

**VILLAGE OF PERRY  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2026**

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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:	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 were received.

At 7:31 pm, Mayor Hauser opened the following public hearings:

1. Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 Entitled: "Amending Chapter 490 of the Village Code of the Village of Perry to Modify Requirements for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members"
2. Public Hearing on a Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026 Entitled: "Amending Chapter 465 of the Village Code of the Village of Perry to Modify the Lawncare Notice Timeframe and to Assess Cumulative Fines"
3. Public Hearing regarding proposed Increases in Water Base and Usage Rates

The hearings were left open to allow for comments and later closed at 7:45 pm upon motion by Mayor Hauser to close public hearings 1, 2, and 3 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Muolo made a motion to approve the minutes for 4/6/2026 which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR VILLAGE OF PERRY OPERATING BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees held a public hearing on April 6, 2026 at 8:00pm on the tentative budget including the Village's general, water and sewer funds, and elected officials salaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget with a total amount of \$6,014,137 is tax cap compliant; 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 2026-2027 fiscal year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Administrator and Village Clerk shall prepare and certify the 2026-2027 budget as provided by law, and duplicate copies of the 2026-2027 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 Lapiana made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 operating budget which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEASONAL LABORER, DOUG JONES**

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Public Works is requesting the appointment of Mr. Jones for the 2026 season designated to the Parks Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Doug Jones was employed by the Village of Perry from 2003 until 2023 full-time and seasonally since 2025; 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 \$18.54 per hour effective May 4, 2026.

Mayor Hauser motioned to approve the appointment of seasonal laborer, Doug Jones, which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR BASE RATE WAIVER FOR VACANT UNITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees adopted the Policy of Waiving Base Rate Charges for Vacant Units on February 5, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, an application has been received for the property located at 176 N Main Street and the inspection has been completed by the Water Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the application and is recommending approval; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the waiver for 176 N Main Street per the Policy of Waiving Base Rate Charges for Vacant Units.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the application for base rate waiver for vacant unit at 176 N. Main Street which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF LAWN MOWING CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry notified the owner of ½ South Main Street on 6/20/2025 for a violation of Village Code Chapter 465, Article I: Brush, Grass and Weeds, and subsequently mowed a portion of the parcel believed to be in violation on 7/3/2025; and

**WHEREAS**, an invoice for said services was issued on 7/9/2025 to the owner of the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has since received a property survey establishing that the area in question was incorrectly identified, and that the invoiced party is not the owner of the area in which the services were performed; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual property owner did not receive proper notice of the violation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the matter and recommends that the charges be waived due to the unclear property boundary and owner of the area serviced; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Perry hereby authorizes and directs that the invoice issued for mowing services for ½ South Main Street totaling \$307.50 be waived in full.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing waiver of lawn mowing charges which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING WYOMING COUNTY YOUTH PROGRAM RESERVATION REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Committee has reviewed a request from the Wyoming County Youth Program to reserve the South Pavilion on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 for a free summer children's program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Committee is recommending waiving the fee for the use of the South Pavilion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby waives the fee for the use of the South Pavilion on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

Trustee Muolo made a motion to approve the Wyoming County Youth Program reservation request which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT**

**WHEREAS**, to comply with New York State regulations, the Village of Perry is required to issue an annual drinking water quality report of the Village's public water supply; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

The report has been reviewed and approved by the Wyoming County Health Department. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PARKS & TRAILS NEW YORK AND THE WESTERN NEW YORK TRAIL TOWN GRANT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry has received a grant award of \$4,824.84 through the Parks & Trail New York and the Western New York Trail Town Grant for historical signage and trail seating along the Silver Lake Trail; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to execute the grant agreement for the project.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana authorizing the Village Administrator to execute the Parks & Trails New York and Western New York Trail Town Grant Agreement. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2026 VILLAGE BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Administrator is proposing the following Budget Transfers to correct overspent accounts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year:

**General Fund:**

Increase:	A1620.4 (Buildings – Contractual)	\$1,893.80	
Decrease:	A1620.41 (Buildings – Network)		\$1,893.80
Increase:	A1670.4 (Central Mail & Print – Contractual)	\$188.27	
Decrease:	A1680.4 (Data Processing – Contractual)		\$188.27
Increase:	A5110.11 (Street Maintenance – Overtime)	\$3,228.23	
Decrease:	A5110.1 (Street Maintenance – Pers. Serv.)		\$3,228.23
Increase:	A5132.11 (Garage – Overtime)	\$325.57	
Decrease:	A5132.1 (Garage – Pers. Serv.)		\$325.57
Increase:	A5142.4 (Snow Removal – Contractual)	\$3,437.51	
Decrease:	A5410.4 (Sidewalks – Contractual)		\$3,437.51
Increase:	A8160.4 (Refuse & Garbage – Contractual)	\$410.83	
Decrease:	A8170.4 (Street Cleaning – Contractual)		\$410.83

**Water Fund:**

Increase:	F8340.2 (Water Transmission & Dist. – Equipment)	\$1,776.85	
Increase:	F8340.4 (Water Transmission & Dist. – Contractual)	\$2,224.48	
Decrease:	F1440.4 (Engineer – Contractual)		\$4,001.33

**Sewer Fund:**

Increase:	G8130.41 (Sewage Treatment – Utilities)	\$27,342.53	
Decrease:	G8130.4 (Sewage Treatment – Contractual)		\$27,342.53

**WHEREAS**, the Village Administrator is proposing the following Budget Amendment to appropriately record funding received for a grant received from NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities for an LED lighting project:

Increase Revenue:	A3089 (State Aid)	\$10,000.00	
Increase Expense:	A7110.4 (Parks – Contractual)		\$10,000.00

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to make the above budget transfers for the 2025-2026 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 transfers and amendment to the 2025-2026 village budget which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

The board considered the need for sufficient revenue to fund upcoming Water Treatment Plant upgrades and that there has been no increase to the water rates in 10 years.

