

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 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 12th day of February 2018

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Jacque Billings	Trustee
	Dariel Draper	Trustee
	Eleanor Jacobs	Trustee
	Bonnie Matson	Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:	Matt Jensen	Village Administrator
	Gail Vosburg	Village Clerk

Mayor Hauser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led in the pledge to the flag.

BUDGET

Trustee Matson commented that the Village Hall can be used an Emergency Building in case of an emergency situation. Questions were asked if the Village could have more than one USDA RD loan. Yes, the Village can have multiple loans. We would have to show the need, that we cannot obtain financing through conventional means, and why the village is not using its reserves and/or fund balance. Mayor Hauser said that very little can be done to the Village Hall for \$50,000. Trustee Draper asked is we could add another \$50,000 in the following year's budget.

Clerk Vosburg reviewed the proposed cuts that would equal \$38,700. Administrator Jensen suggested combining the court clerk with the Deputy Clerk's position and bring the compensation to a living wage. He would like to get ahead of the minimum wage schedule. The proposed combining of positions would be practically budget neutral.

Trustee Jacobs asked about the community beautification budget line and what it comprised of. Mayor Hauser questioned how they should decide the funding for outside organizations. Trustee Matson is no comfortable with the Community Band's request for funds of \$1,000. It was discussed if a policy should be set for the funding of these items by setting up criteria for funding, the public benefit and the leverage of other funding sources, and what the funds will be used for. Trustee Draper suggested that we set up a budgeted amount for the events.

Trustees feel the traffic control budget line could be reduced to \$3,000.

Administrator Jensen reported that a preliminary cost estimate for the Needham St waterline replacement is between \$30,000 - \$40,000. Should we contract these projects out? Mayor Hauser asked what other high priority projects the DPW can do. Can we outsource?

Trustee Matson asked about the pickup truck in the sewer budget. Mayor Hauser questioned why we have surpluses in the water & sewer budgets. Are we not budgeting

enough revenue or are we not spending what we budget for in expenses. If we pay a contractor to do the waterline work, this would free the DPW to do other work. What is the list for waterline replacement. The Mayor feels that the revenues this year in water & sewer are on track to meet the budget amount. To balance the budget, should we spend down from the fund balance or adjust rates. Should we be looking into increases in the water & sewer rates.

Administrator Jensen asked if the board is comfortable with \$15,000 in the budget for grant applications, is this enough? The Mayor feels that this is enough. He gave a brief summary of the conference call that discussed why the Village did not receive the GIGP grant. The desire was to fund more innovative projects. They did not perceive our grant application as a good use of the grant funds. Did we apply for the wrong grant? There was another debrief on the public beach grant application. It was a very strong application, placing 7th on the list with 6 being funded. The dredging grant debrief will be Friday.

Non-union wages were aimed for a 1.5% increase.

Mayor Hauser suggested that we reduce the allocation from the fund balance or keep a flat tax. Clerk Vosburg replied that she could have two options keeping the tax rate the same: a reduction in fund balance and one with the expenses trimmed.

Motion by Mayor Hauser, seconded by Trustee Matson, to adjourn the regular session and enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation at 8:30 pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Motion by Trustee Draper, seconded by Trustee Billings, to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting at 8:52 pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Contract with Clark Patterson Lee terminated for the WWTF Phase II project – Motion by Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Draper, to terminate the contract with Clark Patterson Lee for the WWTF Phase II project and proceed with a selective interview process for a new engineering firm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm was made by Mayor Hauser, which was seconded by Trustee Draper. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Gail I. Vosburg

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Village of Perry
Budget Meeting Agenda
February 12, 2018

Open Meeting & Pledge to flag

Budget Updates

- Target number \$30,394 in cuts (w/no non-union salary adjustments)
(4th full time officer was cut – part time wages were increased)

Proposed cuts:

▪ A7140.4	\$15,000 tennis court repairs - take from repair reserve	
▪ A7110.1	\$ 6,400 Park & Rec seasonal	to \$24,800
▪ A7180.4	\$ 1,500 Spec. Rec Contractual	to \$ 7,000
▪ A7180.42	\$ 800 Spec. Rec Utilities	to \$ 8,000

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- Letchworth Gateway Villages – Year 3 ??? \$ 5,000
- Office Staffing Options
- Non-Union Salary Adjustments