

**The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

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

ABSENT: Trustee Anderson

Call to Order / Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Winward called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Remarks

Mayor Winward acknowledged the life of lifelong Nelsonville resident Jim Myatt, who recently passed away, and noted that the Village celebrated his 100th birthday in August 2025.

Approval of Vouchers

MOTION: Approve the January 2026 vouchers.

Moved by: Trustee Potts
Seconded by: Trustee Moroney
Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Zhynovitch
Seconded by: Trustee Potts
Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Correspondence

- NYS CHIPS fund notice of balance

Reports

Clerk Harris

Clerk Harris read the Treasurers' Report.

Village of Nelsonville
Treasurer's Report

31-Dec-25

GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance

\$480,579.84

Receipts:		
Total	\$2,453.67	
Disbursements:		
Total	\$20,266.14	
Current Balance		\$462,767.37
Checking Account	\$462,767.37	
Savings Account	\$131,959.67	
TOTAL	\$594,727.04	

Mayor Winward

Mayor Winward reported that the Village was not awarded the New York State Department of State Comprehensive Planning Grant and that the Village is seeking a debriefing to better understand the award decision and strengthen a future submission.

Mayor Winward provided an update regarding the Fjord Trail project, including that the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) was released on January 7, 2026, and that the State Environmental Quality Review findings statement was issued thereafter. The mayor summarized mitigation concepts described in project materials, including potential visitor management strategies and post-opening monitoring, and expressed concerns regarding the timing and frequency of monitoring and emergency services planning.

Mayor Winward also reported that she and Trustee Moroney attended the newly elected Sheriff Hess’ swearing-in ceremony and Putnam County Sheriff’s Office members promotion ceremony, and that she met with Governor Hochul’s regional representative.

Trustee Moroney

Trustee Moroney reported that Central Hudson conducted additional tree trimming, including work on Pine Street.

A brief discussion followed regarding Royal Carting Christmas tree pickup, including an additional pickup scheduled for Friday, January 23, 2026, with trees to be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m.

New Business

Appointments to Fill Vacancies on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Winward thanked outgoing volunteers Dennis Meekins (Planning Board) and Harold Axelrod (Zoning Board of Appeals) for their service. Mayor Winward introduced appointments to fill vacancies on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, Jeanne Stauffer-Merle and Holly Mentzer.

Appointment of Election Inspectors

MOTION: Appoint election inspectors as presented (Chair; inspectors; alternate) at \$10 per hour.

Moved by: Mayor Winward
Seconded by: Trustee Moroney
Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Submission of Delinquent Taxes to County

Clerk Harris reported that the total amount of delinquent taxes to be submitted to the County Department of Real Property Tax Services is \$8,266.29.

MOTION: Authorize submission of the delinquent tax list to the County.

Moved by: Mayor Winward
Seconded by: Trustee Potts
Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Animal Code Review

The board continued discussion of the Village Code Review process and reviewed proposed updates to the animal-related provisions of Village Code, including modernization of language. Trustee Zhynovitch presented two options for replacing the code. One would ban all animals except domesticated pets, and includes bees, cows, ducks, roosters, horses and goats among those banned. Alternative language would ban any animal kept for agricultural or nonagricultural use except for a domesticated pet, defined as a “nonwild animal or non-livestock animal quartered within or at the residence of the owner and kept for nonagricultural purposes as a household pet.” Bees and chickens would be allowed under that option. A requirement that residents license their dogs would be removed, but restrictions on their behavior in public would remain, along with penalties of up to \$250 and 15 days in jail for violations.

Public Comment

Nat Prentice introduced himself as the newly appointed Philipstown Town Board Liaison to Nelsonville.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Moroney
Seconded by: Trustee Potts
Vote: Four in favor, one absent

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully presented,

Melissa Harris, Village Clerk

