

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 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 4th day of August 2025.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Joel Bouchard	Trustee
	Richard Muolo	Trustee
	Sandy Lawrence	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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for July 21, 2025 was made by Trustee Lapiana, seconded by Trustee Bouchard, and carried with the following vote:

Ayes	4 (Lapiana, Bouchard, Hauser, Muolo)
Nays	0
Abstain	1 (Lawrence)

RESOLUTION APPROVING RETAINER WITH VILLAGE ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry's current Attorney has provided an updated Retainer for services based on an hourly rate for basic and additional services; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the Village Attorney Agreement with DiMatteo Roach & Kelly and authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Upon David DiMatteo's retirement, the village will be contracting directly with the firm DiMatteo, Roach, & Kelly for attorney services billed at an hourly rate. Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the agreement for attorney services which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR BASE RATE WAIVER FOR VACANT UNITS

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees adopted the Policy of Waiving Base Rate Charges for Vacant Units on February 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, an application was received on July 8, 2025 for the property located at 176 N Main Street and the inspection has been completed by the Water Department; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the application and is recommending approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the waiver for 176 N Main Street per the Policy of Waiving Base Rate Charges for Vacant Units.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the application for base rate waiver of vacant units which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER AND SEWER APPLICATION FOR 4062 LAKESIDE AVE

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry provides water and sewer services to the Silver Lake Institute in the Town of Castile; and

WHEREAS, an application was received for a new water connection and a new sewer connection in the Silver Lake Institute at 4062 Lakeside Ave; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the water and sewer connection for 4062 Lakeside Ave in the Town of Castile's Silver Lake Institute District.

Water and sewer connections in the Silver Lake Institute are billed to the Town of Castile and require village approval to add new connections. Motion to adopt the resolution approving the water and sewer application for 4062 Lakeside Ave was made by Trustee Lapiana, seconded by Trustee Lawrence, and carried unanimously.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT

VILLAGE OF PERRY

Abstract # 005 Summary by Fund

08/01/2025
15:56:10

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND	636.81	71,295.98	71,932.79
F	WATER FUND	259.18	6,727.30	6,986.48
G	SEWER FUND	37.99	8,489.03	8,527.02

JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED	37.99	17,637.00	17,674.99
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TA	TRUST & AGENCY		1,078.00	1,078.00
Total:		971.97	105,227.31	106,199.28

Vouchers #304-382 were audited by Trustee Lapiana. Motion to approve payment of abstract #5 in the amount of \$106,199.28 was made by Trustee Bouchard, seconded by Trustee Muolo, and carried with all voting aye. Outstanding tax collections as of 8/1/2025 total \$229,743.74. The contract was signed for Payee Positive Pay for fraud protection with M&T Bank which is in the implementation process. Phase one of the audit has been completed but no formal report was provided. Clerk Slusser plans to discuss this in further detail with the Office Committee on Wednesday.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

WWTP FINANCING OPTIONS

Two payment schedule options were presented for repayment of debt for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project #C9-6680-04-01. Principal payments are set to begin on 5/1/2026 through 5/1/2046. The village received interest free financing so the total to be repaid is the same for both options. The debt can only go out to 2046 based on the bond resolution, so the schedules have been updated from the last meeting. Options include "Net Level Debt" which is the same payment amount for the 21 payments. The "50% Rule" starts lower and goes up each year, starting at \$245,992.00 and ending with \$368,987.00 for the final payment.

Mayor Hauser put together a spreadsheet demonstrating potential interest earnings in NYCLASS if payment option #2 is selected. Mayor Hauser estimates that approximately \$189,000 in interest could be earned over the 21 years using an average of 4% interest.

Administrator Marcy and Clerk Slusser are in favor of a consistent debt schedule with consideration to budgeting for repayment and the anticipation of inflation and salary increases, as well as future projects to be paid out of the sewer fund. The creation of a reserve account was suggested to ensure the savings are allocated towards the debt payments.

Mayor Hauser made a motion to proceed with repayment of EFC debt for the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the 50% Rule and authorized Administrator Marcy to sign the payment schedule. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Public Works Committee discussed options for the year end surplus. Options include paving Leicester or Covington Street, paving some smaller roads with the Town of Perry's help, addressing drainage at the beach, allocating money to the parks reserve for a grant match for equipment, or repairing sidewalks.

PLANNING BOARD – TRAILSIDE CAMPING REVISIONS

Chairperson Reynolds sent over revisions for Trailside Camping based on feedback from the Village Board on 6/16/2025. The Planning Board is scheduled to review the revisions at their meeting on Thursday, 8/7/2025.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Muolo attended the Public Works Committee and is meeting with the Office Committee on Wednesday.

Trustee Bouchard attended the LWRP meeting on 7/31/2025 at Epworth Hall where a workshop was held to discuss dredging. Dredging is at a standstill because the project needs a location to deposit the material before a budget can be established. The Parks Committee is looking at solutions for stormwater issues at the beach.

Trustee Lapiana met with the Police Committee today. The committee continues to look into parking on Pine Street and the possibility of cameras on Main Street and a village owned impound lot. The SRO at the school next year will be David Spink.

Trustee Lawrence was away for the month of July and had nothing to report.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapiana at 8:36 pm which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk