

**The Village of Nelsonville Board of
Trustees Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

PRESENT: Mayor Winward; Trustees Moroney and Zhynovitch; Clerk Harris

ABSENT: Trustees Anderson and Potts

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 January 21, 2026 Minutes

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Moroney

Seconded by: Mayor Winward

Vote: Three in favor, two absent

Approval of February 2026 Vouchers

MOTION: Approve the February 2026 vouchers.

Moved by: Mayor Winward

Seconded by: Trustee Moroney

Vote: Three in favor, two absent

Correspondence

No correspondence was reported.

Reports

Clerk Harris

Clerk Harris presented the Treasurer's Report and reported the official list of nominations for the Village Election to be held March 18, 2026.

Treasurer's Report

31-Jan-26

GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance	\$462,767.37
Receipts:	
Total	\$3,203.76
Disbursements:	
Total	\$67,720.84
Current Balance	\$398,250.29
Checking Account	\$398,250.29
Savings Account	\$132,111.06
TOTAL	\$530,361.35

The clerk then announced the candidates for the two trustee seats in the March 18, 2026 election, current Trustees Douglas K. Anderson and David Moroney, and the candidate for the office of Mayor, current Mayor Chris Alice Winward.

Mayor Winward

Mayor Winward reported that she met with the new NYSDOT Regional Director and Deputy Director to discuss Village priorities, including the proposed Main Street crosswalk and speed limit concerns on Route 301. She also noted that the County Executive’s planned visit had been postponed.

Trustee Moroney

Trustee Moroney reported on recent snow removal operations, including assistance from the county to widen roadways curb-to-curb. He reported that the Philipstown Highway Department filled potholes on Wood Avenue and replaced damaged traffic signage on Pine Street.

New Business

Real Property Tax Service Contract Resolution

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Nelsonville Village Board on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, the following resolution was introduced by Mayor Winward, seconded by Trustee Moroney, enacted three in favor, two absent, none opposed:

“That the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Winward to enter into an agreement with the County of Putnam for the purpose of printing our tax bills.”

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

Zoning Board Reappointment

MOTION: Reappoint Steve Rummel to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a two-year term.

Moved by: Mayor Winward

Seconded by: Trustee Moroney

Vote: Three in favor, two absent

Old Business

Main Street Crosswalk Update

Mayor Winward provided an update regarding the proposed Main Street crosswalk project. She reported meeting with NYSDOT leadership to advocate for installation and address pedestrian safety concerns, including requests to lower the speed limit descending from Route 301. NYSDOT has advised that the Village must complete an independent traffic study due to the project’s location within the State right-of-way. The Village’s engineers recommended Colliers Engineering, which has completed similar studies accepted by NYSDOT. Preliminary estimates for the study were approximately \$10,000, with final pricing pending. The study will require vehicular and pedestrian counts to be conducted during warmer months to ensure accurate data. Following completion, NYSDOT permitting, contractor bidding, and construction would follow, with the earliest potential construction projected for late summer or early fall. The Village continues pursuing grant funding through Assemblymember Dana Levenberg’s office to offset eligible costs.

Comprehensive Plan Grant Update

Mayor Winward provided an update on the Village’s Comprehensive Plan Grant application to the New York State Department of State. Of ninety-one applications submitted statewide, fourteen were selected. While Nelsonville was not awarded in this round, DOS representatives indicated the application was strong and encouraged

resubmission. DOS recommended expanding the project scope and increasing the funding request closer to the \$150,000 maximum. A resubmission would require approximately \$3,000 in additional consultant work. The grant structure requires a 90% State / 10% municipal match. The mayor explained that an updated Comprehensive Plan is critical for future infrastructure funding opportunities and would include significant public engagement. Alternate funding options through the Hudson River Valley Greenway were discussed; however, that program requires a 50/50 match and substantial volunteer labor. No action was taken.

Animal Code Review

The Board continued review of proposed updates to the Village's animal code, including definitions, poultry regulations, enclosure sizing, setbacks, and removal of bee colony registration requirements. Further revisions will be discussed at a future meeting.

Public Comment

Public comment was opened; no formal comments were recorded.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Moroney

Seconded by: Trustee Zhynovitch

Vote: Three in favor, two absent

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Harris
Village Clerk