

**The Village of Nelsonville Board of
Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 19, 2026**

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

ABSENT: Trustee 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 February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 4, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting and the March 4, 2026 Special Meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Anderson

Seconded by: Trustee Moroney

Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Approval of March 2026 Vouchers

MOTION: Approve the March 2026 vouchers.

Moved by: Trustee Zhynovitch

Seconded by: Trustee Anderson

Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Correspondence

Mayor Winward noted that the Putnam County Department of Health has scheduled a rabies vaccine clinic on March 21, 2026.

Reports

Clerk Harris

Clerk Harris reported the results of the March 18, 2026 Village Election. Mayor Winward received 85 votes, Trustee Anderson received 77 votes, and Trustee Moroney received 84 votes. Total ballots cast numbered 88, with 3 write-in votes.

Clerk Harris presented the Treasurer’s Report.

Treasurer's Report

28-Feb-26

GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance		\$398,250.29
Receipts:		
Total	\$9,522.68	
Disbursements:		
Total	\$32,240.42	
Current Balance		\$375,532.55
Checking Account	\$375,532.55	
Savings Account	\$132,247.94	
TOTAL		\$507,780.49

Mayor Winward

Mayor Winward provided an update on the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office substation lease, which had been approved at the March 4, 2026 Special Meeting. The new agreement is a five-year lease, beginning at \$20,200 annually and increasing to \$29,000 in the final year, bringing the lease closer to market rate. Mayor Winward thanked Trustee Anderson for his assistance with comparable lease research, the Village’s attorneys, Sheriff Hess, and the County Executive for their continued partnership and support.

New Business

Designation of Official Newspaper

Mayor Winward reported that the Putnam County News & Recorder (PCNR) has been unable to publish and has not indicated when regular publication would resume. As required by law,

the Village must maintain a paper of record with sufficient paid circulation delivered by second-class USPS mail. The Highlands Current does not currently meet that threshold. Mayor Winward noted that the Poughkeepsie Journal, which the Village of Cold Spring has also transitioned to, meets the legal requirements. She also noted that the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) is advancing legislation to update the paper of record requirements in recognition of the decline of local print media. A resolution supporting that legislation is anticipated at the next meeting.

MOTION: Designate the Poughkeepsie Journal as the Village of Nelsonville's official paper of record through at least the next annual meeting.

Moved by: Mayor Winward

Seconded by: Trustee Zhynovitch

Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Resolution in Support of the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA)

Mayor Winward introduced a resolution in support of Senate Bill S1464 and Assembly Bill A1749, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, brought to the Board's attention by resident Heidi Wendell and the Philipstown Climate Task Force. Mayor Winward read the resolution in full. Resident Wendell provided additional context, noting that the bill has passed the State Senate twice and cleared Assembly committees, but has not been brought to the Assembly floor for a vote. She noted that passage would result in financial returns to municipalities through fees paid by packaging producers. The towns of Philipstown and Cold Spring have also passed resolutions in support.

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

Resolution in support of the New York State Senate and Assembly to pass the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA) (S.1464/A.1749).

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nelsonville, held at the Village of Nelsonville Village Hall on the 19th day of March 2026, at 7:00 pm, Trustee Moroney moved this resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Zhynovitch.

WHEREAS, Packaging waste accounts for approximately 40% of the waste in New York each year; and

WHEREAS, Managing waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, Plastic packaging in particular, causes serious pollution, including litter and use of toxic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, Companies that produce packaging should be responsible for the costs of managing packaging waste, not just taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Enacting PRRIA, would require companies with net income over \$1 million to reduce packaging, improve recycling and recycling infrastructure, financially support municipal recycling programs and reduce toxins in packaging; and

WHEREAS, This legislation would also require companies selling, offering for sale, or distributing packaging materials and products to register with a packaging reduction organization to develop a packaging reduction and recycling plan; and

WHEREAS, Four states have already implemented similar programs including Maine, Oregon, Colorado and California; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Village of Nelsonville urges the New York State legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, S.1464/A.1749.

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

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

Old Business

Main Street Crosswalk – Traffic Study

Mayor Winward presented a proposal from Colliers Engineering for a traffic study required by NYSDOT as a condition of approving a mid-block crosswalk on Main Street. The study, recommended by the Village’s engineers, would include collection of traffic volume, speed, vehicular class, and pedestrian data over a twelve-hour weekday period (6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) and a Saturday period, followed by an assessment of whether thresholds are met to warrant crosswalk installation. The proposal was reduced from an earlier estimate to \$3,400. Mayor Winward noted the cost may be reimbursable through grant funding being pursued through Assemblymember Levenberg’s office or alternatively covered by the Village’s sales tax sharing fund.

MOTION: Approve the traffic study proposal from Colliers Engineering in the amount of \$3,400.

Moved by: Mayor Winward

Seconded by: Trustee Moroney

Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Comprehensive Plan Grant – Resubmission

Mayor Winward provided an update on the Village's Comprehensive Plan Grant application to the New York State Department of State. Following a debrief with DOS after the first round was not awarded, MRB Group and the Mayor met with DOS staff who indicated the application was strong but recommended increasing the funding request to the \$150,000 maximum and expanding the project scope. A ten percent municipal match of \$15,000 would be required, which could be drawn from the sales tax sharing fund. MRB Group's fee for resubmission is \$3,000. A decision on the resubmission is anticipated in approximately July. No questions were raised by the Board.

MOTION: Approve the proposal from MRB Group for resubmission of the Comprehensive Plan Grant application in the amount of \$3,000.

Moved by: Trustee Moroney

Seconded by: Trustee Anderson

Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027

Mayor Winward presented the tentative budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Key points included:

A three percent cost-of-living adjustment is recommended for the Clerk and Court Clerk salary lines. The Deputy Clerk's budgeted salary reflects a revised estimate of hours, with a \$0.50 per hour rate increase. Legal fees are proposed at \$20,000 with an additional \$5,000 contingency. Street maintenance reflects the transition to the Town of Philipstown for highway and snow removal services, consolidating costs previously spread across multiple lines. Snow removal is budgeted at \$17,000 based on the current year's experience. Insurance is projected to increase approximately thirteen percent due to the Village's claims lookback period. Fire protection reflects a five percent increase per the Cold Spring Fire Department contract, and hydrant charges have increased significantly in connection with Cold Spring's dam infrastructure costs. The refuse removal contract with Royal enters its final year at \$78,000. Total proposed appropriations are \$391,779, representing a 3.2% increase over the adopted budget.

On the revenue side, property taxes are recommended at the minimum increase within the tax cap, totaling \$336,963, a 3.14% increase. The Village's annual county sales tax sharing allocation of \$50,000 is accounted for separately and designated for infrastructure-related expenditures only. Total projected revenues, including the earmarked \$50,000, are \$446,106, resulting in a projected surplus of approximately \$4,000 as of the tentative budget. This will be reevaluated in the final budget.

MOTION: Approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026–2027.

Moved by: Trustee Anderson

Seconded by: Trustee Moroney

Vote: Four in favor, one absent

Village Code Review – Animal Law

Trustee Zhynovitch presented the proposed final draft of the updated animal law, the first chapter in the Board's ongoing Village Code review. Key provisions include updated definitions, regulation of backyard poultry, and bee colony requirements. Highlights of the poultry section include a maximum of six chickens per residential property, ten square feet of combined indoor and outdoor enclosure space per bird, a fifteen-foot setback from any dwelling, a five-foot setback from property lines, and a maximum coop size of 144 square feet not to exceed ten percent of total yard area. A public hearing on the animal law, along with other updated code chapters, is anticipated once additional sections are ready.

Trustee Zhynovitch also previewed the next code review project: consolidation of the Village's three existing property maintenance chapters, which cover overlapping subjects including weed control, snow removal, dumping, and nuisance conditions. Trustee Potts has begun work on combining these chapters. Mayor Winward noted the importance of standardizing enforcement and notice procedures throughout. The combined property maintenance chapter is expected to be presented for discussion at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Public comment was opened. Resident Heidi Wendell thanked the Board for passing the PRRIA resolution. No further public comments were recorded.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Moroney

Seconded by: Trustee Anderson

Vote: Four in favor, one absent

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH' or similar initials, enclosed within a circular scribble.

Melissa Harris
Village Clerk

