

**VILLAGE OF PERRY  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 6, 2023**

A Regular 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

PRESENT:	Dariel Draper Arlene Lapiana Ernie Lawrence	Deputy Mayor Trustee Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy Christina Slusser Daniel Zerbe	Administrator Village Clerk Tree Board Chair
GUESTS:	Bill Bark Lorraine Sturm	Country Courier Perry Herald
ABSENT:	Rick Hauser Jacquie Billings	Mayor Trustee

Deputy Mayor Draper called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

**PRESENTATIONS & BOARD ACTIONS**

**TREE BOARD MASTER PLAN – DAN ZERBE**

Tree Board Chair, Dan Zerbe, presented the Tree Board’s updated Master Plan to the Village Board. The Tree Board plans to review the plan every 5 years. It was last reviewed and updated in 2017. The new plan includes the addition of a goals section and 5 years in review, celebrating what has been accomplished.

The goal has been to plant 40 trees per year, but the goal has been exceeded almost every year. About 2 streets per year will have trees planted. Once the Tree Board identifies sites for planting, letters are sent to property owners to gauge interest. Property owners are also able to request trees by completing a form available online and in the Clerk’s Office.

Diversity is a focus area. Of the 256 trees planted in the last 5 years, there have been 141 different varieties. The Tree Board would like to see a tree trail with QR codes which can be used to look up facts about that variety of tree. They also wish to work with local funeral homes for memorial tree options. Beavers have caused damage to trees by the outlet. Another

goal is to protect those trees and assist with tree replacement in that area. A hazard tree system would help with a system for scoring trees to be removed. The Tree Board is willing to present to other communities interested in starting a tree program. They have already presented in Warsaw and plan to use Perry's Tree Law to model their own.

The Village Board thanked Dan Zerbe and the rest of the Tree Board for their time and efforts. Motion was made by Trustee Lawrence to approve the Tree Board Master Plan which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees Budget Meeting on February 13, 2023 and the Regular Board Meeting on February 21, 2023 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE 2022-2023 SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry has entered into a municipal snow & ice agreement with New York State Department of Transportation from 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2024; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an adjustment needed to the estimated expenditure for labor for the 2022-2023 Snow & Ice Season from the 2021-2022 season for an increase of \$54.03; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an adjustment needed to the estimated expenditure for materials for the 2022-2023 Snow & Ice Season from the 2021-2022 season for an increase of \$427.53; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby accepts the adjustment of \$481.56 to the 2022-2023 Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board authorizes the Mayor to execute the Supplemental Agreement.

Each year an adjustment is needed because of the increase in expenditures for materials and labor. The state reimburses the village for maintenance of the state roads. Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the resolution approving the adjustment to the 2022-2023 snow and ice agreement which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

### **RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Perry is considering a Local Law that would override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board would like to hear from residents about the proposed Local Law; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board of the Village of Perry hereby establishes a public hearing for the proposed Local Law to be held on March 20, 2023 at 8:00 pm at the Perry Village Hall located at 46 North Main Street Perry, NY 14530; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Village Clerk is directed to provide notice of said public hearing.

Motion was made by Trustee Lawrence to schedule a public hearing on March 20, 2023 to override the tax cap which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PERRY ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Committee has reviewed the request from the Perry Elementary Special Education Team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Perry Elementary Special Education Team are requesting to reserve the Village Park loop and South Pavilion on Saturday, April 29, 2023 for a Walk for Inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Committee is suggesting waiving fees for the usage of the park loop and pavilion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby accepts the Perry Elementary Special Education Team’s request and waiving fees for the usage of the park and pavilion.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana approving the request by the Perry Elementary School which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

**2023-2024 BUDGET – VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR (POSTPONED)**

The budget discussion will be postponed due to the absence of 2 board members. Trustee Draper made a motion to schedule a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm to discuss the 2023-2024 budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

**CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT**

FY 2022-2023

Abstract #19

Vouchers #1533-1586

General Fund	\$ 36,353.63
Special Grant Fund	\$ 1,600.00
Water Fund	\$ 9,304.37

Sewer Fund	\$ 6,074.15
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 18,493.28
Trust & Agency	\$ 2,837.54
Silver Lake Watershed Commission	\$ 37.99
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Total	\$ 74,700.96

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Draper. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve payment of abstract #19 in the amount of \$74,700.96 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Nothing to review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LETCHWORTH CABLE ACCESS**

Trustee Lawrence announced that the next 3 months will be very important for LCA. The committee would like to hold the annual contribution for now to see what new content can be published. In reviewing the budget, it is believed that only \$9,000 should be needed from the Village this year if LCA continues.

In cleaning out the studio, there were thousands of VHS tapes from the early 80s to now and there was no room to store them all, so they were donated to Wyoming County Historian Cindy Amrhein. The county has cataloged all of the tapes and acquired equipment to turn them into digital format. The LCA committee plans to give the county historian unlimited free use of the tapes.

With no executive session needed, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Draper at 7:50 pm which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Slusser, Village of Perry