nudge about this.

**Airbnb survey results** - Trustees Pedlosky and Winward gave a brief summary of the survey and some of the results that they are seeing. Rec'd 58 responses. Full responses and results are posted online as well. Reviewed some of the responses from both AIRBNB owners and those that don't own AIRBNB. Got feedback on certain regulations. Majority support introducing some sort of permitting. Also important that enough long term rentals remain in Nelsonville for people who wanted to move here permanently. Some worry about changing the neighborhood and the feeling of community, and having strangers around. Mayor Bowman thanks both Trustees for their work on this project. One of the issues being discussed for a long time.

**CORRESPONDENCE: Abe Ovadia - Letter - summer concert** - Clerk to pass to the Chamber of Commerce - interesting folk singer- maybe for the bandstand.

**CHIPS - new statement** - Presented the November CHIPS statement - timely to get reimbursed for our paving projects. projects are complete. Clerk to submit for reimbursement now that projects are complete. We paid \$19K to Polhemus in this abstract which we will be reimbursed partially from our CHIPS fund.

## **New Issues:**

**Village special prosecutor contract** - brief discussion about the hiring and how that came about. Mayor Bowman starts to read the contract, and it is made up of more than 25 pages . Village has funds in budget line A1420.4 legal. Trustee Pedlosky asks if its temporary or permanent. Mayor Bowman states that he hopes not but it seemed permanent according to the DA. Contract being tabled to December meeting - Clerk to check with Cold Spring and Philipstown.

**Before opening to the floor** - Mayor Bowman explains that there will be no public statements

from the Board about the lawsuit facing the Village right now. Asks if Trustees have any unfinished business, if not, we will open to the floor.

**David Eisenbach - 34 Billys Way** - Asks regarding the Rockledge access road. Since the NYS Courts temporarily revoked modifications to the access road - will the Village retract the Building Permit? The Building Inspector has been made aware of Court order. . Mayor Bowman will not comment further.

**Ken Levine - Healy Road** - Also asking the Board to comment on these lawsuits. Discussion continues about the residents that don't want the Tower. Mayor Bowman again confirms that the Village attorneys are handling this on behalf of the Village. Mayor Bowman is sad that we have to spend more money to defend another lawsuit about this Tower. He is determined to do what is best for all residents of the Village. Resident Ken Levine hopes the Board will reverse some of its decisions. He also asks the Clerk about a tree removal across the street from his house. Clerk will take care of the tree.

**Liz Armstrong** - reporter from the Current questions whether the response to the survey was sufficient. Trustee Winward points out that the Village has approximately 270 households so she thinks our response is okay. She clarifies that we aren't using the survey to legislate per se, but rather to help guide the board's discussion. Mayor Bowman agrees with this.

Trustee Moroney made a motion to close - Trustee Moroney motion to close Trustee Mechaley seconds - all in favor.

Adjournment