

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2025**

A regular board meeting of the Village of Perry was held at the Village Hall, 46 North Main Street, Perry, New York at 7:30 pm on the 21st day of April 2025.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Joel Bouchard	Trustee
	Richard Muolo	Trustee
	Sandy Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
GUESTS:	David Spink	Fire Chief
	Lorraine Sturm	Perry Herald

Mayor Hauser called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

MINUTES

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the minutes for 4/7/2025 which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PERRY FIREMAN’S BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee has reviewed a request from Perry Fireman’s Baseball & Softball; and

WHEREAS, the Perry Fireman’s Baseball & Softball is organizing a tournament on June 6, June 7, and June 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Perry Fireman’s Baseball & Softball is organizing their practices and games for Monday-Thursday, 4/28/2025-6/19/2025, from 5:00pm-8:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee is suggesting approving the requests and to waive the fee for the softball fields; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the Perry Fireman’s Baseball & Softball requests and waives the fee for the fields.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the Perry Fireman's Baseball & Softball request which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE PLANS WITH CSEA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND FOR THE VILLAGE OF PERRY POLICE

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry currently offers the Police Department employees with dental and vision insurance through CSEA Employee Benefit Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator is recommending continuing with the current plans: Dutchess Dental Plan and Platinum 12 Vision Plan at the current employee contribution rates per the employee handbook and union agreements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the recommendation to continue offering the Dutchess Dental Plan and Platinum 12 Vision Plan from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Perry Village Board of Trustees directs the Village Administrator to execute any and all documents relative to the dental and vision insurance for the Perry Police.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana to approve the dental and vision insurance plans with CSEA which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEASONAL LABORER, DOUG JONES

WHEREAS, the Village is looking to fill several seasonal positions in the Parks Department and Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doug Jones was employed by the Village of Perry from 2003 until 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works is requesting the appointment of Mr. Jones for the 2025 season; and

BE RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby appoints Mr. Doug Jones as a Seasonal Laborer designated to the Parks Department at a rate of \$18.00 per hour effective May 5, 2025.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the appointment of seasonal laborer, Doug Jones, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a special meeting to be held on Monday, April 28th at 7pm for the purpose of reviewing the proposed Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

Trustee Muolo made a motion to adopt the resolution scheduling a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, April 28th. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2025 VILLAGE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator is proposing the following Budget Transfers to correct overspent accounts for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

General Fund:

Increase:	A5110.11 (Street Maintenance – Overtime)	\$1,375.59	
Decrease:	A5110.1 (Street Maintenance – Personnel)		\$1,375.59
Increase:	A5132.11 (Garage – Overtime)	\$301.28	
Decrease:	A5132.1 (Garage – Personnel)		\$301.28
Increase:	A5132.4 (Garage – Contractual)	\$774.67	
Increase:	A5132.41 (Garage – Utilities)	\$3,476.98	
Decrease:	A5110.4 (Street Maintenance – Contractual)		\$4,251.65
Increase:	A7020.11 (Rec Admin – Overtime)	\$21.49	
Decrease:	A7020.1 (Rec Admin – Personnel)		\$21.49
Increase:	A8160.4 (Refuse & Garbage – Contractual)	\$542.79	
Decrease:	A5110.4 (Street Maintenance – Contractual)		\$542.79
Increase:	A9050.8 (Unemployment Insurance)	\$1,097.00	
Decrease:	A9010.8 (State Retirement)		\$1,097.00

Water Fund:

Increase:	F8320.41 (Source of Supply – Utilities)	\$1,191.18	
Increase:	F8340.4 (Water Trans & Dist – Contractual)	\$3,727.09	
Decrease:	F1990.4 (Contingency)		\$4,918.27

Sewer Fund:

Increase:	G1440.4 (Engineer – Contractual)	\$2,874.80	
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Increase:	G8120.4 (Sanitary Sewer – Contractual)	\$5,780.92	
Increase:	G8130.4 (Sewage Treatment – Contractual)	\$22,824.18	
Increase:	G8130.41 (Sewage Treatment – Utilities)	\$13,359.56	
Decrease:	G1990.4 (Contingency)		\$42,726.00
Decrease:	G8130.2 (Sewage Treatment – Equipment)		\$2,113.46

WHEREAS, the Perry Village Court received a Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant in the amount of \$3,404.03 for new office furniture; and

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator is proposing the following budget amendment:

Increase Revenue:	A3021 (JCAP Grant)	\$3,404.03	
Increase Expense:	A1110.41 (Court Contractual JCAP)		\$3,404.03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to make the above budget transfers and amendment for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Village Administrator.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the budget amendments detailed above which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF AND COMMITTING TO PROVIDE THE LOCAL SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS FOR THE 2025 MUNICIPAL PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry is applying funding under the 2025 Municipal Parks & Recreation (MPR) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, a minimum of 10% of the project costs must be matched by cash or in-kind contributions; and

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry hereby supports the submission of a MPR grant and commits to providing the local share of project costs in the grant application submitted to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry understands that this is a reimbursement grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry hereby commits to maintaining the improvements.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the submission of the Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant application which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR VILLAGE OF PERRY OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees held a public hearing on April 7, 2025 at 8:00pm on the tentative budget including the Village's general, water and sewer funds, and elected officials salaries; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget with a total amount of \$5,441,260 is not tax cap compliant; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees held a public hearing on April 7, 2025 at 7:45pm on the local law to override the tax cap and adopted the resolution and local law; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tentative budget is hereby adopted and approved by the Village of Perry Board of Trustees and is hereby established as the annual budget for the Village of Perry for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator and Village Clerk shall prepare and certify the 2025-2026 budget as provided by law, and duplicate copies of the 2025-2026 adopted budget shall be given to the Mayor, the Village Board, Village Department Heads and submitted to the New York State Office of the Comptroller.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the 2025-2026 Village of Perry operating budget which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING DELINQUENT PAYMENTS TO BE ADDED TO REAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, per Village Law Section 355-106, delinquent water and sewer charges can be levied to the real property tax of a parcel with a \$25 fee per account; and

WHEREAS, per Village Law Section 465-3, the cost for removal of brush, grass, and weeds that remain unpaid shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes; and

WHEREAS, per Village Law Section 465-18, the Village Board shall charge and assess against the owner, tenant or occupant of a property, the expense for removal of property maintenance violations and constitute a lien and charge on the real property on which it is levied; and

WHEREAS, per Village Law Section 465-22, the owner of a vacant building shall pay an annual fee for the period the building remains vacant and failure of the owner to pay the amount(s)

due shall constitute a debt due and owing to the Village, and the Village may commence a civil action to collect such unpaid debt; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has provided a list of unpaid charges as totaled below:

Unpaid Water/Sewer Charges	\$9,079.89
Unpaid Lawn Mowing invoices	\$7,253.75
Unpaid Garbage Removal invoices	\$ 0.00
Unpaid Vacant Building Fees	\$5,445.18
Total	\$21,778.82

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk to submit the listing attached to this resolution to the Wyoming County Real Property Office for delinquent payments totaling \$21,778.82 to the parcel's real property tax bill for 2025-2026.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution approving delinquent payment to be added to the 2025 village tax bills which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Report 4/21/2025

VILLAGE OF PERRY

Abstract # 022

04/17/2025
15:44:52

Summary by Fund

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND	4,471.89	38,184.35	42,656.24
F	WATER FUND	768.26	9,614.14	10,382.40
G	SEWER FUND	583.91	412,530.04	413,113.95
HB	LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT		1,720.00	1,720.00
HF	WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT		22,705.11	22,705.11
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		479.92	479.92
Total:		5,824.06	485,233.56	491,057.62

Abstract #22 includes dept service payments for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a total of \$386,345.00. Vouchers were audited by Trustee Lapiana. Motion was made by Trustee Bouchard approving payment of abstract #22, vouchers #1682-1786 in the amount of \$491,057.62. This motion was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following department/committee reports were provided: NYCLASS statement, March financials, Department of Public Works, Water and Sewer Departments, Police, and Property Maintenance.

PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE – ADDING LANGUAGE TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

The Planning/Zoning Committee considered adding language to Property Maintenance Code Chapter 465-16: Penalties for Offenses to allow for a weekly assessment of fees. The board agreed to have the Village Attorney draft a revision of the law to include “Each week’s continued violation shall constitute a separate violation.”

PLANNING BOARD REFERRAL ON TRAILSIDE CAMPING REGULATIONS

Per Mayor Hauser, the intent is to send the draft back to the Planning Board with suggestions to work with the attorney on drafting the language into a law. The initial plan lacks definitions and comes with some safety concerns.

In the Fire Committee meeting, the fire chief expressed concerns with access to emergency services and village liability where the trail runs along steep gorges. He recommends to incorporate EMS planning into the approval by submitting a pre-action plan (a route for emergency services to take and identifying a water source).

The Zoning Enforcement Officer recommends adding definitions, mapping, and updating the use table. The regulations should also include maximum square footage of units.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The DPW committee meets on Wednesday. Today, 100 arborvitaes were planted at the Village Park. Clean Sweep is scheduled for May 17th.

Trustee Lapiana met with the Fire Committee prior to the board meeting. Most of the discussion was about proposed camping in the village. There are plans to put air packs on a government surplus site to resell.

Trustee Muolo met with the Office Committee last Wednesday where water and sewer billing processes were discussed. The front office is going to be researching Perry’s billing process compared to other municipalities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:30 pm, Mayor Hauser made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Trustee Muolo seconded the motion and it was carried.

At 9:00 pm, Trustee Lapiana made a motion to exit the executive session which was seconded by Mayor Hauser and carried.

Mayor Hauser stated that Tim Hatch submitted a letter of interest in serving as an alternate on the ZBA. Mayor Hauser would like to make the appointment and requested the board's approval. Trustee Lapiana made a motion to appoint Tim Hatch as a member on the Zoning Board of Appeals through the term ending April 6, 2026 which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried unanimously.

A letter of interest was received by Mayor Hauser from Josh Marcks for the open seat on the Planning Board. Mayor Hauser made a motion to appoint Josh Marcks as a member of the Planning Board subject to the board's approval through the term ending April 3, 2028. Trustee Muolo made a motion to approve the appointment which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

At 9:06 pm motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Lapiana, seconded by Trustee Bouchard, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk