

VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 25th day of September 2024 to review the 2023-2024 year-end financial position.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Joel Bouchard	Trustee
	Richard Muolo	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
	Steve Deaton	DPW Superintendent

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

2023-2024 YEAR END FINANCIAL REVIEW

Samantha Marcy, Village Administrator/Treasurer, presented on the 2023-2024 financial year review. Overall, the village came in under budget on expenditures, and revenues were over the projections, giving the village a healthy fund balance.

GENERAL FUND

The unassigned fund balance is \$905,800, on the high end of the fund balance policy, so the village should consider allocating money towards outstanding projects to avoid collecting unnecessary taxes. Mid-range of the fund balance policy is \$693,000, leaving \$212,000 to allocate. The Village Administrator provided items for consideration. ARPA funds also need to be allocated by the end of the calendar year, by resolution. There is \$88,666.62 remaining.

The board considered funding the following outstanding projects and reserve fund accounts: a new fire whistle, adding to the park capital reserve, finishing fencing at the Federal Street trail head, adding to the holiday lights fund, and DPW projects and equipment in need of replacement.

Steve Deaton, the DPW Superintendent was present to answer questions and offer his opinions on the level of priority of DPW projects which include: replacing a dump/plow truck with engine bearing failures, purchasing a used streetsweeper to share with the Village of Warsaw, replacing the rusted body of a dump truck, purchasing a bucket truck whose 20 lifespan ends at the end of 2025, replacing the sidewalks on Bradford Street which is rated the worst in the

village, and paving streets (Orchard, Buckland, S. Federal, Park Ave, Grove, Parker Lane, and N. Genesee).

Recommendations from the administrator and board discussion led to proposals for the fund balance. Resolutions are planned for the next meeting.

WATER FUND

The unassigned fund balance in the water fund is high at \$890,000 but the village is planning a \$7.2 million upgrade of the water plant. A water rate study is in the works to be reviewed towards the end of the year. The Village Administrator recommends leaving the fund balance as is due to the upcoming project.

SEWER FUND

The unassigned fund balance in the sewer fund is \$582,433, just over the highest limit per the policy, but there is another project that will need to be done within the next 5 years; outfall reconstruction. The cost is unknown but estimated to be a multi-million dollar project. The Village Administrator also recommends leaving this fund balance as is due to anticipated projects.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Lapiana at 8:30 pm which was second by Trustee Muolo and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk