**The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees met at 7:30 pm, on Monday, April 18, 2022, for their regular meeting, with Mayor Winward presiding, Trustees Campanile, Moroney, and Zhynovitch present. Trustee Maloney was absent.**

**Pledge to the Flag**

Mayor Winward opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reorganization Meeting**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**April 18, 2022**

**Deputy Mayor           David Moroney**

**Street Commissioner                                  David Moroney**

**Auditing Committee                                   Tom Campanile**

**Personnel                                                     Kathleen Maloney**

**Building Maintenance                                David Moroney**

**Recreation                                                   Maria Zhynovitch**

**Nelsonville Woods Liaison           Maria Zhynovitch**

**Liaison, Village of Cold Spring           Tom Campanile**

**Liaison, Town of Philipstown                    Kathleen Maloney**

**Emergency Services Liaison                      David Moroney**

**Building Inspector                                      William Bujarski**

**Acting Justice                                              Stephen Tomann**

**Village Attorney                                          Daniels, Porco & Lusardi**

**Village Clerk/Treasurer                             Melissa Harris**

**Records Access Officer                               Melissa Harris**

**Court Clerk                                                  Melissa Harris**

**Official Bank                                                M & T Bank**

**Official Newspaper                                      PCNR**

**Village Historian                                          Michael Bowman**

**Upon motion by Trustee Moroney, seconded by Trustee Zhynovitch, enacted four in favor, one absent, the board set 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of the month as their workshop, and 7:30pm. on the third Monday of the month as their regular meeting night and authorized the Clerk/Treasurer to purchase postage and pay utility bills prior to board approval.**

**Approval of Vouchers**

Abstract #11, in the amount of $19,161.64 was audited and ordered paid by a motion from Trustee Zhynovitch, seconded by Trustee Moroney, enacted all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Correspondence**

Mayor Winward summarized the following correspondence:

* American Legion re: Memorial Day Parade
* Central Hudson re: billing and rate issues
* Frank Ricevuto re: diseased pear trees
  + Mayor Winward stated the Village will look into the problem

**Reports**

Trustee Zhynovitch reported that an Earth Day Nature Walk will take place in the Nelsonville Woods on Sunday, April 24th at 1:30pm. Peter Cutul from the NYS Parks Department, an expert in flora and fauna, will guide the tour. The meet up location will be the Pearl Street trail head.

Mayor Winward reported that the Philipstown Garden Club will once again be sprucing up Village Green on Saturday, April 23. She also reported that the Fish and Fur Club Annual Kid’s Fishing Derby will take place on May 1.

Mayor Winward reported that she and Trustee Moroney met at the Philipstown Highway Garage two weeks ago with Putnam County Emergency Services and a representative from Philipstown. They are requesting to put a 40 foot monopole antenna atop the 50 foot salt shed. This would be a completely safe, internet based RF frequency to help improve emergency service and communication in the area, and they are hoping to move quickly on this project. Trustee Moroney stated that the only part that will be visible will be the antenna, not the generator or it’s housing.

Lastly, Mayor Winward gave a brief report regarding the current lawsuit the Village has been served with, and stated that while the board doesn’t discuss active lawsuits, they will give status updates when they can. The lawsuit is in regard to a parcel of land in a subdivision. She stated that the Village’s insurance company is providing counsel as some damages are being sought.

**Old Business**

ARPA

Trustee Winward stated that April 15 was the deadline for municipalities to submit their final requests to the county for their share of the county’s ARPA funding. The sub-allocation of the funds is subject to the original categories of eligible use. She stated that a sewer study for the Village would fall under this allowed use of funds. She and Trustee Moroney met with a consultant from LaBella/Chazen, for a cost estimate for a sewer feasibility study for a potential sewer line in the Village. This study would include engineering, construction, legal fees and assistance with identifying funding sources and financing. Mayor Winward stated that what was presented was very promising.

**New Business**

Budget

Mayor Winward thanked the clerk and assistant clerk for their work on the budget, as well as Trustee Maloney. She stated that overall, it is a well balanced budget. Some of the padding was cut, but enough wiggle room was left for rising costs.

Mayor Winward gave a brief overview of the lines that were most recently adjusted as a result of the Budget Hearing on April 13, and explained the increases in the Clerk Personal line that are due to personnel changes in the past year. She stated that staff were given COLA raises, and that healthcare funds were added into the budget for next year because former clerks did not require health insurance for 15 years, but the current clerk does. Mayor Winward stated that there were some other cost increases in electricity and within the Building Department. She stated that the tax levy will be increasing by 2.45%, and that while the Village’s allowable levy is 4.9, the board did not want there to be that big of an impact on residents. The difference will be taken out of the Fund Balance.

Upon motion by Trustee Moroney, seconded by Trustee Zhynovitch, enacted four in favor, one absent, the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2022/2023 was adopted.

ZBA Appointment

Due to ZBA member Chris Keeely’s resignation, there was a vacant seat on the board, which was advertised in the Putnam County News and Recorder. Steven Rummel has volunteered, and Mayor Winward stated that the Village is very lucky to have such a skilled and qualified person on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Street Maintenance Bid

The clerk read the bid notice for the Street Maintenance and Snow Removal Contract. Upon motion by Trustee Campanile, seconded by Trustee Moroney, enacted four in favor, one absent, the clerk was directed to send out the bid notice.

**Open to Floor**

The board heard comments/questions from the public.

Frank Ricevuto had some concerns about the cost and feasibility of a sewer system in the Village. He felt that the Village of Cold Spring should float the bond as they will profit from the system. He asked if residents would be mandated to hook into the system. Mayor Winward stated she was not sure. Mr. Ricevuto also stated his concerns that a sewer would allow for high rise and multiple dwelling units in the Village, and that this could negatively impact the Village. Mayor Winward thanked Mr. Ricevuto for voicing his concerns, and stated that there are also many residents concerned about aging septic systems and cesspools. Some discussion ensued among residents regarding the cost of maintaining septic systems verses hooking into a potential sewer.

Mary Lou Caccetta inquired about the spring yard debris pick up. Mayor Winward stated that it would be May 14, and the Village would be increasing these pick-ups to a total of four per year.

**CCA Presentation**

Jeff Domansky of Hudson Valley Energy gave a presentation on the Community Choice Aggregate electricity supply program, that Nelsonville is considering joining.

Mr. Domansky stated that at the time this program was agreed to by the Board of Trustees in 2019, but rates were not favorable. With Central Hudson rates rising, the opportunity now coincides with benefit to homeowners. He explained that residents can opt out or in at any time.

There is more information, including a FAQ, on the Village website.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Trustee Moroney, seconded by Trustee Zhynovitch, enacted four in favor, one absent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully presented,

Melissa Harris

Village Clerk