

**VILLAGE OF PERRY**  
**SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

A Special Board Meeting of the Village of Perry was held at the Village Hall 46 North Main Street Perry New York at 7:00 p.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser Eleanor J. Jacobs	Mayor Trustee
ABSENT:	Bonnita Matson Dariel A. Draper Anita Billings	Trustee Trustee Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Gail Vosburg Mary Sybery Brian Hessel Meghan Hauser	Village Clerk Perry Herald NYSEG

Mayor Hauser called the Meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Mayor Hauser led in the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Hauser introduced Brian Hessel from NYSEG. The purpose of this meeting is to hear about NYSEG's planned tree maintenance and removal in the village. Postcards were mailed to residents earlier informing them of the scheduled work with a phone number residents could call if they had questions or concerns. He received about 25 calls.

Mr. Hessel explained that they will begin the tree maintenance (trimming) on primary electric lines, not secondary or service lines (lines that run to homes). Trees are the leading cause of power outages. NYSEG has a contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. to perform the work. Trees will be trimmed 10' on all sides of the transmission (primary) lines. Mr. Hessel noted that NYSEG is reclaiming a lot of the ROW that has been ignored in the past. A few trees may be completely removed; however, NYSEG does not grind stumps nor do they replant trees. They try to use discretion on the trees that need to be removed.

Mr. Hessel toured the Village with Mayor Hauser to view trees that would need trimming. He did note that some residents are attached to the trees in front of their homes, but his job is to explain the timeframe for that tree to become a hazard. With the tree trimming, power outages are avoided approximately 50-60% of the time throughout the year.

Mayor Hauser feels that the village should have a tree management plan in place with input from residents.

Mr. Hessel announced that Asplundh must finish all of the tree work by December 31<sup>st</sup>. He is hoping that they are done by mid-November.

Mayor Hauser thanked Mr. Hessel for coming.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. was offered by Mayor Hauser.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_*Gail P. Vosburg*\_\_\_

Gail Vosburg  
Village Clerk