

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 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 July 2025.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser Arlene Lapiana Joel Bouchard	Mayor Trustee Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
GUESTS:	Sandy Schneible Lorraine Sturm	Letchworth Genesee Valley Perry Herald
ABSENT:	Richard Muolo Sandy Lawrence Christina Slusser	Trustee Trustee Village Clerk

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

MINUTES

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LETCHWORTH
GENESEE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP (LGV)**

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to support a collaborative initiative that enhances economic vitality, sustainability within the participant rural communities; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Letchworth Genesee Valley Partnership (LGV) and authorizes the Village Administrator to execute the document.

Mayor Hauser introduced Sandy Schneible, Acting Interim Director of LGV. They have been working to transition the partnership into a direction to move forward the Genesee Valley Trail

Towns and partnering communities. LGV started as an organization with three communities: Perry, Geneseo, and Mt. Morris to build the brand as gateway villages. Previously, they would apply for USDA funding to work on specific goals and efforts of the group. Around four years ago, they looked at the approach of funding staff that did not rely on grants. They reached out to Trail Town partners from Scottsville to Cuba and implemented annual memberships to fund the program. Their budget is usually around \$45,000 per year and is made up of partnership dues. It was rebranded to Letchworth Genesee Valley to more accurately describe the membership.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Letchworth Genesee Valley Partnership (LGV) which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried unanimously.

Mayor Hauser noted that the funds for LGV have previously been kept at the Village of Perry and the balance will be spent down. Moving forward, they will transition to funds being collected and disbursed from SEE.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF TREE BOARD MEMBER, RALPH FIELD, AND APPOINTING TREE BOARD MEMBER, JON BOUCHARD

WHEREAS, Tree Board Member, Ralph Field, has submitted his resignation from the Tree Board effective July 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Chairperson Dan Zerbe is requesting the appointment of Jon Bouchard to the Tree Board seat expiring March 31, 2026; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby accepts the resignation of Ralph Field; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby appoints Jon Bouchard to the Tree Board effective July 21, 2025, to the term ending March 31, 2026.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution accepting the resignation of Tree Board Member, Ralph Field, and appointing Tree Board Member, Jon Bouchard. This motion was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

On behalf of the Village Board, Mayor Hauser thanked Ralph for his years of service on the Tree Board.

RESOLUTION DECLARING VILLAGE EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AS SURPLUS

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry maintains a fleet of equipment to support the efficient care and maintenance of Village assets; and

WHEREAS, through the natural wear and tear cycle and department needs, equipment reaches the close of its useful contribution to Village operations; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police maintains a 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee that has reached the conclusion of its useful life for department needs; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police maintains a 2017 Chevy Silverado that has reached the conclusion of its useful life for department needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees does hereby declare the items listed in this resolution as surplus equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to auction the equipment as is deemed appropriate.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion declaring village equipment and vehicles as surplus which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION LWRP PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, NYS has created ten Regional Economic Development Councils; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Regional Economic Development strategy, a unified funding process, the Consolidated Funding Application has been developed and made available to distribute grant funds to advance the preparation of strategies for community and waterfront revitalization through the preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Planning Document to increase and support job creation, increased tourism, further infrastructure improvements, increase public access to outdoor recreation activities, and advance regionally significant economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State of the State of New York has made funding available for 2025 Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Grants to assist applicants in implementing plans to community and waterfront revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State of the State of New York has funded the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Initiative currently underway for Silver Lake to assist applicants in implementing plans to community and waterfront revitalization efforts, and encompasses portions of the Town of Castile, Town of Perry and Village of Perry;

WHEREAS, to be deemed complete, the Program must include all waterbodies

designated as Article 42 waterways within the municipal jurisdiction of those municipalities involved in the project and therefore must connect to the Genesee River, an Article 42 waterway that bounds the Towns of Castile via the Silver Lake outlet that travels through the Village of Perry and the Town of Perry;

WHEREAS, the County of Wyoming is encouraged to apply for Phase II of the Silver Lake LWRP to extend the project boundary along the Silver Lake Outlet through the Village of Perry, Town of Perry and Town of Castile to its connection along the Genesee River in Letchworth State Park;

WHEREAS, the following communities in the Wyoming County deem it advantageous to apply for Phase II of the current Local Waterfront Revitalization Program from the Department of State to extend the Project area of study to protect the water quality of Silver Lake and the Genesee River and promote sustainable economic and community revitalization in the Towns of Perry and Castile and the Village of Perry, and

WHEREAS, the County of Wyoming will act as the lead applicant on behalf of the other constituent municipalities consisting of the Town of Perry, Town of Castile and the Village of Perry; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated budget for the project is \$302,805 with a total local match of up to \$46,954, to be provided by Wyoming County staff and volunteer time, with the remaining funding (up to 85%) being requested from the Department of State through the LWRP grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry hereby agrees that the County of Wyoming has the Village of Perry's support to apply on the Village's behalf for the Consolidated Funding Application LWRP Planning Grant administered by the New York State Department of State for the purposes of improving and protecting the water quality of Silver Lake and the Genesee River and to promote sustainable economic and community revitalization in the Towns of Perry and Castile and the Village of Perry, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry hereby agrees that said grant will be administered by the County of Wyoming through the auspices of the Wyoming County Water Resource Agency, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors may execute all necessary Grant Application Documents on the Village's behalf for submission to the Consolidated Funding Application, Department of State LWRP program.

Mayor Hauser stated that we are currently amid the LWRP Phase I led by the County and it has been recommended to apply for Phase II that follows the Genesee River.

Motion was made by Trustee Bouchard to adopt the resolution of support for the Consolidated Funding Application LWRP Planning Grant which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Report 7/21/2025		VILLAGE OF PERRY		
		Abstract # 004		07/18/2025
		Summary by Fund		15:10:24
Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND	4,179.93	29,005.98	33,185.91
F	WATER FUND	224.50	8,835.22	9,059.72
G	SEWER FUND	212.47	5,779.17	5,991.64
HF	WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT		19,862.25	19,862.25
JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSI		1,161.00	1,161.00
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		9,098.21	9,098.21
Total:		4,616.90	73,741.83	78,358.73

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Bouchard. Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve abstract #4, vouchers #182-303, in the amount of \$78,358.73 which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were reviewed: Treasurer's Report including NYCLASS Statement dated 6/30/2025, June Revenue and Expense Reports, and Payment Schedule for EFC Loan for WWTP Project, Department Reports: Public Works, Water and Sewer, Police, and Property Maintenance.

For the EFC Payment Schedule for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, there are two options for a flat payment or a lower upfront payment and step up each year. Administrator Marcy was notified today that per the bond resolution we can only take the debt out to 2046, so we will need to request updated schedules for consideration.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Bouchard reported that the Tree Board met and discussed membership and different activities to increase engagement. They are targeting to hold an event for National Green City

Day. A tentative date for that event is October 1st at 6pm. Trustee Bouchard attended the Silver Lake Watershed meeting and items that were discussed included the actuators, oars needed for the boat, moving money in NYCLASS, dredging, and the LWRP.

Administrator Marcy reported that a village check had been intercepted, the payee's name was changed and then deposited. Clerk Slusser recognized the fraud and immediately contacted the bank and filed a fraud report. She also filed a report with the police department. Administrator Marcy and Clerk Slusser met with the fraud team at M&T bank to discuss options for additional fraud protection. They discussed the Payee Positive Pay program that would require a file upload to the banking system from the village and when a check is trying to clear that doesn't match the information in the file for payee name, amount, and check number, the bank will notify the Village to confirm or deny the payment. This is a short-term option to help with fraud prevention, but there are long-term options that will be discussed moving forward.

Mayor Hauser made a motion to enter into a Payee Positive Pay program with M&T Bank, seconded by Trustee Lapiana, carried with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapiana at 8:14pm which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Marcy, Village Administrator