

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 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 20th day of October 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
	Steve Deaton	DPW Superintendent
	Suzie Carlson	Village Historian
	Present for public comment:	
	Brittni Kwiecien	Village Resident
	Darlene McIntyre	Village Resident
	Joe VanRemmen	Village Resident

Mayor Hauser called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC INPUT – PROPOSED DOG PARK

Mayor Hauser stated that the board would consider the expense of a dog park and wants to gauge the enthusiasm of the “dog loving public” to help understand the demand and value. Members of the public spoke in favor of the idea, noting that it would give dogs an opportunity to play and socialize rather than being tied up (as seen near the splash pad) as well as benefiting from the exercise. Rules should be in place and enforced and there should be ways to combat problems. Other comments requested a list of rules to be posted and who to contact if there should ever be any issues, although they had never personally seen a problem at a dog park.

The Village Administrator and DPW Superintendent have been looking into policies and insurance. Most of the cost would be for fencing to ensure it would be safe for both dogs and people. The team is also considering the long-term upkeep. Administrator Marcy mentioned that she received 5-6 emails all in support of a dog park. One comment mentioned that they would like to see restrictions on dog sizes. Another shared links to other communities with dog

parks. The Village Park is the potential location for the dog park based on space available and access to water, although still up in the air.

MINUTES

Trustee Muolo made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/6/2025 which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING EVENT REQUEST FOR HOLIDAY DELIGHTS FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, an event request form was received for the annual Holiday Delights Festival for December 6, 2025 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm; and

WHEREAS, Main Street between Gardeau Street and Dolbeer Street will need to be closed from 4:00pm-9:00pm; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the event request for the Holiday Delights Festival; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to submit the application for the road closure and the temporary liquor licenses for the event.

Motion was made by Trustee Lawrence approving the event request for the Holiday DeLights Festival which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING WAGE RATE FOR SEASONAL LABORER, STEVEN FULLER

WHEREAS, Seasonal Laborer, Steven Fuller, will be taking on the responsibilities of the Parks Foreman beginning October 22, 2025, until December 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee has reviewed the job responsibilities, and budget estimates for the parks department and are recommending an hourly rate of \$25.00 for Steven Fuller to appropriately compensate for the increased job responsibilities during this time; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board approves an hourly rate of \$25.00 for Steven Fuller from October 22, 2025 until December 19, 2025.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the wage rate increase for seasonal laborer, Steven Fuller, which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the ESI Employee Assistance Group has provided the Village of Perry with an annual renewal agreement for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at a cost of \$1,530.00 for general employees and \$685.00 for public safety employees; and

WHEREAS, the EAP program is available to all employees and their household members including children up to age 26 who do not reside with the employee; and

WHEREAS, the EAP program offers many free services for employees including counseling, trainings, and wellness resources; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Perry approves the Employee Assistance Program Contract for a period of 11/1/2025-10/31/2026 at a total cost of \$2,215.00 and authorizes the Village Clerk to execute the agreement.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the Professional Service Agreement for the Employee Assistance Program which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY FOR A WATER LOSS CONTROL PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority and Wyoming County Water Resource Agency were awarded a Local Government Efficiency grant to address water loss control throughout public water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry submitted a letter of intent in January 2025 to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, an Intermunicipal Agreement is required to participate in the program; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board approves the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement as stated above which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FROM THE PUBLIC BEACH CAPITAL PROJECT FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry allocated \$244,520.00 to the Public Beach Capital Project in 2019 from the General Fund Unallocated Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the Public Beach Capital Project has been completed, and revenues have exceeded expenditures by \$40,768.28; and

WHEREAS, the total cash balance is \$66,917.53 with \$26,149.25 remaining to be paid to the general contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator is recommending transferring the surplus of \$40,768.28 back to the General Fund; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the transfer of \$40,768.28 from the Public Beach Capital Project (H) into the General Fund.

Motion was made by Trustee Muolo authorizing the above transfer from the Public Beach Capital Project Fund to the General Fund. This motion was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER USE AGREEMENT (EXEMPTION FROM SEWER FEES)

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry allows for exemptions from sewer fees for certain irrigation, agricultural or industrial processes where it is confirmed that water will not pass through the village's sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the properties located at 151 N. Center Street (Tax Map No. 88.15-1-8.1 and 88.15-1-8.2) has requested an exemption of sewer fees for irrigation purposes for the commercial business; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the request and is recommending approval of the Water Use Agreement (Exemption from Sewer Fees); and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board approves the Water Use Agreement and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the Water Use Agreement for 151 N. Center Street which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried with all voting aye.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT

VILLAGE OF PERRY

REVISED

Abstract # 010 Summary by Fund

10/17/2025
15:42:23

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND	1,629.62	25,915.25	27,544.87
CD	SPECIAL GRANT FUND		10,281.90	10,281.90
F	WATER FUND		14,290.42	14,290.42
G	SEWER FUND		21,622.36	21,622.36
HF	WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT		25,728.00	25,728.00
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		4,340.00	4,340.00
Total:		1,629.62	102,177.93	103,807.55

Vouchers #780-885 were audited by Trustee Muolo. Trustee Bouchard made a motion to approve payment of abstract #10, vouchers #780-885, in the amount of \$103,807.55 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were reviewed: Treasurer's Financial Reports, Department of Public Works, Water and Sewer Departments, Police Department, and Property Maintenance Officer.

The new leaf machine was received which has reduced the leaf pickup crew to 2 people for 3 days to complete the route.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Lapiana attended the Fire Committee meeting. The school recently had fire prevention week where 270 kids participated and 18 won a contest and got picked up by the fire truck for school. Six people are starting interior firefighting operations which is a 2-week program for 30 hours. The Fire Department is looking into purchasing a 2018 Tahoe from LeRoy.

Trustee Lawrence attended the first meeting to look at proposals for the Village Hall. Three firms will be interviewed following the review.

Mayor Hauser spoke about being in contract negotiations with Colliers for the Silver Lake Trail and Streetscape Improvements. There may be a draft agreement to review by the next meeting. Information was shared for the Achieve competition. An application was put together for the November 4th deadline. There will be an announcement by the end of the year on

public and private sector projects, possibly including sections of the trail. The village was asked by Ralph C. Wilson to revise the application for funding and submit it by the end of October. The request will be for \$400,000 to complete the boardwalk. The Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) grant is announced every 2 years around October, but there has not been an announcement yet. The board should be on the lookout for the grant which is of interest for needed work on Center Street. The village is still waiting to hear back on the EPF grant for the Village Hall (hopefully this fall).

Trustee Bouchard attended the Fire Committee meeting. They had pagers come in which are getting programmed. The Fire Chief is planning for winter emergencies involving snow clearing. Trustee Bouchard also attended the LWRP meeting today where 44 specific policies were reviewed. Trustee Bouchard stated that the majority of the policies are either very specific and not applicable to our area, or very general and unsure how they are applicable. The policies must be accepted as written and could affect money for dredging and lake tourism. Letchworth Community Access continues to draft a list of planned videos. The first LCA video will be a DRI overview.

Trustee Muolo attended the Office Committee meeting. The village is preparing to transfer the website to .gov for state and federal requirements. The committee will be coming up with a list of changes and updates for the current website.

The auditor is available on November 3rd to review the 2025 financial statement.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapiana at 8:27 pm which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk