

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2021**

A board meeting of the Village of Perry was held at the Village Hall, 46 North Main Street, Perry, New York at 7:30 pm on the 28th day of June 2021.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel Draper	Trustee
	Jacquie Billings	Trustee
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Ernie Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Pierce	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
	Jeff Drain	WTP & WWTP Chief Operator
	Steve Deaton	Superintendent of DPW
GUESTS	Bill Davis	MRB Group
	Matt Horn	MRB Group
	Eleanor Jacobs	Silver Lake Watershed Committee Member

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

PRESENTATIONS & BOARD ACTIONS

**BILL DAVIS OF MRB GROUP – WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE
CLEAR WELL**

Bill Davis explained that work was recently done on the clear well at the Water Treatment Plant where issues were found that were not anticipated. The concrete structure is leaking in multiple places. Pictures of the interior of the clear well were taken. Some patching was done on the inside of the 100-year-old clear well thinking it may be able to sustain another 5-10 years, but the clear well is still leaking after the patching. It was estimated to be leaking around 40-45,000 gallons per day previously and may be down to about 30-35,000 gallons (an exact amount is unable to be calculated easily).

It would cost an estimated \$200,000 to rehab the existing 750,000 gallon clear well. If the clear well was replaced with a couple of precast tanks equaling the volume of the current clear well, it would be more in the ball park of \$800,000.

From a debt service standpoint, the Village may be able to get funding at a 0% interest rate. WIIA grants, if they come out this year, could also help. The cap on the grant is \$3 million. Debt service will end up affecting the user rate. Very roughly, a \$6 million project at 1,700 users would add an additional \$120 in fees per user, per year. If the Village is able to obtain a grant, this could cut costs down to about an additional \$60 per user, per year.

There are concerns that the project will not score well because there are no cited violations at the Water Treatment Plant. There are, however, THM issues with the Town of Castile which could help since part of the project would be for THM removal.

It would be ideal to have multiple clear well tanks so one could be taken offline if needed. One tank could be constructed, the other taken down, then the second constructed. Normal usage, however, would require the use of both tanks to get the volume of water needed. An above ground tank could save money on construction, but water would end up being pumped twice. It seems better in the long run to build an underground tank. Rehabbing the current clear well tank could buy some time, but at an expense.

CLARIFIER

The clarifier is also in need of repair. A new up flow clarifier would run about \$1 million. Rehabbing the existing clarifier would be about \$120,000 for construction alone. Using a portable filter in place of a clarifier was discussed. This could be used in case of an emergency (if the current clarifier stopped working) or while rehabbing the current clarifier. The recommendation from Bill Davis is to install a new up flow clarifier. Another thing to think about is the fabrication of parts needed. Manufacturing has slowed down as a result of COVID and it could take longer than expected to have the parts fabricated once ordered.

PROPOSAL – ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND 2021 WIIA GRANT APPLICATION

MRB Group presented a proposal for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant program application. While the grant opportunity hasn't been announced yet, it usually comes out in June. Services would include submission of the grant application, engineering report, SHPO letter, and budget and planning documentation. Bill Davis recommended for the Village to complete the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) in preparation for the project, as this is also a requirement of the grant. There is no expiration date on the SEQR unless the project changes. If the Village were able to get a grant this year, it would not be expected to break ground on the improvements until 2023. Mr. Davis recommended starting the SEQR at the second board meeting in July and to be prepared with the bond resolution at the end of August. MRB Group would need 1 1-2 weeks to prepare the SEQR. Motion was made by Trustee Billings for Mayor Hauser to sign the proposal from MRB Group in the amount of \$7,800 for total compensation for fees outlined in the proposal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried.

It was stated that the Board needs to better understand the expenses related to emergency replacement of the clarifier. A clear cost analysis and proposal for a temporary solution was requested from Jeff Drain. This would include the cost of losing the gallons of water leaking out of the clear well, estimate to rehab the interior, cost to have someone come to the plant to take measurements, and fix the clear well.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA)

Administrator Pierce mentioned that the Village is interested in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The state has guidelines on the way funds will be allocated down to the town level, but not at village level. The money can be used to boost infrastructure spending, where if spent on water or sewer needs, it is not required to show an impact from COVID. Any other spending needs would require proof to the Federal Government that there was a COVID related revenue impact; such as to support residents or businesses. For example, if a business needed to close temporarily due to COVID. All projects must be closed and funds exhausted by 2024. The application deadline for ARPA is Friday, July 9th. Funds are expected to be received within 30 days of the deadline. The Village currently has an RFP out for economic recovery where a plan could be developed after this analysis.

CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

LaBella Associates will work to reapply for CDBG funds where the odds of receiving grant funds will be greatly improved if the focus stays on stormwater improvements. MRB Group rescopeed the project and completed a cost estimate for the stormwater piece. Including a match of funds will also help with scoring in determining grant recipients. Pictures were taken of areas of flooding, but no citation was issued. Another area that can help with scoring is proving that the Village has sought out other sources in an effort to fix these stormwater issues.

LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

MRB Group will submit a proposal for grant administration regarding the Lead Service Line Replacement program grant.

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:09pm by Trustee Draper, seconded by Trustee Lapiana, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk