

The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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

Re-Organization Meeting

Mayor Winward announced the following annual appointments for 2026:

Deputy Mayor: David Moroney
Street Commissioner: David Moroney
Auditing Committee: Alan Potts
Personnel: Maria Zhynovitch
Building Maintenance: David Moroney
Recreation: Douglas Anderson
Nelsonville Woods Liaison: Maria Zhynovitch
Liaison, Village of Cold Spring: Douglas Anderson
Liaison, Town of Philipstown: Alan Potts
Emergency Services Liaison: David Moroney
Building Inspector: Greg Wunner
Village Attorney: Keane and Beane
Village Clerk/Treasurer: Melissa Harris
Records Access Officer: Melissa Harris
Court Clerk: Melissa Harris
Official Bank: M&T Bank
Official Newspaper: Putnam Press
Village Historian: Michael Bowman
Acting Justice: Angela Thompson-Tinsley

Mayor Winward noted that the official newspaper designation has changed from the Putnam County News & Recorder, which has ceased publication, to the Putnam Press, which meets the legal requirements for a paper of record

MOTION: Set 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month as the regular Board meeting night and the second Wednesday of the month for workshops as needed. The Board also authorizes the Treasurer to purchase postage and pay utility bills prior to Board approval.

Moved by: Mayor Winward
Seconded by: Trustee Moroney
Vote: All in favor

Approval of April 2026 Vouchers

MOTION: Approve the April 2026 vouchers.

Moved by: Trustee Zhynovitch

Seconded by: Trustee Anderson

Vote: All in favor

Approval of March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Mayor Winward

Seconded by: Trustee Potts

Vote: All in favor

Correspondence

Mayor Winward noted the following correspondence:

Putnam County Department of Health Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day on May 2. Pre-registration is required. Information will be posted online.

Nelsonville Fish and Fur Club Annual Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 3, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Fishkill Road. All supplies are provided by the Club.

Reports

Clerk Harris

Clerk Harris presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2026.

Treasurer's Report

31-Mar-26

GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance \$375,532.55

Receipts:

Total \$27,892.55

Disbursements:

Total \$30,668.08

Current Balance \$372,757.02
Checking Account \$372,757.02
Savings Account \$132,399.66

TOTAL \$505,156.68

Trustee Moroney

Trustee Moroney reported that new American flags and brackets will be installed two weeks before Memorial Day and that a contractor has been engaged to do so. Following Veterans Day, the flags will be taken down and holiday flags will be put up.

Old Business

Adoption of the 2026/2027 Budget

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026-2027 BUDGET
April 15, 2026**

WHEREAS, a tentative budget (the "Proposed Village Budget") for the Village of Nelsonville was prepared and introduced for the 2026-2027 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 15, 2026, and all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard with respect to the Proposed Village Budget, after which such public hearing was closed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nelsonville hereby adopts the proposed Village Budget of the 2026-2027 fiscal year, including any amendments to such budget as approved by the Board of Trustees, which shall, upon adoption, become the final Village Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Village Clerk, and any officer or employee or consultant, as directed by the Mayor is authorized and directed to take any and all actions that are reasonably necessary, proper, or convenient to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

Mayor Winward presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Mayor Winward Aye

Trustee Anderson Aye
Trustee Moroney Aye
Trustee Potts Aye
Trustee Zhynovitch Aye

Property Maintenance Code Review

Trustee Potts reported on progress with the property maintenance code review. He has compiled the Village's existing three-to-four overlapping property maintenance chapters and, together with Trustee Zhynovitch, is consolidating them into a single new chapter. Revisions are ongoing to ensure language is clear and unambiguous; for example, providing a clear definition of "nuisance" and including a per se clause so that certain violations do not require additional proof of offense. The goal is a single, streamlined chapter covering all property maintenance matters including snow removal, weed control, dumping, and nuisance conditions, with consistent penalties and enforcement procedures throughout.

Discussion included the question of fence regulations, which are currently addressed only briefly in the zoning code. Mayor Winward suggested that fencing warrants its own standalone chapter, and Trustee Zhynovitch agreed to review Cold Spring's fence law as a model. The existing zoning code provision regarding sight-line visibility at intersections will be retained in the zoning code and not moved to the property maintenance chapter.

A combined property maintenance chapter is expected to be presented for further discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

Nelsonville Fish and Fur Club Annual Fishing Derby Donation

MOTION: Approve a donation of \$500 to the Nelsonville Fish and Fur Club in support of the Annual Fishing Derby for fish stocking.

Moved by: Mayor Winward

Seconded by: Trustee Moroney

Vote: All in favor

Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill A10387 / Senate Bill S8558 – Local Government Notice Modernization and Transparency Act

Mayor Winward introduced a resolution in support of Assembly Bill A10387 and Senate Bill S8558, the Local Government Notice Modernization and Transparency Act, recommended by the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) in response to the decline of local print media and the challenges municipalities face in meeting legal noticing requirements.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Nelsonville Village Board on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, the following resolution was introduced by Mayor Winward, seconded by Trustee Potts, enacted as follows:

**Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill A10387/Senate Bill 9558
The "Local Government Notice Modernization and Transparency Act"**

“WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has introduced legislation seeking to modernize the methods by which municipalities provide legal notice to residents; and

WHEREAS, current State law frequently mandates that local governments publish legal notices in printed newspapers, including notices regarding public hearings, zoning changes, and bid solicitations; and

WHEREAS, the decline of traditional print media and the increasing shift toward digital information consumption have significantly reduced the reach of newspaper-based legal notices, often resulting in lower public awareness than intended; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would grant municipalities the authority to post legal notices on their official .gov municipal websites in lieu of newspaper publication, provided they enact a local law to do so; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation includes critical safeguards including requirements for posting notices in at least three prominent locations within the municipality and maintenance of a prominent permanent statement on the official website regarding the change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Nelsonville supports the passage of Assembly Bill A10387 and Senate Bill S8558 and urges the New York State Legislature to enact the Local Government Notice Modernization and Transparency Act into law.”

Mayor Winward	Aye
Trustee Anderson	Aye
Trustee Moroney	Aye
Trustee Potts	Aye
Trustee Zhynovitch	Aye

Open to the Floor

No public comments were recorded.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Moroney

Seconded by: Trustee Potts

Vote: All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a circular shape with several vertical lines inside, followed by a horizontal stroke.

Melissa Harris
Village Clerk