

**VILLAGE OF PERRY**  
**SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**January 30, 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Daniel A. Draper	Trustee
	Jacque Billings	Trustee
	Eleanor J. Jacobs	Trustee
	Bonnie Matson	Trustee
	Gail Vosburg	Village Clerk

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

Mayor Hauser led in the pledge to the flag.

**2017-2018 Budget**

Mayor Hauser reviewed the budget line items from the preliminary budget. All of the equipment purchases were removed from the budget and the non-union salaries were put in with a 1.5% increase. Clerk Vosburg had tightened up the contractual budget lines.

Mayor Hauser had several points:

1. Fund balance allocation – this fiscal year (2016-17) the allocation is \$185,000. In the prior year, the allocation was \$200,000. He feels that this is too high and would like to lower it.
2. Tighter control of the contractual expenses.
3. Equipment purchase decisions – BAN the plow truck?
4. Taxable assessed valuation
5. Prioritize any renovations to the Village Hall in next fiscal year.

Clerk Vosburg gave the board updated spreadsheets on the equipment listing, debt service and the grant summary.

The equipment list was discussed:

- Needham St drainage – it was asked if the monies budgeted for this could, instead, purchase some equipment. Clerk Vosburg said that the drainage project, part of the CDBG grant, was originally budgeted in this year's budget, however, the engineers have not yet completed the design work, so it will not be done before the end of this fiscal year. This is why it is in next year's budget.
- The attachments for the Ventrac machine were discussed. The board feels that the stump grinder is not a necessity as the county grinds our stumps as part of shared services. Trustee Jacobs said that with the attachments, the Ventrac machine (sidewalk plow) could be used year-round. Trustee Draper felt that the parks department would use the attachments that are being requested quite regularly.
- The off-set mower is not a priority of the board. They feel that other items would be more useful.
- The mobile speed sign was discussed. The stationary sign would cost \$4,600 with a mobile unit at \$8,000. The stationary unit has the capability of remote data access. The planned location for this sign would be on North Center Street. Both Trustees Draper and Billings stated that the Chief of Police would prefer the stationary unit.
- Police car – Mayor Hauser asked if the village should keep the old police car once a new one is purchased to keep the mileage down on the fleet. Trustee Draper feels that we should surplus the old police car.
- Bail out gear – The fire department is asking for this equipment as the interior firefighters must have this equipment and currently do not. Each set has an estimated cost of \$800. It was suggested to put in the budget allocation for the purchase of five (5) sets. Trustee Draper recommends the purchase of the turnout gear.
- Website update – Trustee Jacobs said that an estimate for the website update is \$10,000 - \$12,000. She asked where that would be in the budget. Clerk Vosburg said that it is part of the village hall network budget

line; which also includes the server host costs and computer support. Both Trustees Jacobs and Billings met with Sandy Schneible to discuss the website's proposal numbers.

Trustee Jacobs said that the Tree Board would like some monies for a variety of trees. About 30 – 40 trees were taken down this year and a tree replacement form will be sent out to those homeowners. Mayor Hauser asked about the planting of trees. Could it be done in the fall? A tree inventory grant is being applied for (ones that are already planted). Trustee Draper suggested adding \$4,000 to the shade tree contractual line. Mayor Hauser said that buying the trees is not a problem, but planting them is as there is not increase in manpower. Trustee Jacobs said the Tree Board is working with the school for planting trees for Arbor Day. She feels that a system can be put in place for the planting of trees. Complete Payroll is donating 25 trees that will be planted on Village property. Trustee Matson asked that if the board allocated more money will this be followed through on. She suggested that it be a test to see how it goes.

Trustee Jacobs asked about the monies paid to the Masonic Temple. She asked what this was for as the parks director meets with the senior citizens at the Village Hall. Currently, the Village pays the Masonic Temple \$1,500 each year. She knows that it is essential for the temple. Civic organizations use the temple for meeting space and other functions.

It was discussed whether any of the equipment being requested could be purchased this year if there are monies left over before year end.

Mayor Hauser discussed the reserve funding. A proposal for adding monies to each of the reserve funds that was originally outlined back in October was discussed. The proposed funding was:

Capital Equipment Reserve	\$ 25,000
Repair Reserve	\$ 20,000
Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$ 25,000
Employee Benefit Liability Reserve	\$ 5,000

Mayor Hauser feels that these funding should be made and proposed that the board move on the at the next regular board meeting.

Mayor Hauser said that his goal is to inch the tax rate down. He proposed a 1% rate decrease.

Discussion took place over the purchase of a snow plow truck with a BAN. This would allow the board to pay for the truck over a five year period. Mayor Hauser asked that the DPW Committee work with the Supt. to have actual truck information by the next meeting.

Mayor Hauser asked if we should put monies in the budget to renovate the village hall building. This would include any electrical, architectural and construction work. He feels that his could possible come out of the repair reserve.

Trustee Draper asked about the zoning permits and fees. Any changes?

**Letchworth Gateway Village Director agreement authorized** - Mayor Hauser said that all parties are in agreement with the agreement for the Letchworth Gateway Village Director. Motion by Trustee Matson, seconded by Trustee Billings, authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement for the Letchworth Gateway Village Director. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Motion to adjourn the special meeting was offered by Mayor Hauser, second by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail I. Vosburg*

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