# The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**Monday, July 17, 2023**

The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees met at 7:30pm, on Monday, July 17, 2023, for their regular meeting, with Mayor Winward presiding, and Trustees Biro, Campanile, Moroney and Zhynovitch present.

**Pledge to the Flag**

Mayor Winward opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Abstract #2, in the amount of $22,478.25 was audited and ordered paid by a motion from Trustee Moroney, seconded by Trustee Campanile, enacted all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 22, 2023 meeting were approved by a motion from Trustee Biro, seconded by Trustee Moroney, enacted all in favor.

**Correspondence**

Mayor Winward summarized the following correspondence:

* Sanjay Thakur re: storm damage
* Holly Mentzer re: storm damage
* Jo Pitkins re: storm drain
* NYS Department of Transportation re: CHIPS reimbursement

**Reports**

Clerk Harris

Clerk Harris read the Treasurers’ Report.

Village of Nelsonville

Treasurer's Report

30-June-23

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GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance $276,097.18

Receipts:

 Total $266,472.40

Disbursements:

 Total $48,337.21

Current Balance $494,232.97

Checking Account $494,232.97

Savings Account $124,669.73

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TOTAL $618,902.70

The clerk also informed the board of the status of the JCAP Justice Court Grant signage that is being purchased, including a courtroom sign and a new Village of Nelsonville sign.

Mayor Winward

Mayor Winward reported that the New York State DOT cut trees back, and she has asked for pedestrian crossing sign improvements, which they will be working on.

The mayor and Trustee Campanile thanked Eagle Scout Edward Bauer for his work on the kiosk at Nelsonville Woods N. Pearl Street trail entrance, which included new roof shingles, paint, and mulch. They then presented Edward with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Village.

**Old Business**

Building Department Transition

The mayor reported that the transition to the Town of Philipstown Code Enforcement Office is going smoothly, and the Village will continue to post for the part-time position of Building Inspector/CEO.

Code Review Update

Mayor Winward gave a brief review on the status of our Code Update, being done by General Code. Trustee Zhynovitch stated that General Code has reviewed our code, and we are now at stage one of the process. They have emailed a list of questions, and the Village needs to respond to go to the next steps.

**New Business**

July 9 Storm Damage and Anticipated Assistance

Mayor Winward gave a brief overview of waves of rain events over a ten-day period, noting that there were reports of 10”-15” of rain, the equivalent of three months’ worth. She thanked first responders and noted that the CSFC pumped out several basements, and volunteers and neighbors helped each other. The mayor stated that there were two homes where the 1st floor was flooded and residents displaced. Flooded basements, disturbed yards, and retaining walls were impacted. She stated that the impact of public infrastructure included damage to a culvert at Secor Street and Har-Mil Drive. Healy road sustained significant damage, with a ditch being created and drains washed out, and pavement was eroded. Drains on Pine Street also failed, flooding nearby homes. Trails in the Nelsonville Woods also sustained damage, including large stones being moved. The mayor attended a meeting of the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, who have hired a consultant to help navigate the FEMA process. Mayor Winward stated that the Village will be documenting and following procurement procedures for federal funding for municipalities. She stated that Governor Hochul has asked President Biden to approve her Major Disaster Declaration to unlock assistance for communities impacted by severe flooding, although she stated that the consultants were not very positive that FEMA would retore what folks lost, and suggested residents seek out other non-profit assistance that may become available. She stated that engineer Ron Gainer, will look at Healy Road and other properties with Trustee Moroney and give appropriate recommendations.

**Open to the Floor**

Residents expressed concerns about the damage to Healy Road. There was some discussion among residents and the board regarding the culvert at Secor and Har-Mil, and the mayor stated that the NYS DOT had come into Village Hall but at that time did not take responsibility for the culvert. She is hoping to work with them to improve the drainage. The resident whose home was impacted by the culvert damage stated that the state was taking care of the culvert, but more recently she had been keeping it clear. She stated that she believes it is the responsibility of the DOT. There were other discussions about taking preventative measures and mitigation for culverts and drainage.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Trustee Moroney, seconded by Trustee Campanile, enacted all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully presented,

Melissa Harris

Village Clerk