

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 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 18th 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

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the minutes for August 4, 2025 which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARGE FOR GARBAGE REMOVAL

WHEREAS, Chapter 465-14 A of the Village of Perry Code states that all exterior of the premises shall be kept free from hazards including garbage, solid waste, hazardous waste and trash; and

WHEREAS, garbage will be permitted adjacent to the roadway on the day before and on the night hours of pickup only; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2025, garbage was observed at 32 Water St. (tax map no. 100.8-2-38) adjacent to the roadway; and

WHEREAS, notice was placed at the property with a 24-hour time frame for removal; and

WHEREAS, since the items were not removed within the designated time frame, the Village of Perry DPW removed the items; and

WHEREAS, per Chapter 465-18 all costs incurred by the Village of Perry for such removal including but not limited to; labor, fuel, tipping fees, benefits, tax and insurance, shall be assessed against the owner of said property; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Clerk's Office to produce a bill for 32 Water St. for costs associated with garbage removal totaling \$77.50.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing charges for garbage removal at 32 Water Street. This motion was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING WAIVER OF VACANT BUILDING REGISTRY FEES FOR 50 WATROUS STREET (TAX MAP NO. 100.11-4-21)

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry had previously sent a vacant building application to the owners of the property located at 50 Watrous Street (tax map no. 100.11-4-21) and no response was received; and

WHEREAS, an invoice was created and sent to the property owner in the amount of \$250.00 per the fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the owner reached out upon receipt of the invoice stating that the property is used as a vacation home and is maintained year-round; and

WHEREAS, per Section 465-21 C. (4) of the Vacant Building Registry Law, "If the building is a single family residence to be vacant for three to six months during the year (typically during the winter), the owner must establish a method for maintenance while the residence is unoccupied. Applicants who select this plan shall be exempt from the vacant building fees (§ [465-22](#))"; and

WHEREAS, the owner has filled out the application, and has been approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer; and

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting a waiver of the original invoice that was produced given that the property is not abandoned or unused; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Planning Committee have reviewed the request and are recommending waiving the charges totaling \$250.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the waiver of Vacant Building Registry Fees for the original invoice of \$250.00.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to approve the waiver of vacant building fees for 50 Watrous Street which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EPG GRANT AWARD FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OUTFALL EVALUATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry applied for an EPG grant to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report to evaluate the options for the Wastewater Treatment plant outfall structure; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry has been awarded the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the development of the engineering report; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges and accepts the EPG Grant Award and authorizes the Mayor to execute the award document.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution accepting the EPG grant award for the Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall evaluation which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried unanimously.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT

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**Abstract # 006
Summary by Fund**

08/15/2025
11:08:11

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND	2,310.51	56,049.90	58,360.41
CD	SPECIAL GRANT FUND		626.60	626.60
F	WATER FUND	133.93	23,641.66	23,775.59
G	SEWER FUND	202.24	10,511.01	10,713.25
HF	WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT		14,445.25	14,445.25
HS	CAPITAL PROJECT - SEWER IMPROV		258.75	258.75
JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSI		61.08	61.08
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		689.76	689.76
Total:		2,646.68	106,284.01	108,930.69

Trustee Lapiana audited vouchers #383-487. Motion to approve payment of abstract #6 in the amount of \$108,930.69 was made by Trustee Bouchard, seconded by Trustee Muolo, and carried with all voting aye. A tax collection trial balance dated 8/15/2025 was also provided.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were provided for review: Treasurer's Financial Reports, Superintendent of Public Works, Water and Sewer Departments, and Police Department. The Property Maintenance Officer report was not received.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Lapiana attended the Fire Committee meeting. Fire Chief Spink went over the number of calls for the town in preparation for the contract to expire at the end of the year. There are still talks about fire district consolidation. David Spink will start on 9/2/2025 as the School Resource Officer (SRO). Fire prevention at the school is scheduled for 10/9/2025. First Responder's Night at the Charcoal Corral is scheduled for 10/4/2025.

Trustee Bouchard also attended the Fire Committee meeting. Four new fire fighters are going through their initial training. The department is short on key fobs and pagers due to increased participation. The Community Night Out held on 8/7/2025 was called "impressive" by those who participated. Trustee Bouchard notes good participation with the Tree Board in terms of pruning, watering, and mulching. Dan Zerbe was able to purchase a rare tree to be planted (only 1-2 are available each year).

Trustee Muolo meets with DPW Committee on Wednesday.

Mayor Hauser met with Town of Perry Supervisor Jim Brick about Letchworth Community Access (LCA). Mayor Hauser reports that Supervisor Brick is in favor of moving forward with a 1-year contract with Captivated Studios for short videos highlighting Perry. Mayor Hauser recommends an advisory committee to help generate topics of interest. The LCA bylaws are outdated for its current purpose and may need to be rewritten.

Mayor Hauser spoke about the RFP to extend the Silver Lake Trail and complete streetscape improvements. A walkthrough took place on 8/7/2025 with interested firms in attendance. Proposals are due by 8/27/2025. Mayor Hauser explained how he anticipates the selection process to go. Once this RFP process is complete, the RFP for the Village Hall assembly space will be advertised. The Small Project Fund continues to move along.

Perry is hosting the next Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council (FLREDC) meeting on 9/8/2025 at the East Hill Creamery. A small luncheon will be held for council member prior, at the Arts Council.

Mayor Hauser has been having a lot of conversations about Perry Marketplace with the owners, real estate agents, representatives from the governor's office, and the head of the Perry Marketplace union. There have been interested parties but pension fund attorneys are threatening legal action against potential buyers due to the union contract. Mayor Hauser spoke to the union leader who is a trustee of the pension fund with the latest update that "lawyers are talking." Although the village has no leverage in reaching a resolution, there is a strong interest in the quality of life for the residents of Perry to have a grocery store.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapiana at 8:14 pm which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk