

**The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2025**

The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees met at 7:30pm, on Monday, March, 2025, for their regular meeting, with Mayor Winward presiding, and Trustees Anderson, Biro, Moroney and Zhynovitch present.

Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Winward opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Vouchers

Abstract #10 in the amount of \$33,291.28 was audited and ordered paid by a motion from Trustee Zyhnovitch, seconded by Trustee Anderson, carried all in favor.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting were approved by a motion from Trustee Biro, seconded by Trustee Moroney, carried all in favor.

Correspondence

Mayor Winward summarized the following correspondence:

- HHFT tree work
- HHFT Breakneck trailhead closing 4/20, to begin work on train station, bridge and connector. The mayor commented that overflow of hikers should be anticipated in the Nelsonville woods.

Reports

Clerk Harris

Village of Nelsonville

Treasurer's Report

28-Feb-25

GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance	\$1,021,347.71
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Receipts:

Total	\$7,870.43
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Disbursements:

Total	\$171,920.76
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Current Balance	\$857,297.38
Checking Account	\$857,297.38
Savings Account	\$129,923.71
TOTAL	\$987,221.09

The clerk reminded the board that Election Day would be held on Tuesday, March 18 from 12-9pm. She reported that the Street Maintenance contract is up May 31st, so the bid will open in late March/early April, and be due in late April/early May.

Mayor Winward

Mayor Winward reported that the private Pearl Street Sewer experienced a blockage due to baby wipes, and that Fred Cook came to jet it out and vacuum it. She reminded residents to please not flush wipes. The mayor then reported that residents have called the Sheriff's Department to report ATV riders in the Nelsonville Woods, and that she has contacted state parks and also spoke with Haldane due to evidence of riders on James Pond, owned by the district.

Trustee Moroney

Trustee Moroney reported that Marc's Landscaping cleaned the village streets and patched potholes. Marc will be installing a new stop sign on Pine Street, and "No Parking" signs will be installed on Spring and Secor Streets. He also reported that the hot water heater in Village Hall, under the kitchen sink, failed so a new one was put in and the kitchen floor replaced, due to water damage. Lastly, he reported that an opportunity arose to clean out the catch basins on N. Pearl and Crown Streets, but they were discovered to be bolted shut, so the state DOT will have to clean them out.

Old Business

Approve Healy Road Bid

After considering five proposals, the board accepted the low bid of \$414,205 from Sun Up Construction Corp. of Wappingers Falls to repair the July 9-10, 2023 storm damage. A motion was made by Mayor Winward to approve the bid, seconded by Trustee Moroney, carried all in favor.

Re-approve Community Solar Agreement

The board reapproved a 21-year agreement with RWE Clean Energy Solutions Inc. for community solar that will save the village 10% on electricity at municipal buildings and \$400 annually on streetlights. The village attorney had requested changes on the previous agreement entered in November. Trustee Biro moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Trustee Anderson, carried all in favor.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF NELSONVILLE

Resolution approving the execution of a Community Solar Subscriber Agreement with RWE Clean Energy Solutions, Inc.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nelsonville, held at the Village of Nelsonville Village Hall on the 17th day of March, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Biro moved this Resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The Community Solar Subscriber Agreement authorizes the Village of Nelsonville to participate in a community solar generation project (the “Project”) with RWE Clean Energy Solutions, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the subscription to the Project, the village will receive monthly credits on our local electric utility bill based on our portion of the Project’s production during the billing period; and
BE IT RESOLVED, The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the Community Solar Subscriber Agreement, subject to modification by the Village Attorney.

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The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all members voting as follows:

Mayor Winward	Aye
Trustee Anderson	Aye
Trustee Biro	Aye
Trustee Moroney	Aye
Trustee Zhynovitch	Aye

DATED: March 17, 2025

MELISSA HARRIS,
VILLAGE CLERK

Approve Extension of Current Community Choice Aggregate (CCA) Agreement

Trustee Zhynovitch gave an overview of the need to extend the current CCA, stating that she met in February with Joule Community Power to discuss the two bids that came in and although the numbers looked promising, they were 20% higher than anticipated for 2026. Joule’s recommendation was against entering into a contract due to high volatility. Instead, they recommend to commit to a 3–6-month extension of the current contract, when there will be a clearer picture of what is happening with the tariffs and when the cooling season will be over. A motion was made by Trustee Biro authorizing the mayor to extend the current agreement with Joule Assets, Inc and Direct Energy Services, LLC for 3-6 months, seconded by Trustee Anderson, carried all in favor.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
NELSONVILLE**

Resolution approving the extension of the Community Choice Aggregation “CCA” Electricity Supply Agreement (ESA) MOU with Joule Assets, Inc., and Direct Energy Services, LLC.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nelsonville, held at the Village of Nelsonville Village Hall on the 17th day of March, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Biro moved this Resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The February 2025 bid process for a new Community Choice Aggregation “CCA” Electricity Supply Agreement (ESA) did not result in a favorable results and Joule Assets, Inc., recommends that the participating municipalities extend existing agreements with the ESA provider, Direct Energy Services, LLC.;

BE IT RESOLVED, The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the mayor to sign the CCA ESA extension MOU with Direct Energy Services, LLC., and Joule Assets, Inc., subject to modification by the Village Attorney.

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The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all members voting as follows:

Mayor Winward	Aye
Trustee Anderson	Aye
Trustee Biro	Aye
Trustee Moroney	Aye
Trustee Zhynovitch	Aye

DATED: March 17, 2025

Melissa Harris, Village Clerk

Approve 2025/2026 Tentative Budget

Mayor Winward reviewed the budget schedule and the tentative budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, and stated that she may recommend a vote to increase the tax cap. In the proposed budget, spending would rise by 2.94% with a tax cap of 2.77, giving the village around \$9k over last year, which the

mayor stated is not much to work with. One of the “problem areas” is increased attorney fees due to the volume of legal work going up, in part due to new lawsuits not covered by insurance. Additionally, the village has exceeded its \$25,000 budget for insurance on all property and elected officials due to lawsuits, and the mayor noted this has more than doubled over the last couple of years. There will be COLA raises for the clerk and deputy clerk of 3% and 2.55%, respectively, as well as a 9.42% increase in health benefits due to rising costs. The village may see increased revenue from higher permit fees approved in December, and electricity savings. The official budget hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00pm. Upon motion by Mayor Winward, seconded by Trustee Anderson, carried all in favor, the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2025/2026 was adopted.

New Business

There was no new business.

Open to the Floor

There was some discussion earlier in the meeting about the ATVs in the woods.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Trustee Moroney, seconded by Trustee Biro, carried all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully presented,

Melissa Harris
Village Clerk