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## Fwd: Homeland Towers settlement

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From: **Peggy Clements**  
Date: Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 3:01 PM  
Subject: Homeland Towers settlement  
To: <villageclerk@nelsonvilleny.gov>

Dear Village of Nelsonville Board of Trustees,

I am writing to re-state points I made at the meeting on January 6, 2020 regarding my support of the village accepting the settlement agreement with Homeland Towers, as well as add a few additional points. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting on January 21, 2020 because it conflicts with a Board of Education meeting that I must attend.

I remain confident that the Village Board's vote will reflect its deep understanding and thoughtful consideration of the cell tower case. I anticipate that few people, if any, understand the current complexities of the case as well as you do, given the time and energy I know you all have put into this.

Some of the reasons I will support the Board if you vote to accept the settlement include the following:

The Village has won important concessions from Homeland, including but not limited to

- A shorter tower
- A promise that Homeland will not apply to increase the tower's height
- A commitment to minimizing light pollution
- A landscaping fund for residents near the tower site
- A design that will blend into its surroundings as well as can be hoped

As noted throughout the initial meetings regarding the tower, the community needs better emergency communications. The tower will allow for the placement of much-needed emergency services antennas, which will improve emergency communications.

The cell tower litigation is only one of many issues facing Nelsonville. By necessity, Village Board is better equipped than the general public to consider the settlement vote in the context of the many other important issues that will demand the village's resources in the coming years. Of particular concern is the ongoing conversation about the need to address our reliance on aging septic systems. The board has also recognized the need to review the zoning laws to avoid future situations like this. And then there is the litany of ongoing issues that all villages face such as roads, utilities, etc.

As unhappy as I am about having the have the cell tower in the village, I believe not voting to accept the settlement would lead to much worse outcomes for the village: expenses we can't afford, a board that doesn't have the time and energy to address the many challenges facing the village, and ultimately a larger cell tower without the concessions you have obtained for us.

In closing, I'd like to once again express my sincere appreciation for the time and energy you've put into this. I feel very lucky to have such smart and committed neighbors overseeing our collective well-being.

Sincerely,

Peggy Clements, PhD  
(former Nelsonville ZBA member)

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Mindy Jesek  
Village Clerk / Treasurer