

**VILLAGE OF PERRY  
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
February 13, 2017**

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Daniel A. Draper	Trustee
	Eleanor Jacobs	Trustee
	Jacquie Billings	Trustee
	Gail Vosburg	Village Clerk

ABSENT	Bonnie Matson	Trustee
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Mayor Hauser called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Hauser led in the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Hauser discussed the non-union evaluation schedule. Copies of the evaluations will be given to the employees 24 hours before their evaluation with their respective committee.

**Equipment replacement plan**

Board members received and reviewed the estimated capital equipment replacement plan that Clerk Vosburg distributed. Board members will discuss future equipment needs with their department heads. Clerk Vosburg said that this is an estimated plan that can change depending on the needs each year.

Budget Transfers approved – Clerk Vosburg discussed a plan to purchase some of the Ventrax attachments out of this year's budget, therefore removing them from the 2017-18 budget. Motion by Mayor Hauser, seconded by Trustee Jacobs, to approve the following budget transfers:

From	A8540.4	Drainage Contractual	\$ 20,507
To	A5110.2	Streets Equipment	\$ 9,300
	A7110.2	Parks Equipment	\$11,207

Motion carried with all voting aye.

**2017-18 Budget**

Clerk Vosburg reviewed the different tax rate proposals. She explained that equipment items could be added back into the budget and the board's wish for *lowering of the fund* balance allocation. The proposal the board favored was as follows:

Add to expenses:

\$10,000	DPW equipment
\$ 4,000	DPW contractual
\$30,000	Police car
\$ 5,000	Fire Department contractual

\$30,000  
\$ 1,000

Plow Truck BAN  
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After discussion of the timing of when a BAN will be due for the purchase of a plow truck, Clerk Vosburg said that a pickup truck for the DPW could be purchased out of the budget instead of funding it from the reserve (use of some reserve funds towards the plow truck). This would replace the plow truck BAN and interest and the DPW equipment.

Trustee Jacobs asked how much was budgeted towards the website upgrade. There is \$12,000 earmarked for the upgrade. The estimate that was just received was \$20,000. There are some funds in this year's budget that can go towards that cost (i.e. contingency account).

Mayor Hauser asked about work on the Village Hall. He feels that the soft costs can come out of the budget (next year) with the actual renovations. Trustee Jacobs said that there is not a pressing need to renovate the upstairs, just renovate for the productivity and functionality for the main floor.

### **Village Administrator position**

Mayor Hauser said that the initial application deadline was February 12<sup>th</sup> but was advised to accept them until March 3<sup>rd</sup> after posting the position on other sites. He feels that there are 6 – 9 quality resumes. Mayor Hauser outlined a preliminary screening selection process. Trustee Billings asked if the whole board will be part of the selection process. Mayor Hauser said the board will make the final decision but thinks that a selection committee, made up of 2 board members, a village manager in another community, Daryl McLaughlin and 1 or 2 others. He will email the resumes/applications to board members once he has the drop box organized.

### **2017-18 Budget continued**

Trustee Jacobs asked why the 1% decrease in tax rate. Mayor Hauser feed that it is a baby step towards sending a consistent message to the public about the tax rate. He said that the Village is in a strong fiscal position and people may get a sense of security when purchasing property in the area knowing the tax rate is consistent. Discussion took place over the condition and paving the road around the park. Trustee Jacobs said that if we pave the park road, the streets will not be done. Clerk Vosburg said that the park road does not quality for CHIPS monies. Trustee Billings said the investment is a need. Mayor Hauser replied that the DPW only have so many employees and a lot of work is already planned. We can put more money in the budget, but know that projects will not get done. The overall aim is to add additional funds to the contingency account for a 1% or 0.5% tax rate decrease. Clerk Vosburg will make the appropriate changes and give back the board a revised draft budget at next week's meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m. was offered by Mayor Hauser, second by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail I. Vosburg*

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Village Clerk