**VILLAGE OF PERRY RESOLUTION TO ADOPT  
THE PROPOSED INCREASES IN WATER BASE RATES AND USAGE RATES**

Adopted: April 20, 2026

The Village Board of the Village of Perry met at a regular board meeting at the Village Hall of the Village of Perry, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, commencing at 7:30 p.m., and thereafter a public hearing directly followed, and the following members were:

Present:	Mayor	Rick Hauser
	Trustee	Arlene Lapiana
	Trustee	Joel Bouchard
	Trustee	Sandy Lawrence
	Trustee	Richard Muolo

**WHEREAS**, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, relative to the proposed significant water treatment plant upgrades, the Village Board of the Village of Perry wishes to increase their current quarterly base rates and usage rates effective June 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed quarterly base rates for village residents, district users, and out of district users are as follows:

<u>Proposed Quarterly Base Rates</u>	
Village	\$35.53 (increase of \$1.53)
District	\$47.03 (increase of \$2.03)
Town of Castile District	\$47.03 (increase of \$2.03)
Non-District	\$52.25 (increase of \$2.25)

<u>Proposed Usage Rates (per 1,000)</u>	
Village	\$4.34 (increase of \$0.19)
District	\$5.85 (increase of 0.25)
Town of Castile District	\$6.07 (increase of \$0.26)
Non-District	\$6.01 (increase of \$0.26)

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Perry did hold a public hearing on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, to consider the increases to water base rates and usage rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Perry finds it to be in the best interest of the Village of Perry to increase the water base rates and usage rates; and

**NOW ON MOTION OF** Trustee Lapiana which has been duly seconded by Trustee Muolo, now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Village Board of the Village of Perry hereby approves the increases in water base rates and usage rates as depicted above.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Quorum Present:  Yes  No

**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	\$1,707.10
Unpaid Lawn Mowing invoices	\$4,380.00
Unpaid Garbage Removal invoices	\$ 640.00
Unpaid Vacant Building Fees	\$4,309.14
Total	<b>\$11,036.24</b>

**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 \$11,036.24 to the parcel's real property tax bill for 2026-2027.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution approving delinquent payments to be added to real property tax bills. This motion was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried unanimously.

**CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT**

**VILLAGE OF PERRY**

Clerk Report 4/20/2026

**Abstract # 022  
Summary by Fund**

04/17/2026  
17:43:12

<b>Code</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Prepays</b>	<b>Unpays</b>	<b>Totals</b>
A	GENERAL FUND	1,649.40	41,592.24	43,241.64
F	WATER FUND		10,471.53	10,471.53
G	SEWER FUND	121.31	344,560.25	344,681.56
HF	WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT		11,466.50	11,466.50
HG	ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT (WW)		847.50	847.50
HH	DRI - TRAIL AND STREETScape		4,407.50	4,407.50
JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSI		903.63	903.63
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		1,884.36	1,884.36
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1,770.71</b>	<b>416,133.51</b>	<b>417,904.22</b>

Vouchers #1857-1963 were audited by Trustee Lapiana. The abstract includes debt service payments of \$325,272.00 from the sewer fund. Trustee Bouchard made a motion to approve payment of abstract #22 in the amount of \$417,904.22 which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

**DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Lawrence reports the demo of a house on Saint Helena. A meeting took place on the hotel law to discuss definitions and inconsistent language with that and the country inn law as it relates to Perry.

Trustee Lapiana shared a message from Eleanor encouraging people to attend the Jane Bliss sculpture as part of the art walk on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. Trustee Lapiana attended a meeting with the Perry Ambulance who will be purchasing an auto lift. At the Fire Committee meeting, it was mentioned that the grant application made it to the second round. The Fire Chief's truck has a lifter tick which is being looked at for repairs. The Fire Department is considering purchasing a 15 passenger van from their own budget, rather than village funds. Preparations have begun for the Memorial Day Parade. A successful banquet for the Fire Department took place with favorable attendance.

Trustee Muolo attended the DPW Committee meeting who discussed water and mowing charges and the need for truck #93 to be replaced, as it barely passed inspection but does not leave the village. Administrator Marcy looked into a potential grant/loan through the USDA (for the purchase of a truck) but discovered that interest is at 4.625 and there are no grants being offered this year.

Covington Street will be paved over the summer when school is closed. A newer technique, "cold in place" is planned for Park Ave. and Park Place which could save around \$30,000. Needham Street and Federal Street Ext. may get chip sealed for around \$15,000 to extend the life of the roads. Walker Road and Euclid Ave. need paving but require infrastructure upgrades. "Cold in place" may be an option for Euclid as a short-term fix.

The clarifier wall at the sewer plant is getting repaired and is not under warranty so it is going through insurance.

Trustee Bouchard attended the Tree Board meeting and reports that the Poetree contest winners are in. The Tree Board proposes Arbor Day in the village as June 20<sup>th</sup> this year and requests a resolution from the board. A tree was removed at the Village Park and according to the tree law should be replaced.

Trustee Muolo brought up an email about Walgreens. Mayor Hauser stated that Walgreens is a privately owned company and they are looking at closing some stores nationwide. They are reaching out to different stores to explore ways to save money until they can work through some of the causes such as contract negotiations and entities that set prices. The board discussed a recent assessment increase and how they could be supportive of keeping Walgreens in Perry.

At 8:33 pm, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapiana, seconded by Trustee Muolo, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk