The Village of Nelsonville
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2026

The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 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 July 15 and August 24, 2026 Regular Meetings.
Moved by: Trustee Potts
Seconded by: Trustee Moroney
Vote: All in favor

Approval of Vouchers

MOTION: Approve the September 2026 vouchers.
Moved by: Trustee Zhynovitch
Seconded by: Trustee Moroney
Vote: All in favor

Correspondence

Mayor Winward reviewed several community notices. Putnam County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day on October 3, with advance registration required. The Putnam County Department of Health announced upcoming flu clinics. The Board also shared information on New York State's Private Well PFAS Testing Pilot Program for eligible Putnam County properties served by private wells, and the Putnam County Youth Services Anchor of Hope Family Addiction Support program.

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Reports

Clerk Harris

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

Description	**Amount**
Previous Balance Checking Account	$589,338.09
Receipts	$9,595.96
Disbursements	$29,855.62
Checking Account	$569,079.33
Savings Account	$133,151.00
TOTAL	**$702,230.33**

Mayor Winward

Mayor Winward provided an update on the proposed crosswalk near Homestyle Bakery. The transportation engineers are completing their summary for submission to NYSDOT, incorporating the additional pedestrian and traffic counts as well as information about neighborhood conditions, including children on Healy Road who currently lack a safe crossing to the business and sidewalk area. NYSDOT previously advised that its review should take approximately three weeks after submission. The Village has also advanced to the next stage of the State funding process.

Trustee Moroney

Trustee Moroney reported that the stairs, landing, and gutter work at the Fish and Fur Club building have been completed. He also reported that additional blacktop work was completed on Pearl and Pine Streets, including repairs to potholes and uneven areas.

New Business

Putnam County District Attorney Presentation on Scams

Assistant District Attorney Mackenzie Ferguson appeared on behalf of Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy and discussed scams targeting senior citizens. She reviewed common schemes involving fraudulent bail requests, IRS, DMV and E-ZPass

messages, phishing links, and the increasing use of artificial intelligence to imitate voices or create deceptive communications. Residents were encouraged not to respond to unfamiliar callers or messages, to independently verify requests with family members or the agency involved, and to contact local law enforcement when uncertain. Ferguson also briefly answered questions about the work of the District Attorney's Office and emerging issues involving technology and financial crimes.

Gatehouse Road Improvements

Mayor Winward reported significant progress regarding Gatehouse Road. After extensive research and follow-up between Village and New York City attorneys, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has acknowledged responsibility for the road and developed a proposal for substantial safety improvements. Upper Gatehouse Road has remained closed because storm damage and long-term deterioration have narrowed portions of the roadway significantly.

The proposed work includes widening the road to approximately 20 feet, installing a box-beam guide rail, constructing retaining wall sections where needed, regrading, drainage, and replacing trees removed during construction. The currently paved lower portion of Gatehouse Road would also be repaved. Mayor Winward has asked DEP to consider paving the presently unpaved portion as well to help prevent future washout. The preliminary estimated project cost to DEP is $1.2 million. The project must proceed through the New York City budget approval process, and construction could potentially begin in 2027. Mayor Winward noted that the residents most directly affected have been contacted and are supportive of the proposed improvements.

Jake Brake Noise on Fishkill Road and Route 301

The Board discussed recurring noise from trucks using engine or "Jake" brakes on Fishkill Road and Route 301, particularly during overnight and early morning hours. Trustee Moroney reported that other communities have obtained signage restricting unnecessary engine-brake use in residential areas. He will contact the appropriate County and State authorities to determine the process for requesting signage and related enforcement. The Board noted that the issue is primarily a quality-of-life concern for nearby residents.

Nelsonville Woods Tree Maintenance

Mayor Winward reported that several dead or hazardous trees near the Pearl Street trailhead require attention. The Village obtained two quotes and plans to use a contractor it has worked with previously at a cost of less than $3,000. Work will include felling dead trees near a neighboring property and the trail kiosk and addressing hazardous limbs over

the trail. Where appropriate, felled trees will remain in the woods as wildlife habitat rather than being removed. A trail volunteer also offered to address a smaller fallen tree.

Open to the Floor

Trustee Anderson raised concerns about a vehicle that has repeatedly been left for extended periods near the aqueduct access on Fishkill Road, potentially obstructing DEP access. Board members discussed the location and agreed that the Village can notify its DEP contact so the agency can determine whether signage, a chain, or other access controls are appropriate.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting.
Moved by: Trustee Moroney
Seconded by: Trustee Potts
Vote: All in favor
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Harris
Village Clerk