# The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees met at 7:30pm, on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, for their regular meeting, with Mayor Winward presiding, and Trustees Biro, Moroney and Campanile and Zhynovitch present.

**Pledge to the Flag**

Mayor Winward opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Abstract #8 in the amount of $14,232.21 was audited and ordered paid by a motion from Trustee Zhynovitch, seconded by Trustee Campanile, motion carried all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the December 18, 2023 meeting were approved by a motion from Trustee Biro, seconded by Trustee Moroney, motion carried all in favor.

**Correspondence**

The clerk read the flyer for the Putnam County Career Expo to be held on 2/7/2024.

**Reports**

Clerk Harris

Village of Nelsonville

Treasurer's Report

31-Dec-23

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GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance $358,188.37

Receipts:

Total $4,893.24

Disbursements:

Total $58,152.10

Current Balance $304,929.51

Checking Account $304,929.51

Savings Account $125,945.07

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TOTAL $430,874.58

Mayor Winward

Mayor Winward reported on the two significant rain events in January, the first being on January 9th. Philipstown provided materials for sandbags to Nelsonville residents. She reported that the Secor Street drain did not overflow, although with 2 ½ inches of rain and snow melt, it was close. The NYS DOT did come to check the drain during the storm, and will now be monitoring it. They have provided the Village and the nearby residents with their Emergency Desk phone number, in case the drain is in danger of flooding over. The Village is still waiting for the DOT’s legal response regarding responsibility for the draining and upkeep of the drain. The mayor stated that the Village’s lawyers contend that since DOT put in drain #49 on Secor Street to make improvements to Route 301 (Main Street), then it is their responsibility. Mayor Winward stated that although related, but not directly, she is working with Philipstown and the Village of Cold Spring to get a grant to better understand the water flow, and see if there are hazard mitigation opportunities. The next meeting will happen in February. Another related fact confirmed in the last month was that the drain near the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corp on Cedar Street is not in the Nelsonville Woods. It is on the American Legion property. The drain there captures running water off of Bull Hill, and carries it underground in Cold Spring’s drains, which run under their streets and under some private properties. The mayor stated she believes that Cold Spring is looking to scope the drains to see if there are any problems that need to be addressed.

Trustee Moroney

Trustee Moroney reported on the snow removal efforts during recent snow events, stating that there were some residents blowing snow into the streets, but overall residents were compliant, streets were cleared in a timely manner, and winter parking lots were emptied on time.

Trustee Zhynovitch

Trustee Zhynovitch gave a brief update on the DOT application process for the radar speed signs and flashing pedestrian beacons. She stated the application process is completed, and everything that needed to be done on the Village’s end is done. She is awaiting approval, then the Village can order and install.

**New Business**

Election Registration Resolution

WHEREAS, the intent of the Election Law and of this Board is to enable all qualified persons to vote in the general election of the Village of Nelsonville, which will be held at the Municipal Building Meeting Room, 260 Main Street, on March 19, 2024, between the hours of Noon and 9pm; and,

WHEREAS, a Registration Day is required to accomplish this action; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Registration Day will be held for the Village of Nelsonville's General Election as follows;

March 9, 2024, Noon to 5pm, at the Municipal Building, 260 Main Street.

I, **Melissa Harris**, the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Nelsonville, Putnam County, New York do hereby certify that the above hereto is a true and correct copy of an extract from the minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Nelsonville held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 and that the resolution set forth herein is a true and correct copy of the resolution of the Village Board of said Village adopted at said meeting.

**I FURTHER CERTIFY** that pursuant to section 103 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Village, 17th day of January, 2023.

The Board members voted on the Resolution by roll call, and the resulting votes of the board members were as follows:

**Member of Board Voting**

Mayor Winward Aye

Trustee Biro Aye

Trustee Campanile Aye

Trustee Moroney Aye

Trustee Zhynovitch Aye

**Total Ayes and Nays Five Ayes**

Appoint Election Inspectors

Upon motion by Mayor Winward, seconded by Trustee Moroney, carried all in favor, Kelly House, David Limburg, and Donna Duncan were appointed as Election Inspectors, with Donna Steltz appointed as an alternate Election Inspector.

Budget Discussion

Mayor Winward gave an overview the calendar dates for the 2024/2025 Village Budget submission.

**Old Business**

July Storm FEMA Updates

Mayor Winward stated that all of the July storm projects are on their way to approval within the FEMA process, and some are almost ready for reimbursement. The mayor stated that the drains on Pearl Street have been approved for repair, and she described the process of getting quotes for the projects with the engineers.

Sewer Feasibility Study Discussion

Mayor Winward gave an overview of the options outlined in the finalized Sewer Study from LaBella Associates. The firm recommends a $6 million grinder pump option that would be located on each property, and connect into the Cold Spring Waste Water Treatment Plant. The mayor noted that this option would require less digging of the streets. Another option could be combining [gravity-fed pipes with two pumping stations](https://highlandscurrent.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/pump-stations-option-map.pdf) located near Main Street and Billy’s Way, and near Bank Street and Peekskill Road, and would cost $9.1 million, making it the most expensive option.

Discussion ensued among the board members, with Mayor Winward noting that, although qualifying for grants would be challenging due to Nelsonville’s high median household income, Governor Hochul has made $500 million available to communities for sewer and water projects. Pros and cons were discussed as well as the different cost options. Trustee Campanile suggested that the Village talk with other communities who have utilized these sewer systems. The mayor concluded the discussion by stating that this is a huge decision, with the Village being at least a year and a half to two years away from any real decision making, and there will be many more discussions involving sewer options and funding. She invited the board to email her with any questions to follow up with the engineers.

**Open to the Floor**

A resident asked the board if the sewer system would go up Healy Road, with the response being that the sewer will service the 171 homes currently on the Cold Spring water system.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Trustee Moroney, seconded by Trustee Campanile, carried all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully presented,

Melissa Harris

Village Clerk