

**VILLAGE OF PERRY  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2024**

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel Draper	Trustee
	Ernie Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
GUESTS:	Lorraine Sturm	Perry Herald
	Addison Barnhardt	
	Nicole Barnhardt	
ABSENT:	Jacque Billings	Trustee
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular board meeting on January 2, 2024 which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, SAMANTHA MARCY, AS PERRY MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION LIAISON**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Rick Hauser has appointed Village Administrator, Samantha Marcy, as the Village's liaison to the Perry Main Street Association effective January 1, 2024-March 31, 2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby approves the appointment of Samantha Marcy as the liaison between the Village of Perry and the Perry Main Street Association effective January 1, 2024-March 31, 2024.

Mayor Hauser has been the liaison for PMSA since its founding in 2005 or 2006. Administrator Marcy has agreed to take on this role. Trustee Draper made a motion to adopt the resolution

appointing Village Administrator, Samantha Marcy, as Perry Main Street Association Liaison which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF VILLAGE BOARD MEMBER, JACQUIE BILLINGS**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jacquie Billings has tendered her resignation from the position of Village Board Member effective January 9, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jacquie Billings has tendered her resignation from the position of Chairperson of the Silver Lake Watershed Commission effective January 9, 2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby accepts the resignation of Ms. Billings, thanks her for her years of service to the Village of Perry and wishes her well.

Jacquie Billings has played a key part in several village committees, hiring and purchasing decisions, and the coordination of the Letchworth Arts and Crafts Show and Sale. Mayor Hauser made a motion to accept the resignation of Village Board member, Jacquie Billings, which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

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

**WHEREAS**, Chief Grover is requesting the hiring of Officer Hunter Anderson 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 Hunter Anderson as a full-time, benefit eligible, Police Officer with a starting hourly rate of \$26.45 effective January 29, 2024 pending satisfactory completion of all required testing.

Motion was made by Trustee Draper appointing full time officer Hunter Anderson at the rate and effective date noted above. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Clerk has received pay app #25 from the general contractor, Crane-Hogan Structural Systems, Inc. for the wastewater treatment plant project in the amount of \$86,195.50; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the following payments for the wastewater treatment plant project and directs the Village Clerk to submit vouchers for payment:

Crane-Hogan Structural Systems, Inc.	\$86,195.50
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Motion was made by Trustee Lawrence approving payment for the WWTP project in the amount of \$86,195.50 which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON LAKE STREET AND WALKER ROAD/SILVER LAKE ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees is requesting a speed limit reduction on Lake Street and Walker Road/Silver Lake Road within the Town of Perry just outside the village limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees does not have the authority to designate a speed zone in this area, however, the speed limits in this area are directly impacting the safety of residents within the village; and

**WHEREAS**, the current speed limit of 55 mph and a sudden change to 30 mph at the village line poses a traffic safety hazard; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Street is a main entrance to the Village of Perry with a lot of foot traffic from the Silver Lake Meadows apartment complex and the Perry Village Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker Road/Silver Lake Road has seen increased pedestrian and cyclist activities since the completion of the Silver Lake Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, these sections of roads are outside of the village limits and therefore are not patrolled by the Village Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry has received support from the Town of Perry, Wyoming County Highway Department and Wyoming County Traffic Safety Board in requesting the recommendation for a lower speed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board agrees that the speed limit is too high and should be lowered; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby request that the New York State Department of Transportation review the speed on these roads and consider a speed limit reduction; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees directs the Village Administrator to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the New York State Department of Transportation along with supporting documentation from the Town of Perry and Wyoming County.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to adopt the resolution above requesting speed limit reduction which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried by all present voting members voting aye.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry was awarded \$357,742.50, in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee is requesting the use of ARPA funds on replacement and repairs of sidewalks throughout the village in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the use of ARPA funds towards the replacement and repairs of sidewalks in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00.

Trustee Draper made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for sidewalk replacement and repairs which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously. Remaining ARPA funds need to be allocated by the end of 2024.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER TO THE 2023-2024 VILLAGE BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Administrator is proposing the following Budget Transfers to correct overspent accounts for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

***General Fund:***

Increase:	A1010.41 (Village Board-Labor Relations)	\$2,854.93	
Decrease:	A1325.4 (Treasurer - Contractual)		\$2,854.93

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to make the above budget transfer and amendment for the 2023-2024 fiscal year; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Village Administrator.

Trustee Draper made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the budget transfer to the 2023-2024 budget which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM MRB GROUP FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry received a WIIA grant through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$3,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry received Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$2,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry had previously awarded the proposal to MRB Group in an amount of \$926,000 for professional services for the Water Treatment Plant Project; and

**WHEREAS**, an agreement for professional services has been provided and reviewed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the Professional Services Agreement with MRB Group for the Water Treatment Plant Project.

The resolution for engineering services is the last piece needed for EFC to close on the financing. The agreement has been reviewed by the village attorney and satisfies insurance requirements. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to adopt the resolution approving engineering services from MRB Group which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS**

**WHEREAS**, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the following appointments and committee assignments:

		Expires:
Silver Lake Watershed Commission Representative	Ernie Lawrence	3/31/2024
Public Works Committee	Hauser, Draper	3/31/2024
Recreation & Resources	Draper, Lawrence	3/31/2024
LWRP Selection Committee		

Due to the vacancy on the board, new members need to be appointed to existing committees. A designee is also needed for the selection of a consultant for the LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program). This will involve reading and scoring proposals and being a liaison to the board. Trustee Lawrence volunteered to fill this spot and Mayor Hauser offered to be a

backup. Mayor Hauser made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the appointment of officials as noted. This motion was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

### **CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT**

FY 2023-2024

Abstract # 16

Vouchers # 1180-1268

General Fund	\$ 33,253.76
Special Grant Fund	\$ -
Water Fund	\$ 6,775.29
Sewer Fund	\$ 19,997.30
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 96,050.38
Trust & Agency	\$ 2,018.79
Silver Lake Watershed Commission	\$ -
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$ 158,095.52

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Lawrence. Motion to approve payment of abstract #16 in the amount of \$158,095.52 was made by Trustee Draper, seconded by Trustee Lawrence, and carried unanimously. Financial reports and NYCLASS statements for December 2023 were provided for review.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports for the following departments were reviewed with no action needed: DPW/Parks, WTP/WWTP, Police.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:04 pm, Mayor Hauser made a motion to enter executive session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law which was seconded by Trustee Draper and carried with all voting aye.

At 8:40 pm, Mayor Hauser made a motion to exit the executive session which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried.

At 8:40 pm, Trustee Draper made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk