

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 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 2nd day of June 2025.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Joel Bouchard	Trustee
	Richard Muolo (joined at 7:33)	Trustee
	Sandy Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
GUESTS:	Lorraine Sturm	Perry Herald
	Jason Schwartz, CPA	President of Bernard P. Donegan

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for May 19, 2025 was made by Trustee Lawrence, seconded by Trustee Bouchard, and carried with all present voting aye (Trustee Muolo was not present to vote).

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER, DOMINICK WALTON

WHEREAS, Chief Grover has determined the need for an additional part-time Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Chief Grover is requesting the hiring of Mr. Dominick Walton as a Part-Time Police Officer for the Village of Perry; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Mr. Dominick Walton as a part-time Police Officer with a starting hourly rate of \$25.36 pending Wyoming County Civil Service approval and satisfactory background checks.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to appoint part-time police officer Dominick Walton which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all present voting aye (Trustee Muolo was not present to vote).

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEASONAL LABORERS, DAWSON LARABY AND TRENT THOMPSON

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works is requesting the appointment of Dawson Laraby and Trent Thompson designated to the Parks Department for the 2025 season; and

BE RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby appoints Dawson Laraby and Trent Thompson as a Seasonal Laborer designated to the Parks Department at a rate of \$15.50 per hour effective June 16, 2025.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution appointing seasonal laborers Dawson Laraby and Trent Thompson. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all present voting aye (Trustee Muolo was not present to vote).

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2025-2026 EMPLOYEE WAGE RATES AND PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby fix employee wages and frequency of payment as noted below:

Position	2025-2026 Rate	Wage Calculated	Frequency
Sergeant, FT (BR)	\$39.61	Hourly	Biweekly
WTP Plant Operator (WS)	\$27.50	Hourly	Biweekly
WWTP Plant Operator (MK)	\$27.50	Hourly	Biweekly

There was a typo on the previously approved resolution for employee wages. Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution establishing 2025-2026 employee wage rates and payment which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FROM THE PERRY TEMPLE CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry received a request from the Perry Temple Corporation in the amount of \$1,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Perry Temple Corporation owns and operates the building located at 21 N. Main Street Perry and the building is available for use by the Village of Perry and other organizations within the community; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the request from the Perry Temple Corporation and directs the Village Clerk to process a check in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Trustee Muolo made a motion to approve the request from the Perry Temple Corporation which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING WAIVER OF SEWER CHARGES FOR 84 WALKER ROAD

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry received a request from the owner of 84 Walker Road to waive the sewer charges due to a burst pipe that caused 176,000 gallons of water to flood the cellar; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works confirmed that the water did not pass through the Village's sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the request and is recommending waiving 176,000 gallons of sewer charges and any late fees that may occur on that amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the waiver of sewer charges for 176,000 gallons totaling \$1,478.40 and late fees on that amount for 84 Walker Road and authorizes the Village Clerk or designee to adjust the account.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana approving the waiver of sewer charges for 84 Walker Road which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARGES FOR GARBAGE REMOVAL

WHEREAS, Chapter 465-14 A of the Village of Perry Code states that all exterior of the premises shall be kept free from hazards including garbage, solid waste, hazardous waste and trash; and

WHEREAS, garbage will be permitted adjacent to the roadway on the day before and on the night hours of pickup only; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, a large trash item was observed at 16 Handley St. (tax map no. 100.8-4-8) adjacent to the roadway; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2025, a large pile of miscellaneous garbage was observed at 18 Water St. (tax map no. 100.8-2-36) adjacent to the roadway; and

WHEREAS, notices were placed at both properties with a 24-hour time frame for removal; and

WHEREAS, since the items were not removed within the designated time frame, the Village of Perry DPW removed the items; and

WHEREAS, per Chapter 465-18 all costs incurred by the Village of Perry for such removal including but not limited to; labor, fuel, tipping fees, benefits, tax and insurance, shall be assessed against the owner of said property; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Clerk's Office to produce a bill for 16 Handley St. for costs associated with garbage removal totaling \$230.00; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Clerk's Office to produce a bill for 18 Water St. for costs associated with garbage removal totaling \$288.33.

Trustee Muolo made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing charges for garbage removal which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DELAY FOR BASE RATE INCREASES FOR MULTI-UNITS

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees adopted the local law entitled "Chapter 355 Sewer Law" and implemented additional base rate charges to a building or structure that contains one or more separate apartments, effective June 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2024, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees adopted the Policy for Delay in Base Rate Increase for Multi-Units for newly discovered multi-units to receive a one billing cycle delay in additional unit(s) increases to allow sufficient notification to the homeowner; and

WHEREAS, the following addresses have been discovered as multi-units and will receive a one billing cycle delay before additional units are charged:

<u>Tax Map #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u># of units</u>
100.8-1-7	54 Walker Road	42011/42013	5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges the delay in increases for the accounts as provided in this resolution.

Trustee Muolo made a motion to adopt the resolution acknowledging delay for base rate increases which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

BERNARD P. DONEGAN – WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE RATE STUDY

Jason Schwartz, CPA and President of Bernard P. Donegan (BPD), financial advisors for the village, reviewed the rate study prepared for the water treatment plant upgrade. There are various levels of the project to consider with different funding levels and rate options. Water rates will need to increase in order to cover the projected debt service. The village has been awarded \$5 million in grant funds and 0% financing.

Scenario 1 is for a \$7.2 million project with \$2.2 million financed. At the lowest option, this allows to hold off longer on a rate increase of about 6% in 2030.

Scenario 2 is for a \$9.5 million project (\$4.5 mill financed) which involves a rate increase to be implemented sooner, in 2027, and again in 2030. The increase would be about 26-27%. The rate increase could potentially be pushed out another year because the fund balance will not be quite spent down, but the increase would need to be a bit larger to make up for it.

Scenario 3, for a \$12 million project (\$7 mill financed) involves a 2-step increase. A smaller increase would be implemented in 2027 with another in 2030 for about 36-40% total. At that time, the board can factor in the level of the project and funding needed based on the fund balance at that time.

All scenarios would allow using the unappropriated fund balance of \$936,539 to be spent down to a comfortable level; about 50% of the annual operating budget. Expenses would exceed revenues for the first 4 years. Increases are proposed to be applied proportionately to the usage and base rates. An increase could be applied to the usage rate for the people using more of the water system than others, but there is more of a variable in predicting consumption for revenues.

The rate study double checked projections with actual revenue for more accuracy with the EDU (multi-unit) increases and consumption. It is dependent upon MRB Group's scope. The raw intake line was not originally included in the scope, so the contract may need to be increased with MRB to start the design documents.

One of the factors of the project to think about when it comes to higher project costs is the need vs. 0% financing that is tied to this project. If some of the upgrades were pushed off to a later date, the village would need to qualify for 0% interest again which is not guaranteed. There is also current debt that goes through 2034. Other factors include farmer participation, future projects, expanding the Town of Perry district, usage fluctuations (which could be based on weather), potential future grants, and possible differences between the project estimates and bid prices. Mr. Schwartz spoke about the difference between financing levels with EFC: hardship, subsidized, and market rate if a portion of the project was pushed off and needed to

be financed. Jason also went over what the debt payment schedule would look like for each scenario.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT

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VILLAGE OF PERRY

Abstract # 025 Summary by Fund

05/29/2025
18:13:40

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND	423.91	35,138.84	35,562.75
F	WATER FUND		3,576.56	3,576.56
G	SEWER FUND	3,148.49	11,143.28	14,291.77
HB	LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT		612.50	612.50
JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSI		37.99	37.99
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		1,131.59	1,131.59
Total:		3,572.40	51,640.76	55,213.16

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Muolo. Motion to approve payment of abstract #25 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, vouchers #1963-2031, in the amount of \$55,213.16 was made by Trustee Bouchard, seconded by Trustee Lapiana, and carried unanimously.

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VILLAGE OF PERRY

Abstract # 001 Summary by Fund

05/29/2025
18:16:37

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND		47,580.57	47,580.57
F	WATER FUND		1,770.29	1,770.29
G	SEWER FUND		3,077.16	3,077.16
Total:			52,428.02	52,428.02

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Muolo. Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve payment of abstract #1 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, vouchers #1-7, in the amount of \$52,428.02 which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

Village tax collection has started. The clerk will put together an explanation of the tax bill calculation.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Muolo reported that Office Committee has been rescheduled.

Trustee Lapiana attended the Police Committee meeting this afternoon. There are 4 officers in the academy currently. A different officer is interested in the SRO position at the school. Chief Grover is interested in looking into an area for a village owned impound. The committee continues to look into cameras for downtown.

Trustee Lawrence attended the Zoning Committee meeting on Thursday.

Trustee Bouchard met with the Parks and Police Committees today. There was a meeting with the Vets Club regarding the Hometown Hero banners. The Parks Committee talked about a sign to explain the mural. The committee is still researching the dog park proposal – materials, policy, scope, and feasibility on the administrative side.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:49 pm, Mayor Hauser made a motion to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

At 9:10 pm, Mayor Hauser made a motion to exit the executive session which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried.

Immediately following, Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk