

VILLAGE OF PERRY
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 26, 2015

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 26th day of January 2015.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel A. Draper	Trustee
	Anita Billings	Trustee
ABSENT:	Eleanor J. Jacobs	Trustee
	Bonnita Matson	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Gail Vosburg	Village Clerk

Mayor Hauser called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Hauser led in the pledge to the flag.

Clerk Vosburg distributed the net assets spreadsheet and graphs that showed the net assets over the last 10 years. Mayor Hauser felt that this is very helpful to assist in planning for the future.

2015-16 Budget

Mayor Hauser asked board members for their vision for the budget. Trustee Billings asked if having the tax rate the same for the past 4-5 years is a good thing. Clerk Vosburg said that with keeping the tax rate the same, salaries, benefits and utilities keep going up and that leaves less room each year for equipment purchases and projects. Mayor Hauser said that he did a tax bill comparison and calculated that the Village of Perry's tax bills are less than surrounding the communities. He commented that he would have a hard time increasing the tax rate with a healthy unplanned fund balance. The comptroller's office does not have a set amount that they recommend; they only recommend having 2-3 months' worth of funds. Mayor Hauser said ultimately, the amount of fund balance we should have is what the board feels is a comfortable amount. He asked what the board wanted to accomplish. He would like to keep the tax rate level. He stated that prior board have put monies aside that have enabled board to keep the rate level.

Mayor Hauser reviewed the 5 year Capital Equipment Plan.

Fire

He said that the most notable is the \$1.2 million for a new ladder truck for FYE 2016 and \$500,000 for a new Tanker/Pumper in FYE 2017. It was noted that we are still making debt payments on two fire trucks totaling \$65,000 each year. It will be FYE 2021 before the 2011 Fire Truck will be paid off and FYE 2025 for the 2005 fire truck to be paid in full. Mayor Hauser stated that the contract with the Town of Castile in two years will net \$5,000 more than in the past. The Town of Perry fire contract is up at the end of this year. He said that it is reasonable to ask for the plans/intentions so that information can be given to the fire department to plan for the future. There is no answer how long truck #3(ladder truck) will last. Trustee Draper feels that the fire contract with the Town of Perry will be tougher to negotiate. He thinks that whatever the Village receives, the Perry Center Fire Department receives also. Trustee Billings announced that the Perry Center Fire District is looking at purchasing a new truck. The district has raised \$50,000 through fundraisers. Mayor Hauser asked if that is something that the village department could do. He thinks that the Town of Perry could be approached for funds from the Taylor Trust Fund.

Mayor Hauser feels that three pieces of equipment can come out of the budget and be purchased out of the equipment reserve:

Snow Plow Truck	\$ 190,000
Pick-up truck w/plow	\$ 35,000
Police Vehicle	\$ 35,000

This would take approximately \$260,000 off of the expenditures of \$2,972,596. This would only leave a difference of \$88,000 from last year's expenditures.

Clerk Vosburg said that there are two properties that have completed their PILOT's and will be on the tax roll this year. This would increase the tax levy (or amount to be raised by taxes).

Budget decision list

Clerk

Mayor Hauser explained the \$15,000 request for Zoning Law updates. If the Comprehensive plan is completed with recommendations to update the zoning law, monies would be available to do so. He noted that the contingency budget was increased by \$20,000 to \$47,000.

DPW

Board members were asked if they have seen the list of sidewalks to be repaired as in their budget books. It is a list of areas where trees have heaved sidewalk blocks. Trustee Billings asked if residents would be notified of this as some may wish to utilize the sidewalk express program. The repaving of Covington Street was discussed. Board members feel a need to look at the bigger picture and plan out the project to see if any other work needs to be done on that street before paving is done (i.e. water line, sewer line, drainage line, gas line work). The Mayor feels that as we now know many reports and studies completed, they need to be reviewed and used to plan future work. Window

replacement at the Village hall was discussed. The Mayor would like to have a list of improvements that the village hall needs to plan a scope of work rather than piecemeal repairs. A priority list should be made. It was noted that these improvements could be funded from the repair reserve.

Parks

Trustee Billings asked the request for a canopy for the gator. It was believed after the purchase last year that the board members felt that a canopy was not needed. Trustee Draper questioned the skate cabin roof repairs as it noted the roof is leaking. He asked what else has been neglected and in need of repair.

Clerk Vosburg passed out the Non-union salary survey that was done last year (2014) as requested by Trustee Draper. Villages of similar size in Wyo. Co. and Livingston Co. were surveyed.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m. was offered by Trustee Draper, second by Trustee Billings and carried with all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Vosburg
Village Clerk