

The Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees, met at 7:30 pm, on Monday, October 18, 2021, at their regularly scheduled meeting at 260 Main St., Nelsonville, NY, with Mayor Bowman presiding, Trustees Winward, Moroney, and Maloney present. Trustee Zhynovitch was absent.

Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Bowman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Vouchers

Abstract #5, in the amount of \$13,242.12 was audited and ordered paid by a motion from Trustee Winward, seconded by Trustee Maloney, enacted four in favor, one absent.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September meetings were approved by a motion from Trustee Maloney, seconded by Trustee Moroney, enacted four in favor, one absent.

Correspondence

Mayor Bowman read the following correspondence:

- NYS DOT, RE: CHIPS reimbursement amounts and due dates for submission.
- NYS Department of Public Service, RE: broadband survey for residents
- Philipstown Trails Committee, RE: thank you to Mayor Bowman for help with Bikes Day.

Reports

Mayor Bowman reported that the visit to the Westchester County Command Center will be rescheduled for November.

Trustee Winward reported that the Village Green fall clean up on October 2 was a success thanks to the Philipstown Garden Club.

Trustee Winward gave an ARPA update, noting that the Town of Philipstown is having a hearing, open to the public, that will be welcoming suggestions as to how to spend the Town's ARPA funds. Trustee Winward suggested that the Village should do the same, and Mayor Bowman stated we will add it to the agenda for the November workshop, to be discussed.

Trustee Maroney stated that he and the Village Clerk sent an itemized fall to-do list to Marc of Marc's Landscaping. Trustee Maroney did get a call from Marc as a follow up to the list. Mayor Bowman also spoke to Marc regarding the Secor bushes, which the clerk asked him to cut immediately due to the pending paving project (since moved to November). The clerk will follow up to see how many other items have been completed.

Trustee Maloney gave a report on the Court Audit. She stated there were only two months of court in the 2020-2021 fiscal year due to Covid-19. There is a carry over balance of unknown origin, and the clerk will contact the NYS Office of the Comptroller for guidance as to what to do with these funds.

Old Business

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Trustee Maloney stated, in part based on the public hearing, that the 100-day rule seems to be a sticking point. She asked if the Board would consider looking at the number of reservations instead, to offer more flexibility and still limit the churn. Mayor Bowman stated that it is something the Board can discuss.

Mayor Bowman gave a summary of the public hearing. He reminded those present that no decisions will be made in the near future.

Secor Street Paving

Mayor Bowman stated that the date for the paving has been tentatively moved to the second week of November, 2021. Residents will be notified by mail, and the paving date will be posted both on Facebook and the Village website. Additionally, the clerk will place a public notice in the paper of record. The Village is waiting for Charlie Polhemus to confirm the dates, and the clerk will be continuing to call his office for updates. A resident asked if the paving process would be noisy. Trustee Maroney assured the resident that there will be minimal noise.

Cannabis Opt Out Local Law and Resolution

Mayor Bowman stated that the Village received the Cannabis Opt Out draft law from the attorney. The intent of this local law is to opt the Village out of permitting retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within its boundaries. The planned timeline is to adopt the resolution, then schedule a public hearing in November, and vote on the law in December. This should allow enough time before the March elections should there be a petition by the residents who would prefer to opt in, in which case there would be a referendum on the ballot to decide. The mayor stated that we can opt in later, but if we don't opt out now we will be forced in by NYS. Trustee Maloney stated that there is still a lot of unknowns at the state level. Mayor Bowman then read the draft law and the resolution introducing the law. Upon motion by Mayor Bowman, seconded by Trustee Moroney, enacted four in favor, one absent, the Resolution Introducing Cannabis Opt Out Local Law was put forth.

New Business

Court Audit Resolution

The clerk read the Resolution Acknowledging Court Record Audit. Upon motion by Mayor Bowman, seconded by Trustee Winward, enacted four in favor, one absent, the resolution was put forth.

Proclamation in Honor of Donald Graham

Mayor Bowman read the Proclamation in honor of Donald Graham, who passed away on October 1, 2021. Donald Graham was a long-time resident of Nelsonville, and volunteered his time and served his community as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village from May 1988 – February 1997. He will be remembered fondly and missed by many.

Open to the Floor

Mayor Bowman allowed questions from the floor.

There was a question about planting annuals near the trail head gate. The board explained that there is an issue of access. The resident would like the issue to be looked further into. The board expressed their appreciation for all this resident does to beautify the community. Mayor Bowman stated that Tino Yannitelli is refabricating the gate.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Trustee Winward, seconded by Trustee Moroney, enacted four in favor, one absent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully presented,

Melissa Harris
Village Clerk