

**VILLAGE OF PERRY  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

A Special (Budget) 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel Draper	Trustee
	Jacquie Billings	Trustee
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Ernie Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
	Michael Grover	Chief of Police
	Jeff Drain	Chief Water/Sewer Operator
GUESTS:	N/A	
ABSENT:	N/A	

Mayor Hauser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS & BOARD ACTIONS**

**2023-2024 DRAFT BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Administrator Marcy provided updates on the draft budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Budget requests, which are optional items not included in the draft budget, were discussed for each department and will be addressed based on priority.

**ADMINISTRATION/ZONING/BUILDINGS**

The budget for Administration/Zoning/Buildings decreased by about \$21,000 mainly due to leaving Village Hall renovations out of the budget.

**POLICE**

The equipment line for the Police Department budget increased by \$24,000 due to the vehicle replacement plan. SRO wages are included in the budget but are offset by a revenue line payable by the school.

**FIRE**

The Fire Department budget increased by about \$8,000 due to turn out gear and truck maintenance.

## **WATER**

The revenue line increased in the Water Department (WTP) budget due to the multi-unit increase which leaves \$28,000 in contingency. Chemical costs have gone up a lot. The current budget is \$90,000 but estimating it will be more now. \$45,000 additional was put towards a water main replacement on Watkins Ave (waiting on stormwater improvements). The Water Department may run into other costs with planned plant upgrades.

## **SEWER**

The Sewer Department budget was closely based off of the rate study. It includes an increase in revenue for the multi-unit increase but debt increased by about \$83,000 due to plant upgrades. The plant will be using chemicals that have not been used before, but it is unknown which ones yet. It is estimated that utility costs will increase with the new upgrades, but without knowing for sure, it was estimated at a \$30,000-\$40,000 per year increase. Optional costs in the WWTP budget include enclosing the UV building and the addition of a sludge blanket monitor. A couple of components are needed to finish the WWTP upgrades which are scheduled to arrive around March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **DPW**

The DPW budget has an increase of \$110,000 mainly due to estimated CHIPS funding which is offset in a revenue line. The largest increase requested is for a dump truck (estimated at \$125,000 new; \$85,000 used) and new leaf machine (estimated at \$67,000) which the DPW Superintendent would like to finance. Currently the department is financing a plow truck through 2033. Sidewalk repairs are not included in the budget. The DPW Superintendent would like to sub out sidewalk work for full streets and have DPW do sidewalk express and small repairs. There is currently an open laborer position but the DPW Committee has discussed replacing the position with an MEO instead. There is one truck (#320) that will not pass inspection and the frame is starting to rot out in truck #305, so there is a request to replace a truck as well.

## **PARKS**

There are a lot of new requests in the parks budget because parks keep growing. The largest new request is \$25,000 for Memorial Park and \$9,000 for the trail which includes landing areas for the bridge and plantings. A new mower is requested so the current mower doesn't need to be passed around to different departments. New banners for different seasons, fencing for the Hauck tennis courts, a dump trailer dedicated to the Parks Department, and additional paving in the Village Park are also options.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hauser made a motion at 8:15 pm to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all in favor.

At 8:46 pm, Mayor Hauser made a motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried.

At 8:47 pm, Trustee Draper made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk