# The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**Monday, May 15, 2023**

The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees met at 7:30pm, on Monday, May 15, 2023, for their regular meeting, with Mayor Winward presiding, 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 #12, in the amount of $14,260.69 was audited and ordered paid by a motion from Trustee Moroney, seconded by Trustee Biro, enacted all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 17 meeting were approved by a motion from Trustee Zhynovitch, seconded by Trustee Campanile, enacted all in favor.

**Correspondence**

The clerk summarized the following correspondence:

* Putnam County Housing Corporation re: Section 8 Voucher Program
* American Legion Post 275 re: Memorial Day Parade
* NYS Department of Transportation re: CHIPS

**Reports**

Clerk Harris

Clerk Harris read the Treasurers’ Report.

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Treasurer's Report

30-Apr-23

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GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance $315,281.33

Receipts:

Total $2,224.18

Disbursements:

Total $25,664.38

Current Balance $291,841.13

Checking Account $291,841.13

Savings Account $124,461.55

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TOTAL $416,302.68

Mayor Winward

Mayor Winward reported that an unauthorized trail event took place on Saturday, 5/13 at the Nelsonville Woods trail head. The groups that were sponsoring the event did not seek out the required permit from the Village, and a related Planter’s Peanut truck was parked illegally on Main Street and caused a minor accident due to passersby ogling the vehicle. The mayor asked the board and residents to be vigilant so we are aware of possible impacts from the Breakneck trail closure.

She reminded the board that the Haldane School Foundation is doing an authorized hike this coming weekend.

Mayor Winward reported that the insurance rates for the Village will be going up due to lawsuit losses, including the cell tower and current Kushner lawsuit. The public officials coverage was dropped from the carrier, Trident, so the insurance agent, Gerrelli, had to go to an excess carrier for that coverage. The combined total of premiums will be approximately $23,000, which as almost double what the Village was previously paying, and carries a $15,000 deductible. This will most likely need to be taken from the fund balance, and although ARPA funds may be used, they were meant for community projects. The mayor noted that there are unintended consequences to suing the Village and that all taxpayers are impacted.

Trustee Moroney

Trustee Moroney reported that the yard debris pick-up took place on Saturday, May 13, and stated that plastic bags were not picked up. He reminded residents to please use paper bags. He stated the Royal Carting bulk trash pick-up will be Friday, June 9. Trustee Moroney then reported that the potholes on Village streets were filled, and the flags were hung ahead of the Memorial Day holiday.

CCA Enrollment/Opt-Out

One item of New Business was moved up to allow Jeff Domaski to answer questions about opting out of the Hudson Valley Community Power Electricity Supply Program. Mayor Winward gave a brief overview of the materials they provided, and urged residents to compare Central Hudson bills with the pricing offered by the CCA to see if they would benefit. She explained the different options, and the roll out timeline. The board then directed questions to Jeff.

**New Business**

Mayor Winward read the Robertson and Lusardi Resolutions.

Cold Spring Fire Company Fire Protection Agreement and Resolution

Mayor Winward summarized the one-year agreement and read the resolution.

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

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nelsonville (“Village

Board”), held at the Village of Nelsonville Village Hall on the 15 day of May 2023, at 7:30 p.m.,

Trustee Moroney moved this Resolution, which was, seconded by Trustee

Zhynovitch,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The Village Board of Trustees has been presented with a proposed contract for fire protection from the Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1 for the year 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract has been reviewed by the Village Attorney and the terms thereof are acceptable to the Village Board of Trustees;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nelsonville authorizes the attached Exhibit “A” (“Contract) to be executed by the mayor with Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1 to provide fire protection services for the Village of Nelsonville; and for the Village to appropriate funds in the amount stated in the attached contract for that purpose.

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

Mayor Winward Aye

Trustee Biro Aye

Trustee Campanile Aye

Trustee Moroney Aye

Trustee Zhynovitch Aye

Amend Personnel Policy to Include Juneteenth Holiday

Upon motion by Mayor Winward, seconded by Trustee Biro, enacted all in favor, the Personnel Policy was amended to include the Juneteenth Holiday.

Possible Stream Crossing Improvements in Nelsonville Woods

The NY/NJ Trail Conference reached out to Mayor Winward regarding stream crossings in the woods that needed improvement and different ways to construct them. They are willing to build the crossings and the Village would pay for materials if the Village chooses a wooden bridge over rock placement. There was discussion among the board members regarding suitable materials and it was agreed that stone placement would be the better option.

**Old Business**

Law Firm Agreement Resolution

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

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Board”), held at the Village of Nelsonville Village Hall on the 15 day of May 2023, at 7:30 p.m.,

Trustee Campanile moved this Resolution, which was, seconded by Trustee

Moroney,

WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, The Village Board of Trustees has been presented with a proposed letter of engagement from Keane and Beane P.C, for services as Village Attorney, for the year 2023-2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed contract has been reviewed by the Village Attorney and the terms thereof are acceptable to the Village Board of Trustees;

**NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nelsonville authorizes the attached Exhibit “A” (“Letter of Engagement”) to be executed by the mayor with Keane and Beane P.C. for the Village of Nelsonville; and for the Village to appropriate funds in the amount stated in the attached contract for that purpose.

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

Mayor Winward Aye

Trustee Biro Aye

Trustee Campanile Aye

Trustee Moroney Aye

Trustee Zhynovitch Aye

Prosecutor Contract Resolution

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

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Trustee Zhynovitch moved this Resolution, which was, seconded by Trustee

Moroney,

WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, The Village Board of Trustees has been presented with a proposed contract for a Village Prosecutor, Kevin P. Irwin, for the year 2023-2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed contract has been reviewed by the Village Attorney and the terms thereof are acceptable to the Village Board of Trustees;

**NOW THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nelsonville authorizes the attached Exhibit “A” (“Contract”) to be executed by the mayor with Kevin P. Irwin to investigate, prepare and prosecute non-criminal violations, i.e. traffic violations, building and zoning code violations, and village code violations for the Village of Nelsonville as needed; and for the Village to appropriate funds in the amount stated in the attached contract for that purpose.

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

Mayor Winward Aye

Trustee Biro Aye

Trustee Campanile Aye

Trustee Moroney Aye

Trustee Zhynovitch Aye

May 8th Fjord Trail Public Session

Upon motion by Mayor Winward, seconded by Trustee Biro, enacted all in favor, the full 210 Ranked Questions for the Fjord Trail Joint Public Session will be submitted into the public record.

Mayor Winward recapped the need for the joint public session on May 8th. She stated the need to allow the public to share their concerns about the trail and allow for the HHFT and NYS Parks Office to be held accountable. The board then discussed the joint session.

Open to the Floor

Residents discussed the Fjord Trail.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Trustee Zhynovitch, seconded by Trustee Campanile, enacted all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

Respectfully presented,

Melissa Harris

Village Clerk