

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 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 1st day of May 2023.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel Draper	Trustee
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Ernie Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
GUESTS:	Lorraine Sturm	Perry Herald
	Bill Bark	Country Courier
	James Reynolds	Memorial Park Committee
	Eleanor Jacobs	Memorial Park Committee
ABSENT:	Jacque Billings	Trustee

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATIONS & BOARD ACTIONS

James Reynolds was present on behalf of the Memorial Park Planning Committee. Members of the committee who worked on the signage for the Silver Lake Trail also became the Memorial Park Planning Committee: James Reynolds, Eleanor Jacobs, Administrator Marcy, DPW Superintendent Deaton, Trustee Billings, and Trustee Lawrence.

James showed presentation boards of the Silver Lake Trailhead and Peace Garden plans. The plans include a more formalized trail head for visitors to downtown. It includes a drinking fountain with dog bowl, benches, a bike fix station, and a path leading to Main Street in front of a planned mural space. Peace Gardens are an international movement which the committee wishes to incorporate, with the help of Rotary members and Memorial Park Planning Committee member, Eleanor Jacobs. The plan provides a peaceful pathway with peace tulips. Relatively low maintenance plantings will act as a barrier (rather than a fence) and help with erosion into the creek. This could provide the beginning of a sculpture trail as well. There is still room for public input. The presentation boards will be displayed at the Farmer's Market.

The Silver Creek Outlook behind the Andrus Mill site has a pathway to the parking area. Planting buffers could be installed where some older trees were removed for the bridge installation. A lean-to, like the ones built by Camp Hardhat along the trail, could be placed at this site to add a repeating element along the trail. Low plantings will add stormwater and erosion control while providing a barrier for people and keeping visual access to the area. Benches with no backs will be added along the trail so you can sit either way. A sculpture could be at the top of the area and minimal lighting elements could be added that aren't too bright and wouldn't affect wildlife. The Board and Committee may look to rename the park "Main Street Trailhead."

Mayor Hauser made a motion to endorse the principles seen in the Silver Creek Overlook and Silver Lake Trailhead & Peace Garden presentation boards to be worked into a final plan. Trustee Lapiana seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular board meeting on April 17, 2023 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEASONAL LABORER, JASE STONE

WHEREAS, Mr. Jase Stone has been employed with the Village's Parks Department since May 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works is requesting the appointment of Mr. Stone for the 2023 season; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees does hereby appoint Mr. Jase Stone as a Seasonal Laborer designated to the Parks Department at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective May 2, 2023.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the resolution appointing Jase Stone as a seasonal laborer which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FULL-TIME LABORER, KEVIN BAKER

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for a Full-Time Laborer, designated to the Department of Public Works, due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS, Administrator Marcy and Superintendent Deaton interviewed Mr. Kevin Baker and are requesting the hiring of Mr. Baker as a Full-Time Laborer; and

WHEREAS, Administrator Marcy and Superintendent Deaton are requesting the starting rate for Mr. Baker to be the full rate due to experience and qualifications; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Mr. Kevin Baker as a full-time, benefit eligible, Laborer with a starting hourly rate of \$20.04 effective May 15, 2023.

Administrator Marcy and Superintendent Deaton recommend hiring Kevin Baker at the full laborer rate. Trustee Draper made a motion to approve the resolution appointing Kevin Baker which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER, MATTHEW CROSS

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for a Full-Time Police Officer due to a recent resignation; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cross has been employed with the Village of Perry Police Department since May 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chief Grover is requesting the hiring of Officer Matthew Cross as a Full-Time Police Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Officer Matthew Cross as a full-time, benefit eligible, Police Officer with a starting hourly rate of \$25.68 effective May 8, 2023.

Matt Cross has been a part time police officer with the Village for about a year now. He will be starting out at step 1 of the contract. Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the resolution appointing Matt Cross which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME CLERK, LAURA GIFFORD

WHEREAS, Ms. Laura Gifford has tendered her resignation from the position of Part-Time Clerk effective May 5, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby accepts the resignation of Ms. Gifford and wishes her well with future endeavors.

Mayor Hauser made a motion to adopt the resolution accepting Laura Gifford's resignation which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE PLANS FOR THE 2023-2024 RENEWAL CYCLE

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry currently offers the Police Department employees with dental and vision insurance through CSEA Employee Benefit Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator is recommending to continue with the current plans: Dutchess Dental Plan and Platinum 12 Vision Plan at the current employee contribution rates per the employee handbook and union agreements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the recommendation to continue offering the Dutchess Dental Plan and Platinum 12 Vision Plan for the 2023-2024 renewal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Perry Village Board of Trustees directs the Village Administrator to execute any and all documents relative to the dental and vision insurance services for the upcoming plan year.

The annual contract for dental and vision for the police department went up a couple of dollars but is sticking with the contribution strategy in the contract. Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana to adopt the resolution authorizing the CSEA Dental and Vision Insurance plans which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

VILLAGE OF PERRY

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "AMENDING §490 'ZONING' OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY TO INCORPORATE 'COMPLETE STREETS'"

Adopted: May 1, 2023

The Trustees of the Village of Perry met at a regular board meeting at the Village Hall of the Village of Perry, on the 1st day of May 2023, commencing at 7:30 p.m. and the following members were:

Present:	Mayor	Rick Hauser
	Trustee	Dariel Draper
	Trustee	Arlene Lapiana
	Trustee	Ernie Lawrence
Absent:	Trustee	Jacquie Billings

WHEREAS, all Village Board Trustees, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Perry are considering a proposed local law, entitled “Amending §490 ‘Zoning’ of the Village Code of the Village of Perry to Incorporate ‘Complete Streets’”; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry recognizes that Complete Streets allows for streets to be designed and operated to enable safe mobility and access for all users, regardless of age or ability, so that pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders are able to safely move along and across a street; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provision of section 617.6 (Initial Review of Actions and Establishing Lead Agency) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, (6 NYCRR part 617) the Village of Perry declares its intention to seek lead agency status for purposes of SEQRA review, has reviewed the proposed law and will take a “hard look” at all potential adverse environmental impacts pursuant to SEQRA by completing Part 1 of a Short Form EAF, and shall advise all other involved and/or interested agencies that it believes it is the proper Lead Agent for this Action. Those Agencies are listed as follows:

1. Wyoming County Board of Supervisors
2. Wyoming County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB)
3. Wyoming County Planning Board
4. Village of Perry Planning Board
5. Village of Perry Zoning Board of Appeals
6. Department of Environmental Conservation
7. Town Board of the Town of Perry
8. Town Board of the Town of Castile

and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§239-l and 239-m of the General Municipal Law, said local law and all supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Wyoming County Planning Board for their review and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees feels it is in the best interest of the Village of Perry to hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of said local law.

NOW ON MOTION OF Trustee Lawrence which has been duly seconded by Trustee Lapiana, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, pursuant to and in accordance with the provision of section 617.6 (Initial Review of Actions and Establishing Lead Agency) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, (6 NYCRR part 617) the Village Board of the Village of Perry declares its intention to seek lead agency status for purposes of SEQRA review, has reviewed the proposed law and will take a “hard look” at all potential adverse environmental impacts pursuant to SEQRA by completing Part 1 of a Short Form EAF, and shall advise all other involved and/or interested agencies that it believes it is the proper Lead Agent for this Action. Those Agencies are listed as

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 8. Town Board of the Town of Castile
- and be it further;

RESOLVED, that pursuant to §§239-l and 239-m of the General Municipal Law, said local law shall be submitted to the Wyoming County Planning Board for their review and recommendations at their next meeting on the 5th day of June, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Village Board of the Village of Perry will hold a public hearing on the proposed adoption of the local law entitled "Complete Streets" on the 19th day of June 2023 at 8:00 p.m., at which time all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed local law will be heard.

Mayor Hauser entertained a motion to adopt the above resolution. As noted above, Trustee Lawrence made a motion to adopt the resolution relating to the proposed Local Law for Complete Streets which includes seeking lead agency for SEQR, referral to the Wyoming County Planning Board, and setting a Public Hearing. Trustee Lapiana seconded the motion and it was carried with 4 members voting aye.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER'S REPORT

FY 2022-2023

Abstract #23

Vouchers #1856 - 1919

General Fund	\$ 44,020.02
Special Grant Fund	\$ 1,020.00
Water Fund	\$ 5,967.23
Sewer Fund	\$ 17,048.81
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 37,374.00
Trust & Agency	\$ 2,105.98
Silver Lake Watershed Commission	\$ 37.99
Total	\$ 107,574.03

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Lawrence. Motion was made by Trustee Draper to approve payment of abstract #23 in the amount of \$107,574.03 which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

Trustee Lawrence commented that Laura has contributed to changing the culture of the front office. It is a cheerful place where people feel comfortable to ask questions. He appreciates the positive aspects in the efficiency, accuracy, and customer service of the front office.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ENTITLED “AMENDING §490-72 ‘SIGN REGULATIONS’ OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY”

At 8:00 pm, the public hearing on the proposed local law regarding sign regulations was open. The proposed local law amendment has been passed around to the Planning Board, ZBA, Zoning Committee, Village Board and amended through suggestions. There was some discussion and public comment to clarify what the proposed local law would affect but no opposition.

Mayor Hauser made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried. Mayor Hauser followed up by entertaining a motion to adopt the local law.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the local law entitled “Amending 490-72 ‘Sign Regulations’ of the Zoning Code of the Village of Perry” which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with 4 members voting aye.

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Zoning Committee meets this Thursday, the 4th. The quarterly LCA meeting will be held on May 9th. The Public Safety Committee did not meet.

The Village is hopeful that the Storm Drainage Improvement Project involving Watkins, Benedict, Olin, and Hawthorne will go out to bid this month. If the project goes out to bid as planned with bids due in June and work to start in Summer/Fall, hopefully the work will not interfere with school buses.

Trustee Lawrence attended the first activity of the Tree Board in the Village of Warsaw. Dr. Zerbe spoke at the event and a lot of credit was given to the Perry Tree Board for the use of their plan.

A joint meeting was held on 4/26 in Silver Springs with the Town & Village of Perry, Town and Village of Castile, Village of Silver Springs, and Town of Gainesville to discuss the formation of a joint fire district. The Village of Perry is currently not in a position to sign on to this yet, as the Village is still gathering information. There are a lot of questions about how the fire district would work including how it would be financed. The attending law firm was unable to estimate what the costs would be. If Castile and Silver Springs choose to move forward, there would be an opportunity for Perry to join at a later date. No voting took place that night.

Mayer Hauser announced that the Village Association meeting took place in Warsaw last week with guest speaker James Bragg.

Letchworth Gateway Villages (LGV) is operating efficiently. Mayor Hauser attends the monthly meetings. There is a baseline of about \$45,000 per year that is funded by municipalities rather than grants. LGV continues to support Perry's narrative.

Some DRI updates were given at PMSA's meeting. The Department of State is setting up a phone call tomorrow with the consultant Urban Strategies out of Toronto. The plan is to establish an agenda for an in-person walk around with the consultant and a representative of the Department of State. A training session will be planned for the Local Planning Committee (LPC).

The Village applied for Ralph C. Wilson funds in December for the 3rd time. It was announced that the Village was successful and will be receiving \$42,500 which is earmarked for the Silver Lake Trail Elevated Boardwalk. The Village is waiting for a DEC permit to start exploratory work to finalize costs to make sure there is enough money for the project.

A public meeting was held with mural artist Shawn Dunwoody. He is looking for things to incorporate into a mural for a 70x25 wall. Work is expected to start this summer.

Great vendors are planned for the Perry Farmers Market this year – some new and diverse. June 17th is the 1st Farmers Market of the year.

At 8:26 pm, Trustee Draper made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk