

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 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 26th 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.

The request of the VFW for an adjustment has not been calculated, it will be ready for the next regular board meeting.

Village Hall Feasibility Study

Mayor Hauser reported that the Village Hall consultant, Wendel, has produced several (4) plans for the board to review of the main floor. He would like it narrowed down to three (3) plans. Each plan was reviewed. Trustee Matson expressed her concern with the idea to place the meeting room in the back of the building. In case of an emergency, it would be a long way for people to evacuate the building.

BUDGET

General Fund

Mayor Hauser said that there are three (3) ways to look at the \$10,000 option that would complete the budget: take \$10,000 off the fund balance allocation (allocation at \$90,000), add \$10,000 to the contingency (fund balance allocation at \$100,000) or take \$10,000 off the contingency (fund balance allocation at \$100,000). Mayor Hauser expressed a case for a symbolic reduction of tax rate that would benefit residents, business owners and industry. He feels that controlling the tax rate is a way to attract investors.

Question was asked if \$14,000 is enough in the streets overtime as we are just over \$17,000 spent so far this year (\$12,000 was budgeted originally). It was noted that this overage is mainly due to weather events that happen on the weekends. It was determined that the \$14,000 planned is sufficient for the 2018-19 budget year.

Administrator Jensen asked the board consider a policy for cell phone reimbursement for those employees on call 24/7. He suggested \$25 per month for reimbursement, with the Department Head completing the paperwork each month. There are adequate monies budgeted, so there would be no need to increase any budget numbers. It was

noted that this is not part of the union contract. Board members concurred that they agree with this concept.

Administrator Jensen reported that during the DPW employee's evaluations, they would like new equipment. Most commented that a new compressor (tow behind) and roller would be an asset. The compressor is old and does not hold compression. It has been asked for in the budget several years. Trustees asked if one could be rented, instead of purchasing. It was also asked if there are monies available to purchase it this year.

Water Fund

Clerk Vosburg distributed a sheet with water & sewer budget considerations. Administrator Jensen that that the Needham St waterline is not on the priority list for replacement. Yes, it is a 4" water main but there are others on the list that need replacing sooner. It was determined to remove this request from the water budget. It was determined to add enough monies to the budget so an MEO position can be funded. The meter reader has a CDL license. The board thinks that this is a fair proposal. With these changes, there would be no fund balance allocation in the water budget.

Sewer Fund

Administrator Jensen updated the board on a proposal to add replacement of a section of sewer main on Gardeau Street (\$20,000). The DPW does not dare jet the line as they are concerned that it will collapse. This could be added, the sewer pickup truck removed and the fund balance allocation be reduced to \$52,453. Another option is to remove the paving around the headworks building. Concern is that it may have to be dug up if there is an issue, as the project is far from being complete. The board concurred, so it will be removed (\$20,000). Mayor Hauser said that maybe we should look at the sewer rates and the rate study that Bernard P. Donegan Inc. completed last fall.

Motion by Mayor Hauser, seconded by Trustee Draper, to adjourn the regular session and enter into executive session to discuss employment of a particular person at 8:25 pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

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

The board wishes to proceed with Option 4 for office staffing.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Draper, which was seconded by Trustee Matson. Motion carried with all voting aye.

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