

VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 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 4th day of May 2026.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Richard Muolo	Trustee
	Sandra Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
	Michael Grover	Chief of Police
	Matthew Cross	Police Officer
GUESTS:	Lorraine Sturm	Perry Herald
	Sean Valdes	Perry Main Street Association
ABSENT:	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
	Joel Bouchard	Trustee

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sean Valdes, Chair of the Perry Main Street Association, spoke on behalf of Perry Main Street Association to thank the Village for all their help, leadership, and partnership. Mayor Hauser expressed appreciation for the Perry Main Street Association in return.

PRESENTATION

Chief Michael Grover recognized Officer Matt Cross for his actions during an incident at Creative Food Ingredients. Officer Cross remained calm and applied a tourniquet to an employee's arm.

Mayor Hauser stated that this incident highlights the important role police officers serve beyond common public perception, noting that they are often the first responders on the scene. He commended Officer Cross for his quick response and composure, stating that his actions helped prevent potentially serious consequences.

Mayor Hauser presented Officer Cross with a letter of appreciation.

MINUTES

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the minutes for 4/20/2026 which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FROM THE PERRY MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Village has received a request from the Perry Main Street Association for funding towards the 2026 Events Brochure in an amount of \$925; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees approves the donation request for \$925 and directs the Village Clerk to submit a voucher for payment.

Trustee Muolo made a motion to adopt the resolution approving request from Perry Main Street Association, which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER, FRANKLYNN SMITH

WHEREAS, Officer Franklynn Smith has tendered his resignation from the position of Police Officer effective April 27, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board hereby accepts the resignation of Officer Smith and wishes him well with future endeavors.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution accepting the resignation of Police Officer, Franklynn Smith, which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING VILLAGE OF PERRY ARBOR DAY 2026

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, Trees in our village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Rick Hauser, Mayor of the Village of Perry, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2026 as Arbor Day in the Village of Perry and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Trustee Muolo made a motion to adopt the resolution proclaiming Village of Perry Arbor Day on June 20, 2026, which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT WITH ALLIED CPAS, PC FOR AN AUDIT OF VILLAGE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT RECORDS FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry has contracted with Allied CPAs, PC to perform an audit of the Village's financial statements and the Justice Court records for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the fee to audit the Village's financial statements is \$12,075 and an additional \$3,150 if a single audit is required; and

WHEREAS, the fee to audit the Village Justice court records is \$1,575; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves Allied CPAs, PC to perform the audits for the Village's financial statement and the Justice court records for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and authorizes the Village Administrator to sign the engagement letters.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing engagement with Allied CPA's, PC for an audit of the village financial statements and the village justice court records for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FROM WARREN'S COMMERCIAL CLEANING, INC. FOR CLEANING SERVICES FOR VILLAGE HALL

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry has received a Janitorial Services Contract from Warren's Commercial Cleaning, Inc. in an amount of \$700.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry currently contracts with Warren's Commercial Cleaning, Inc. for janitorial services; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby accepts Warren's Commercial Cleaning, Inc. proposal for cleaning services at Village Hall in an amount of

\$700.00 per month from June 1, 2026 until May 31, 2027 and authorizes the Village Administrator to sign the contract.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to adopt the resolution approving contract from Warren's Commercial Cleaning, Inc. for cleaning services for village hall, which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM NORTHEAST, LLC

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry has received an application from Spectrum Northeast, LLC, for the approval of a renewal agreement for Charter's cable television franchise for fifteen (15) years; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry is required to hold a public hearing to consider the agreement and to provide an opportunity for public comment; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Perry will hold a public hearing on the 18th day of May, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the proposed Franchise Agreement between the Village of Perry and Spectrum Northeast, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post a notice of said public hearing as required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard at such time and place.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution setting a public hearing on a proposed franchise agreement with Spectrum Northeast, LLC., which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PERRY VETERAN'S CLUB

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to allow and support the Perry Veteran's Club with the Hometown Hero Banner program; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Perry Veteran's Club and authorizes the Mayor to execute the document.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the memorandum of understanding with Perry Veteran's Club, which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OF OFFICE DEPOSITORY AND AUTHORIZED SIGNERS

BE IT RESOLVED, Tompkins Community Bank be named the official depository for the General Fund, Water/Sewer Funds, Community Development, Silverlake Watershed Commission, Capital Monies, and Trust and Agency; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Village Administrator and Village Clerk are authorized signers on the accounts.

Trustee Muolo made a motion to adopt the resolution designating office depository and authorized signers, which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

VILLAGE OF PERRY

RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND MAKE 239-M REFERRAL ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026 ENTITLED:

“AMENDING CHAPTER 490 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY TO ADD A TRAILSIDE CAMPING SPECIAL USE.”

Adopted: May 4, 2026

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Perry met at a regular meeting at the Village Offices of the Village of Perry in the Village of Perry, New York on the 4th day of May 2026, commencing at 7:30 P.M., at which time and place the following members were:

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

WHEREAS, all Village Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Section 104 of the Public Officers Law (Public Meetings 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, the Village Board is receipt of a proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026 entitled, “Amending Chapter 490 Of the Village Code of the Village of Perry to Add a Trailside Camping Special Use” drafted by the Village Attorney based on proposals promulgated by the Planning Board and referred to the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this local law is to add a trailside camping special use, enabling the Village to promote its goal of developing recreational public assets along Silver Creek, and the economic based recreational development that follows from such assets; additionally, these regulations ensure that the trailside camping use will not negatively

impact the existing scenic neighborhood qualities in and around the Silver Creek, and are undertaken by and for the benefit of local entrepreneurs and property owners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 239- M of the General Municipal Law, said local law with all supporting documents shall be submitted to the Wyoming County Planning Board for its comments; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Perry finds it in the best interest of the Village of Perry to hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of said local law.

NOW ON MOTION OF Trustee Lapiana which has been duly seconded by Trustee Lawrence, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Perry will hold a public hearing on the 18th day of May, 2026 at 7:30 P.M. to consider a proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026 entitled, “Amending Chapter 490 Of the Village Code of the Village of Perry to Add a Trailside Camping Special Use”; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Perry, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to post the Notice of Public Hearing at Village Hall and on the Village Website, and to publish said Notice in the Village Newspaper no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such public hearing as required by Section 7-706 of NYS Village Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Perry, that it shall refer this local law to the Wyoming County Planning Board as required by Section 239-M of General Municipal Law.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Quorum Present: Yes No

VILLAGE OF PERRY
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ITS INTENT TO SEEK LEAD AGENCY STATUS
IN REGARD TO PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026

Adopted: May 4, 2026

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Perry met at a regular meeting at the Village Offices located at 46 North Main Street in the Village of Perry, New York on the 4th day of May 2026, commencing at 7:30 P.M., at which time and place the following members were:

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

Absent: Trustee Joel Bouchard

WHEREAS, all Village Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Section 104 of the Public Officers Law (Public Meetings 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, the Village Board is considering adopting a proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026 entitled, “Amending Chapter 490 of the Village Code of the Village of Perry to Add a Trailside Camping Special Use”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provision of Section 617.6 (Initial Review of Actions and Establishing Lead Agency) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, (6 NYCRR Part 617) the Village Board of the Village of Perry has determined that the proposed Local Law is an Unlisted Action and shall conduct a Coordinated Review, seeking the input of other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Perry believes itself to be the most appropriate agency to act as lead agent in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Law, as the Village Board is the legislative body with the authority to approve the Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Perry must provide notice of its intent to make such declaration to the following agencies pursuant to Section 617.6 of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act:

1. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
2. New York State Department of Transportation
3. Town of Perry
4. Town of Castile
5. Wyoming County Board of Supervisors
6. Wyoming County Planning Board ; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Perry now desires to declare its intent to seek lead agency status in regard to the proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026 entitled “Amending Chapter 490 of the Village Code of the Village of Perry to Add a Trailside Camping Special Use”; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Perry hereby declares its intent to seek lead agency status for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act in regard to the proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026 entitled “Amending Chapter 490 of the Village Code of the Village of Perry to Add a Trailside Camping Special Use”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Perry has completed Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form, and provide a copy of such form along with a notice of intent to declare the Village Board of the Village of Perry as lead agent under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and that notices will be sent to the following agencies for a Coordinated Review in accordance with Section 617.6 of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations:

1. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
2. New York State Department of Transportation
3. Town of Perry
4. Town of Castile
5. Wyoming County Board of Supervisors
6. Wyoming County Planning Board.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Quorum Present: Yes No

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFERING AFLAC VOLUNTARY BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator is recommending that the Village of Perry offer AFLAC voluntary supplemental insurance benefits to employees; and

WHEREAS, such benefits are optional and will be paid entirely by participating employees through payroll deduction, at no cost to the Village; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the offering of AFLAC voluntary benefits to Village employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to take any actions necessary to implement this program.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing offering AFLAC voluntary benefits to employees, which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT

VILLAGE OF PERRY

Clerk Report 5/4/2026

Abstract # 023 Summary by Fund

05/01/2026
15:49:13

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND	182.07	73,990.66	74,172.73
CD	SPECIAL GRANT FUND		1,467.84	1,467.84
F	WATER FUND		4,970.79	4,970.79
G	SEWER FUND		11,216.35	11,216.35
HD	SILVER LAKE TRAIL CREEKSIDE PL		150.00	150.00
JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSI		38.01	38.01
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		50.00	50.00
Total:		182.07	91,883.65	92,065.72

Vouchers #1964-2035 were audited by Trustee Bouchard. Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve payment of abstract #23 in the amount of \$92,065.72 which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Muolo had a question regarding the health of the tree in front of the bookstore. Trustee Lawrence will check with Dan Zerbe.

Trustee Lawrence attended the DRI Village Hall meeting where they reviewed options for the assembly hall space. There will be an open house on May 21st from 5-7pm upstairs. Mayor Hauser stated that community members who may benefit from the space to host meetings, youth or senior activities, performances, and more, that this is a great time to see how it develops and give feedback.

Trustee Lapiana attended an ambulance meeting, and they are getting a life pack and power loader. There are no grants, so they will be borrowing the funds from the bank. Trustee Lapiana, Administrator Marcy, and Fire Chief David Spink met with representatives from the East Side Fire District to discuss coverage for the next calendar year.

Chief Grover informed the police committee that they are ready for upcoming events like the Flag Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade, bike races, and Chalk Art Festival. The Investigator position will start June 29th. The agreement with the Town of Perry for patrol seems to be going well and residents are appreciative of the extra patrol in the area. Chief received a grant for \$10,000 for a printer which is going in the silver car.

Mayor Hauser shared that there was a parks committee meeting. We have a contractor for the boardwalk project and permits are lined up. A survey is being completed for boundaries and discussions are being held with a neighboring property for access and staging. The target start date is in July/August. This project is funded through several sources, the main source being Ralph C. Wilson Foundation. There was a sculpture unveiling last week and lights will be installed along the creek walk this fall.

Mayor Hauser presented a letter in support of the lowered assessment for Walgreens. Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana to authorize the mayor to sign and send the letter of support, which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapiana at 8:13 pm, seconded by Trustee Muolo, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Marcy, Village Administrator