

Village of Nelsonville, NY
Regular Board Meeting December 21, 2020

MINUTES

Approve Vouchers - Abstract # 7 Reviewed by Dove, Chris and Dave. Trustee Winward makes motion to accept, Trustee Pedlosky seconds, all in favor.

Approve minutes - November 2020 - some corrections were pointed out - 1st paragraph on page two was repeating - so that was taken out. Also on the bottom, a line was moved up to the paragraph. "Mayor Bowman agrees". - Trustee Winward makes motion, Trustee Mechaley seconds, all in favor.

***Monthly financial statement** - End of November balance was \$247,068.91 , Clerk deposited \$1,543.60, abstract #7 totaled \$13,507.49 (bills paid in December) Payroll was \$4,653.16. Checking account balance is \$ 230,451.86 and savings is \$131,995.84. Total estimated balance is \$ 362, 447.70. Mayor Bowman asks if there are any questions, none. Thanks clerk for presenting.

REPORTS: Philipstown HUB - Guest Danielle Pack McCarthy - HUB Director Danielle gives an overview of the first year of work that the HUB has done. She is expressing her gratitude for the funding Nelsonville provided along with Philipstown and the school districts, but the Village of Cold Spring has not supported them, nor has Putnam County. Danielle continues to work with Nancy Montgomery and has presented to the County Supervisor, but so far they haven't committed.

Mayor Bowman opened the meeting to questions from the audience Resident Gloria Van Tassel comments and thanks Danielle for all of her work. Agrees how far away the County seems from this all, and Mayor Bowman adds, how unfortunately seemingly getting farther away. Trustee Winward and Trustee Pedlosky thank Danielle. Clerk Mindy Jesek adds that she is hoping that the two new Trustees in the Village of Cold Spring will help bring the HUB to the front there. Good point, Danielle agrees. She would like to be able to say that all the local municipalities are supporting the HUB.

Community Choice Aggregation Jeff Domanski - Could not be present due to a family emergency - will reschedule for January Board meeting.

Old Issues: Village special prosecutor contract - Mayor Bowman reports that Village Clerk Mindy Jesek was able to get the Putnam County DA to take back over our caseload,

being it is so small. He thanks the clerk for saving the Village money.

New Issues:

Sheriff's Substation lease - Mayor Bowman talks about the improvements that the County has made to the building, including a generator among other things. Figures about 50K in improvements have been made at the County's expense. Conversation will move forward into January.

Lights in Village Park - Central hudson price / options Trustee Moroney talks about his meeting. Electrician fixed the outlet. The light poles & pricing, Mayor Bowman followed up. We are paying \$12.02/month now. To replace bulbs with LED it will be \$16.83/month, a total of \$1211.76 for the year for the fixtures. It will cost more, but be more efficient. Due to a clerical error on their part, we are paying half of the market rate. Discussion about reducing down to three lights, and convert to LED. At night it is lit for safety, the LED would be whiter and crisper. Trustee Pedlosky questions if the neighboring residents near the park have commented about their lighting preferences. Mayor Bowman says we can ask, but they have never really mentioned it. Trustee Moroney says the trees need to be trimmed so the sun hits the lamps and they shut off in the daytime. We have three options. Stay as we are, change all the lights to LED, or reduce number of lights and do LEDs. Mayor Bowman will follow up. Trustee Moroney has a new streetlight coming by his house. Village Clerk signed the contract today. Clerk will follow up with resident Mary Rice.

Short-term rental law - being drafted by Village attorney and Trustee Winward. Trustee Winward says we expected a first draft from Brian Morgan, but due to a Covid the response time has slowed. She hopes to have it by next week.

Mayor Bowman - January Meeting - Need to move to 1/19, observing MLK Day on 18th

CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee Moroney reports that Philipstown Tree will be cutting trees on Healey Rd. There are a couple of dead trees by Ken Levine's house that need to come down. These were the trees that the board discussed over the summer.

Only correspondence was two Christmas Cards - Beautiful photo card from the Bowmans and a Holiday card from Senator Sue Serino.

Trustee Pedlosky adds that Marc did a good job not damaging the wildlife garden at the Nelsonville woods trailhead when he plowed during the latest storm. She is grateful for his attention to this.

Snow removal was okay - not great on Adams Ave. a bit of a problem there with a resident parking there. It was addressed one on one with the person and hopefully it won't become a habit with people parking there.

Open to the public for comment . Residents Gloria Vantassel and Heidi Wednel exit the meeting.

Board goes into executive session to discuss Real Property Matter (Sheriff substation lease). Trustee Moroney makes motion. Trustee Winward seconds. All in favor.

Board enters into executive session.

Board returns from executive session.

Meeting to be adjourned - Trustee Mecheley makes motion, Trustee Moroney seconds - all in favor.

Mayor Bowman hopes although we could not have a holiday party, maybe by the end of the summer we could have a block party. Clerk Jesek says we need something to look forward to. Everyone wishes one another Merry Christmas as meeting closes.

Adjournment