

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

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 12th day of February 2024.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Dariel Draper	Trustee
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Ernie Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
	Michael Grover	Chief of Police
	Steve Deaton	DPW Superintendent
	Jeff Drain	Chief Water & Sewer Plant Operator
	David Laraby	Fire Chief
	David Spink	1 st Assistant Fire Chief
	Mason Hinsken	Senior Captain, Fire Dept.

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

2024-2025 DRAFT BUDGET WORKSHOP

ADMINISTRATION/ZONING/BUILDINGS

All requests fit into the budget which decreased by \$5,000.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police budget has an increase of \$23,000 which includes a radar trailer and an electric bike but a decrease for vehicles. The police chief is recommending the addition of a flashing crosswalk sign at the intersection of Main and Olin estimated at \$8,500 plus installation, not currently in the budget, but would eliminate the need for a crossing guard at that location which is difficult to staff.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department budget has an increase of \$5,000. An additional request not included in the budget is for TNT combo battery rescue tools because the truck with a low-pressure system to cut cars is becoming obsolete. The fire chief would like to purchase one tool at \$10-\$12,000 per year over the next 3 years. Volunteerism is increasing but that increases the need for more gear. The fire department has been budgeting to replace five sets of gear annually to avoid a large lump sum payment for replacement. Another request is for rope rescue equipment which is around \$2,100. There is a Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant

Program currently available with applications due by 4/30/2024. The department will identify equipment that grant funds could be used for instead of using general funds.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW has a decrease of \$1,000 which is attributed to \$46,000 less in CHIPS funding but includes the purchase of a leaf machine. The DPW Superintendent is requesting the purchase of a used dump truck between \$50,000 and \$80,000 which is not included in the budget. The current truck is 28 years old and has been costing a lot in repairs. Another request is for paving which could be bonded over 15 years: nine streets at \$50,000 per year or four streets at \$25,000 per year at county bid pricing.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The parks department has an increase of \$13,000. Additional request not included in the budget include fencing for the Hauck tennis courts estimated at \$50,000, a dump trailer for \$14,000 (a single trailer is currently being shared with DPW), playground equipment for \$19,000 (with a goal to upgrade playground equipment every two years), extending the pavement in the village park for \$9,000, and holiday lights to go across Main Street at \$7,500. The tennis courts also need to be resurfaced, a potential cost of \$25,000. Mayor Hauser recommended putting together the details of what is needed for the courts and look into seeking matching funds from Rotary or other community organizations.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The water department budget has an increase of \$17,000 but includes a contingency of \$22,585 which can be used for chemicals if needed because chemical costs have gone up significantly and are difficult to predict.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

The sewer department budget has an increase of \$10,000 and includes a contingency of \$72,726. Money needs to be saved to fix the outfall and to avoid increasing sewer rates. Items not included in the budget but are requested by the Chief Water and Sewer Plant Operator include enclosing the UV building for \$30,000, resurfacing the floors in the headworks building for \$13,000, and lighting in the storage building for \$9,000. The Park Ave pump may need to be rebuilt in the next budget year, for around \$5,000, but contingency could be used if needed. There is a possibility of being able to bond more for additional projects if the WWTP project budget is not used up which allows the village to take advantage of 0% interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:02 pm, Mayor Hauser made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

At 8:45 pm, Mayor Hauser made a motion to exit the executive session which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried.

Immediately following, Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk