

**VILLAGE OF PERRY**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**BUDGET WORK SESSION**  
**February 1, 2021**

A board meeting of the Village of Perry was held at the Village Hall, 46 North Main Street, Perry, New York at 5:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2021.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel Draper	Trustee
	Eleanor Jacobs	Trustee
	Jacquie Billings	Trustee
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Pierce	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
	Matt Horn	MRB Group
	Jeff Drain	Water & Sewer Plant Chief Operator
	Mike Grover	Police Chief
	Steve Deaton	Superintendent of DPW

Mayor Hauser called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and led in the pledge to the flag.

**2021-2022 DRAFT BUDGET**

Samantha reviewed the first draft budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The budget calendar was also reviewed. Salary amounts were projected and broken out into appropriate budget lines. Projected revenues were calculated. The property tax valuation went down from the previous year for the Town of Perry. Research will be done regarding this change.

**GENERAL FUND**

Larger budget items or lines that had a drastic change from the previous year were reviewed first. Police department vehicles were discussed. A plan was proposed to sell the 2013, 2014, and 2017 vehicles and purchase 2 hybrids and a Tesla. The plan would be to keep the hybrids for 3 years. The proposal for the DPW equipment line is to purchase a new dump truck to replace the 1993 truck and a new trailer to haul larger equipment. The plan would be to finance these over 5 years. Samantha reviewed NYCLASS balances for reserve accounts. DPW would look to outsource some work such as siding the maintenance building and having a bathroom installed. In the parks fund, the part time position filled by Steve Fuller would look to be increased from 25 hours to 40 hours per week.

**WATER FUND**

Revenues were estimated and interest was adjusted. Water plant upgrades were discussed. Elm Street requires water line replacement. Debt service numbers were received from Bernard P. Donegan and reviewed.

#### SEWER FUND

The storm sewer line was seen in the general fund and sewer. Debt service increased by about 30,000.

Motion was made by Trustee Draper to adjourn the budget meeting work session at 6:40 pm which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana, and carried with all voting aye

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PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel Draper	Trustee
	Eleanor Jacobs	Trustee
	Jacquie Billings	Trustee
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Pierce	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
	Mike Grover	Police Chief

GUESTS	Lorraine Sturm via Zoom
	Ernie Lawrence
	Jessica DeMarte representing Perry Public Library
	Jeff Fitch
	Nancy Fitch

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH TO BE COMMUNITY READS MONTH  
Jessica DeMarte spoke on behalf of Read Around Perry stating that they are sponsoring a community read event in March. The group is encouraging people to read the book “Nothing More Dangerous” by Allen Eskens. The author is planning a virtual discussion of the book on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Read Around Perry is asking the Village of Perry to proclaim March as Community Reads Month. Mayor Hauser read the proclamation aloud:

**Whereas**, reading is a lifelong skill that should encouraged and enjoyed by all ages.

**Whereas**, reading as a shared experience among community members is an opportunity to connect through literature, while framing life and current events through a literary lens to allow for discussion and consideration of views that may be different from your own.

**Whereas**, March 2nd is traditionally celebrated as Read Across America Day.

**Whereas**, Read Around Perry has organized a virtual author visit with Allen Eskens on March 23rd at 6 pm to culminate in a Community Read of his book, Nothing More Dangerous.

**Now, therefore**, the Village of Perry on this date February 1, 2021 does hereby proclaim the month of March as Perry Reads Month and call upon community members to participate in the Community Read of Nothing More Dangerous by Allen Eskens and encourage our community to read at least 15 minutes a day.

Trustee Jacobs made a motion to adopt the proclamation which was seconded by Trustee Billings and carried with all voting aye.

#### PRESENTATIONS & BOARD ACTIONS

##### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 board meeting was made by Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Lapiana, and carried. Trustee Billings abstained.

#### RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

##### **Motion of Trustee Draper**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Village of Perry to submit applications for the Program Year 2020 New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the process for CDBG applications involves holding one public hearing prior to submission of any CDBG grant applications to provide residents with information about the CDBG program and to discuss community development needs and priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, residents are invited to attend the hearing to assist the Village in defining community development priorities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry will hold a Public Hearing on the CDBG program at Village Hall, 46 North Main Street, Perry, NY, 14530 at 8:00 p.m. on February 16, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk publish or cause to be published a Public Hearing notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said Public Hearing.

**Seconded by Trustee Lapiana**

**and on roll call**

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – LABELLA ASSOCIATES

**WHEREAS**, the State has released a Microenterprise Assistance Program under the Community Development Block Grant designed to support small business start-up or expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, LaBella Associates has provided a proposal to develop the application; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby authorizes LaBella Associates to develop an application on behalf of the Village of Perry for an amount not to exceed \$4,000 and authorizes the Mayor to execute the proposal.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana to accept the resolution which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

#### RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER, CJ MILLER

**WHEREAS**, Officer CJ Miller has tendered his resignation from the part-time position of Police Officer effective January 21, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Miller has served as a Police Officer for the Village of Perry since February 2020; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby accepts the resignation of Officer CJ Miller and thanks him for his service to the Village of Perry and wishes him well with future endeavors.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana to approve the resolution which was seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICER,  
ALYSSA CUTCLIFFE

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Alyssa Cutcliffe has tendered her resignation from the part-time position of Property Maintenance Officer effective January 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Cutcliffe has served as the Property Maintenance Officer since 2018; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby accepts the resignation of Ms. Cutcliffe and thanks her for her service to the Village of Perry and wishes her well with future endeavors.

Motion was made by Trustee Draper to adopt the resolution which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER, MATTHEW MASCI

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER, MCKAYLEE CROLL

Discussion regarding both appointments was tabled to executive session.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION REQUEST FOR THE PERRY CHALK ART FESTIVAL

**WHEREAS**, the Village has received a request from the Perry Chalk Art Festival Committee for their festival including a one-day insurance waiver for non-food vendors, permission to close portions of certain streets, and assistance from a member of the DPW on the day of the event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has received a request from the Perry Chalk Art Festival Committee for a donation of \$1,400; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby approves the requests outlined in the letter from the Perry Chalk Art Festival Committee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board approves the donation request for \$1,400 and directs the Village Clerk to submit a voucher for payment.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Billings, and carried with all voting aye.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER'S REPORT

Abstract #17

Vouchers #804-869

General Fund	\$67,551.75
Spec. Grant Funds	\$6,862.53
Water Fund	\$41,883.37
Sewer Fund	\$12,546.76
Capital Projects Fund	\$25,267.56
Trust & Agency	\$559.70
Silver Lake Watershed Commission	\$12.03
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$154,683.70</u>

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Billings.

Motion to accept the report and to pay vouchers 804-869 totaling \$154,683.70 was made by Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Draper, and carried with all voting aye.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Nothing to report.

#### TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Jacobs gave an update from the Silver Lake Watershed Commission (SLWC) meeting. A map was handed out of the outlet and north end of the lake and Steve Perkins explained the latest on the dredging project.

The Silver Lake Trail Project Committee met for a budget discussion. The project is currently over budget by about \$60,000. The committee will look as places to make some cuts such as the area for parking on Walker Road. Millings can also be used in some areas rather than paving. The project should go out to bid in March.

Trustee Billings mentioned outreach from the Perry Community Garden. A proposal was written where the group is looking for a potential trust and agency arrangement. This will be discussed at the parks committee meeting and will be on the next board agenda.

Some discussion took place on appointing election inspectors. The board should look for a resolution on the next agenda.

#### PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LOCAL LAW #2 – AMENDING CHAPTER 490

Mayor Hauser opened the public hearing at 8:00 pm regarding Local Law #2 - Amending Chapter 490. The proposal is presently on the County Planning Board agenda and on the Village Planning Board agenda for Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup>. No comments were made from the public. The hearing was left open.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hauser made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:03 pm to discuss matters leading to the appointment of particular persons. The motion was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

Motion to exit executive session was made at 8:16 pm by Mayor Hauser, seconded by Trustee Draper, and carried with all voting aye.

#### PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LOCAL LAW #2 – AMENDING CHAPTER 490

At 8:17, motion to close the public hearing was made by Mayor Hauser, seconded by Trustee Draper, and carried with all voting aye.

#### PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE POLICE COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE PLAN

The public hearing was immediately opened regarding the Police Community Collaborative Plan. In summary, the plan exposed that there is a bit of a disconnect between law enforcement and mental health services. The Committee has recommended improvements. There are implicit bias trainings when officers are hired, but as an industry, no ongoing trainings. The plan is to recommend that plans and stats are reviewed annually. At the annual organizational meeting, a committee should be appointed to provide this update.

As no one else from the public joined or offered comment, at 8:25 pm Mayor Hauser made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Draper at 8:27 pm, which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana, and carried with all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Slusser  
Village Clerk