

VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2021

A 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 8th day of November 2021.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel Draper	Trustee
	Ernie Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Pierce	Administrator
	Jeff Drain	Chief Water/Sewer Operator
	Steve Deaton	Superintendent of Public Works
	Laura Gifford	Village Deputy Clerk
GUESTS:	Bill Davis	MRB Group
	Jeffrey Boorsma	MRB Group
	Ford Eberstein	Town of Perry Board Member
ABSENT:	Jacquie Billings	Trustee
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present for comment.

PRESENTATIONS & BOARD ACTIONS

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Hauser gave an outline of discussion. MRB will present the updated WTP evaluation and the estimated project costs. Then discuss the scope of the water treatment plant project's Short-term, Medium, and Long-term needs and recommendations. This discussion will also include the requirements and timeframe needed to apply for the WIIA grant.

Bill Davis reported that the last time he was here he presented a study of the WTP Project. It was more involved showing operational improvements. There was also a comprehensive break out including the water storage tank, and an inspection of site piping/grading suggesting replacing the dry water pumps and valving. This would increase the

capacity on the intake line. Jeff Drain informed the group that there is currently only one line in operation but would like to use both.

The current short-term project scope includes site work, raw intake upgrades, rehabilitation to the existing clarifier, a new up flow clarifier, replacement of the clear well, and improvements and upgrades to the storage tank. The project cost with contingency is 6 million with an additional 1.2 million in soft costs for a total cost of 7.2 million

Bill Davis then discussed the WIIA Grant. In order to apply, a cost estimate cannot be more than 6 months old covering 30%. There have been cost increases from the prior estimate due to Covid and pipe cost; which took the construction cost from 4.5 million to 4.8 million. Bill Davis stated that they increased contingency from 15% to 25% for the project.

Mayor Hauser stated that we would want to use the grant max award and asked what the project scope is.

Bill Davis reported that a 7.2 million project is on the table. The WIIA grant would plan will get a score and placement of where it falls with other submitted projects. To get cover 60% of the project cost up to 3 million and the Village would finance 4.2 million. The project will get a score and placement of where it falls with other submitted projects. In order to receive 0% financing, the project has to qualify as a "hardship" and household income will be reviewed.

Jeff Drain reported 800,000 gallons daily capacity, whereas it peaks at 700,000.

Administrator Pierce asked if the upgrades would increase the capacity. With these upgrades the total plants capacity would be 1.6 million. Administrator Pierce asked what additional upgrades would be needed in the next 10 years. Bill Davis stated that, if regulations change, the village will need another project. If they stay the same, the system could be good for another 20 years. Only filtration would need work.

Mayor Hauser asked if the grant proportionally changes. If the village applies for a 5 million grant, does it reduce the amount to borrow? What if something is taken out of the project or the cost of supplies is less than projected? Should the exterior rehab be removed? Bill Davis replied that corrosion gets in the steel and there would be a lot of construction components. He strongly recommends doing both the interior and the exterior. The inside is in better shape. The coating was removed and never replaced. There currently is no violation for the coating and, if anything, to remove that from the project.

Mayor Hauser asked about the nature of how the grant works. If a portion of the project is postponed and there is less of a project cost, does the 3 million grant award get reduced? Bill Davis replied that it would only be reduced if 60% of the project falls below the 3 million or an aspect of the project that received a higher score is removed, such as the THM violations. The 0% loan with the grant is unique. They have switched to the 2019 census for the MHI (monthly household income) and EFC is the funding agency. Administrator Pierce asked if the max grant at 3 million is usually awarded. Bill Davis reported that it is competitive but MRB has been

successful with other projects. If the village does not get the WIIA grant, Davis suggests that we don't move forward at this time.

Trustee Lawrence suggested we get ahead of the structural issues. Administrator Pierce asked if we lower the scope of the project by removing the water tower and submit for an additional grant at another time for the water tower, how likely are we to receive funding for the water tower issues? Bill Davis stated that the chances are unlikely to receive a grant and 0% financing since the THM issues will be resolved with this current project.

Jeff Drain commented that the tank won't make it 10 years; maybe 5 years. Trustee Lawrence added that when he drives by it looks like there is a lot of horizontal pressure. Bill Davis suggested building 2 tanks which allows the flexibility to take 1 down. He also stated that there has been talk about extending districts in the near future.

Administrator Pierce said that the grant application is due November 22nd. She has received a proposal from BPD to perform a water rate study for \$5,000-\$7,500. Mayor Hauser asked if they would include multiple scenarios for that cost. The plan has all overhead with a lot of fixed costs that don't change. If there is a new district, what costs go up? The water users go up so the capacity goes up. What else is on the horizon the next 5-10 years; prospects and needs. Davis stated that BPD can do a cost of production compared to rate. Mayor Hauser stated that the board would take it into account.

Perry Town Board Member Ford Eberstein reported that the Town of Perry looked at extending the water lines to loop Perry Center. Simmons Road can't be used, it now has a conservancy. Ireland Road would be the next possibility.

Mayor Hauser indicated that there is potential for more water districts. Farms using village water is trending but hard to predict. Jeff Drain informed that we do not have the ability to provide bulk water.

DPW Superintendent Deaton asked, that with the last experience with the WWTP project which came in well over the projected cost, how comfortable is MRB with the current estimated cost for this project? Davis reported that most of their projects have come in on target. After what they learned with the WWTP project, they are more comfortable with their projections for this project.

Mayor Hauser indicated that there needed to be a bond resolution approved at the next board meeting for submission of the WIIA grant application.

At 8:00 pm, motion was made by Trustee Dariel Draper and seconded by Trustee Ernie Lawrence. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Gifford, Village Deputy Clerk