

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 29, 2018**

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 29th day of January 2018.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel A. Draper	Trustee
	Eleanor J. Jacobs	Trustee
	Bonnie Matson	Trustee
	Gail Vosburg	Village Clerk
	Matt Jensen	Village Administrator

Absent: Jacquie Billings Trustee

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

Mayor Hauser led in the pledge to the flag.

Birchwood Acres

Administrator Jensen announced that the Birchwood Acres service replacements started today, with the valves in place and one household hooked up. There are five (5) vacant lots in the development and 18 developed lots. The plan was to abandon the five (5) vacant services but property owners are starting to pushback. Talk was of having a moratorium on a new connection fee for those five (5) lots. The current connection fee is \$500 for a new service. 716 Contracting provided an estimate of \$5,921 for replacing the five (5) curb boxes on the vacant lots. Chatfield Engineers does not recommend replacing those services as those are to vacant/dead end properties. The residents that own the lots feel that those vacant lots will lose value due to no water service. Mayor Hauser feels that the services should be replaced when the property is being developed. He would like a summary with legal descriptions of the vacant lots to identify them in the future and to seek advice from the engineers and village attorney.

2017-2018 Budget

Clerk Vosburg gave the board updated spreadsheets on the non-union wage schedule, non-union salary survey, debt service, additional funding requests and a new decisions page.

Administrator Jensen was discussed the following:

- \$232,000 more in expenditures than last year.
- \$125,000 used from the fund balance in this year's budget.
- The addition of a fourth full time officer.
 - Trustee Jacobs asked why another full time office. Would this cut done on part-time costs. Trustee Billings said she is not convinced that we can add a fourth full time officer. Trustee Draper concurred. Trustee Matson said that she thinks that this in is not the time to add another position. Administrator Jensen replied that it makes sense logistically and creates efficiencies in management.

- Mayor Hauser thinks that it is a good idea to increase the crossing guard wages in a two-step process: This year \$27.50 per day and then next year increase it to \$30 per day.
- The clerk staffing – clerk’s office & court.
 - Appears to be salary neutral with the changes and re-alignment of staffing. Trustee Matson feels that it is best to have cross training. Administrator Jensen said there are two options: keep the staffing comparable to what we have now or have a deputy clerk and part time clerk that does court and helps out in the front. Trustee Billings said that we will be eliminating a position while raising the salary of the clerks.
- Additional person for parks & recreation.
 - Mayor explained that the budget shows the cost of a full time worker and what a part time worker would cost.

Other budget items discussed:

- Mayor Hauser recommended cutting the YMCA subsidy for the summer recreation program from \$11,000 to \$5,500. He said that it is an excellent program for a modest fee.
- Tennis Court repairs – Trustee Matson asked if this had to be done this year. It could come out of the repair reserve. Mayor Hauser said that this repair would only be a temporary fix until Perry Central School can raise the funds needed for a tennis court capital project.
- Discussion of the purchase of banners took place. It was determined that the \$2,700 for banners on Route 246 & 39 be pulled from this year’s budget and put in next year’s budget.
- Mayor Hauser asked about the equipment purchases. Trustee Matson said that we should address them when the item brakes. Mayor Hauser asked if we want to have an equipment replacement schedule or replace equipment as it breaks. Administrator Jensen recommends that we fund the purchase of the bucket truck and crack seal machine. The crack seal machine will extend the life of streets that have been recently paved.

It was determined that the pickup truck, roller, tow behind air compressor be removed from the budget. The fire department will have 6 sets of turnout gear and 20 sets of the bailout system to keep their equipment up to date. The zero turn mower was removed from the water budget as that item could be purchased utilizing the water reserve. The sewer camera was removed from the sewer budget as this item can be purchased from the sewer reserve. There have been many issues with the camera, with it not operating more than it has been operating. This item can be put out to bid now with a public hearing for the expenditure. Mayor Hauser asked about the cost of the audits – could other municipals be contacted to see that they do.

Trustee Draper suggested that we put out RFP’s for the municipal insurance, computer hosting, village hall cleaning, etc.

Motion to adjourn the special meeting at 8:56 pm was offered by Mayor Hauser, second by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail I. Vosburg

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