

**VILLAGE OF PERRY  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

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 pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

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| PRESENT: | Rick Hauser     | Mayor   |
|          | Dariel Draper   | Trustee |
|          | Jacque Billings | Trustee |
|          | Arlene Lapiana  | Trustee |
|          | Ernie Lawrence  | Trustee |

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| ALSO PRESENT: | Samantha Pierce   | Administrator              |
|               | Mike Grover       | Chief of Police            |
|               | Jeff Drain        | Chief Water/Sewer Operator |
|               | Steve Deaton      | DPW Superintendent         |
|               | Christina Slusser | Village Clerk              |

Mayor Hauser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led in the pledge to the flag. The mayor took a minute to acknowledge and appreciate the department heads and board members taking the extra time to participate in budget discussions.

**PRESENTATIONS & BOARD ACTIONS**

**2022-2023 DRAFT BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Administrator Pierce began the discussion mentioning that the draft budget presented tonight is similar to that presented at the last board meeting.

**POTENTIAL ITEMS TO REMOVE FROM DRAFT BUDGET OR USE ALTERNATIVE FUNDING**

The gutters at DPW can be removed from the budget, as there is money that can be used in the current budget. There was money in the capital project budget to purchase 3 more tables for the public beach which were recently ordered and can also be removed from the budget. Staffing changes were made to the draft budget from the last presentation. With this staff change, the budget is close to even with revenues vs. expenditures. The other items listed, police vehicles and air packs could be funded with ARPA money. Administrator Pierce suggested to leave the new fire department door in the draft budget.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (BY DEPARTMENT)**

**BUILDINGS**

DPW Superintendent Deaton estimated costs to repair the ceiling and lighting upstairs to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor usable. There was some discussion on maintaining the historical integrity of the building in terms of trying to get on the national historical register.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Grover is requesting another full-time officer. This would be an additional cost of \$4,800 plus benefits. One part time officer is working full time hours and another is almost at full time hours. Another full-time position would create more stability in the department. The SRO vehicle can be removed from the budget since there are plans for a discussion with the school to see if they will help to cover that cost. The Police Department applied for a grant for a fingerprinting scanner and was approved. There is a 25% match which is about \$13,000. The initial cost is \$52,000. The grant covers the first time issuance of the machine, but not replacement costs. The board is interested in learning about the lifespan of the machine and what potential replacement costs would be. There is a possibility of getting a grant for a utility trailer for car seats through the car seat program so this can be removed from the budget. A computer in the oldest vehicle, a 2013, is looking to be upgraded. Crossing signs for North Main Street at Olin Ave could be purchased which would replace the need for a crossing guard. The signs are LED with a push button upon walkup.

The Tesla had one problem with the heater which was an easy fix. The cage is on its way for install. The Police Chief found the car to be no worse in the snow than the current police vehicles.

#### DPW

The DPW Superintendent is interested in adding another seasonal staff member. Besides the usual planned projects, there is extra work to do on the Silver Lake Trail and Walker Road. Extra help is expected to be needed with drainage, upcoming CDBG projects, bridge work, the lead service line grant, as well as more time to dedicate to sidewalks. The village's 26 year old dump truck is the largest. A new proposed truck would hold more than the current one and has the potential to last 20 years. A plow truck can be removed. The village should pay off the debt on the current plow truck before financing another. The village needs to work on a vehicle replacement plan for DPW like there is for police vehicles. Paving of four streets is already included in the budget for over \$80,000. Water Street or Standpipe Road could be added to the list.

#### PARKS

A new gator, UTV, or side-by-side; something street legal is requested. A neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV) was discussed – if not for this year, potentially in the future. Purchasing materials for the Camp Hart Hat project, a project through the Business Education Council, could create

two lean-tos (10x12 structures with a metal roof and no floor) along the new trail. Other locations considered are at Memorial Park and Park Ave. A zero-turn mower dedicated to the park would mean eliminating the need to share with the WTP & DPW.

#### ZONING

Options be discussed at another time.

#### COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

The village currently only has winter & summer banners. Spring and fall banners will be considered.

#### WATER

Scada upgrades were discussed and reduced by \$10,000. \$41,475 is to be taken from the water unassigned fund balance. An expenditure of \$92,000 is in the draft budget for a new water main on Watkins Ave. Filter #3 is needed. If lowering the budget, some money could be removed from the lead and copper study but there is uncertainty of the costs.

#### SEWER

There is not much change to the sewer budget. The draft is in line with BPD's rate study for revenues and expenditures. There is money in contingency which, if not needed, could help in other years. Fencing is needed at the WWTP and could be taken out of the current project's contingency. There is nothing planned for pavement in the current construction plan. The village will be getting an update on contingency for the current WWTP upgrade project.

WWTP Chief Operator Drain reported that with the flooding expected later this week, overflow is expected because of the overflow pipe.

CP Ward met with MRB Group and came up with an idea for fixing the dam.

\$100,000 gallons of water is being lost per day. Employees have been trying to locate the leak since the usage started spiking about 2 weeks ago.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Draper at 8:33 pm which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk