

**VILLAGE OF PERRY  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 6, 2025**

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Joel Bouchard	Trustee
	Richard Muolo	Trustee
	Robin Kwiecien	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
GUESTS:	Lorraine Sturm	Perry Herald

Mayor Hauser called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. In the spirit of the new year, Mayor Hauser took a moment to reflect on the progress made over the years, stating that it is hard to measure things happening months at a time, but thinking about the progress made in the Village of Perry over the years is “phenomenal.”

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Muolo made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2024 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RETAINER WITH VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry’s Attorney has provided a Retainer Letter in an annual amount of \$15,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, basic services include legal consultation, contract reviews, attendance at meetings of the Village Board as requested, and drafting of local laws; and

**WHEREAS**, additional services will be billed at a rate of \$250.00 per hour unless noted otherwise; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the Village Attorney Agreement for an annual amount of \$15,000.00 and authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement.

The attorney retainer is the same cost and includes the same basic services as past agreements. Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana and seconded by Trustee Bouchard to approve the retainer agreement with the village attorney. This motion was carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLLING LOCATION AND HOURS FOR 2025 VILLAGE ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, all Village Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Section 94 of the Public Officers Law (Public Meetings 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 next annual Village Election will be held Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at the Village Hall, 46 North Main Street, Perry, New York. The hours of the election will be from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, no person shall be entitled to vote at such election whose name does not appear on the register of the election district in which he claims to be entitled to vote as of March 7, 2025, the last day to register with the Wyoming County Board of Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry deems the list of qualified voters presented by the Wyoming County Board of Elections to act as the register of qualified voters for this Village Election and therefore has no cause for a registration day; and

**WHEREAS**, the offices to be filled at the 2025 Village Election are : one (1) Mayor - two (2) year term from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027, two (2) Trustees – four (4) year term each from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2029, and one (1) Village Trustee – unexpired four (4) year term from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the next annual Village Election will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at the Village Hall, 46 North Main Street, Perry, New York from the hours of 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. and the Village of Perry has no cause for a registration day.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution establishing polling location and hours for the 2025 Village Election which was seconded by Trustee Kwiecien and carried with all voting aye.

### **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

The Budget meeting calendar for the 2025-2026 fiscal year was prepared by the Village Administrator which starts on 1/6/2025 for planned budget adoption on 4/21/2025. Mayor

Hauser spoke about some strategies and different angles to approach how to determine the budget. The Village Administrator laid out a scenario of where the village would be if the tax rate stayed the same. This year's approach to the budget will be different because of the Town of Perry's revaluation which increased a lot of assessed values. The Town of Castile, which includes 15% of the Village of Perry's taxpayers did not, so there will be an 87% equalization rate. Given this scenario, the village is initially looking at lowering the tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year. Committees will be reviewing budget comparisons and potential projects in preparation.

**CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT**

Clerk Report 1/6/2025

**VILLAGE OF PERRY**

**Abstract # 015**

01/03/2025  
16:10:21

**Summary by Fund**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Prepays</b>	<b>Unpays</b>	<b>Totals</b>
A	GENERAL FUND	13,618.69	58,924.65	72,543.34
F	WATER FUND	8,021.00	19,956.19	27,977.19
G	SEWER FUND	2,801.94	8,867.87	11,669.81
HE	CDBG STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS P		1,150.00	1,150.00
HF	WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT		30,515.93	30,515.93
HS	CAPITAL PROJECT - SEWER IMPROV		103.50	103.50
JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSI	38.01		38.01
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		396.00	396.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>24,479.64</b>	<b>119,914.14</b>	<b>144,393.78</b>

Trustee Muolo audited vouchers #1083-1176. Prepays include \$18,375.00 for wire transfers and vehicle purchases and \$6,104.64 for utilities and data processing. Trustee Bouchard made a motion to approve payment of abstract #15 in the amount of \$144,393.78 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Bouchard met with the Police and Parks Committees today where they went over budgets. The Police Chief has been able to secure some cheaper vehicles but the department needs new computers. They are also discussing electric vehicles. Patrols on Lake Street have been successful so far. The department is looking at a couple of new recruits.

The Parks Committee discussed new playground equipment to replace the wooden castle at the Village Park. Cost is a concern largely due to the underlayment being about 40% of the total cost of the playground equipment.

The Tree City USA grant application was resubmitted.

Trustee Kwiecien attended the Zoning/Problem Properties meeting nothing that letters continue to be sent out.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapiana at 7:59 pm which was seconded by Trustee Kwiecien and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk