

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 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 15th day of December 2025.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser Arlene Lapiana Joel Bouchard	Mayor Trustee Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy Christina Slusser	Administrator Village Clerk
GUESTS:	Suzie Carlson David Spink	Perry Historian Fire Chief
ABSENT:	Richard Muolo Sandy Lawrence	Trustee Trustee

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzie Carlson, historian and advocate for a dog park in Perry, is concerned about comments on social media regarding the location of a potential dog park. A resident was concerned that the village-owned parcel with access from Leicester Street was being considered. The board reassured Ms. Carlson that the Perry Village Park was the only location that had been discussed and Leicester Street was never talked about.

MINUTES

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the minutes for December 1, 2025 which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER, TODD MACK

WHEREAS, Mr. Todd Mack has tendered his resignation as a member of the Planning Board effective December 2, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board hereby accepts the resignation of Mr. Todd Mack and wishes him well with future endeavors.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution accepting resignation of Planning Board member Todd Mack which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RESERVE FUND FOR PAYMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF PERRY SEWER FUND

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Perry met at a Regular Meeting at the Village Offices of the Village of Perry in the Village of Perry, New York on the 15th day of December 2025, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place the following members were:

Present: Mayor Hauser
Trustee Lapiana
Trustee Bouchard

Absent: Trustee Muolo
Trustee Lawrence

WHEREAS, all Village Board Members having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Section 94 of the Public Officers Law (Public Meeting 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 Village Board is considering Establishing a Reserve Fund for Payment of Bonded Indebtedness within the Village of Perry Sewer Fund for the Wastewater Treatment Plant bond principal and interest payments (GML §6-h); and

NOW ON MOTION OF Trustee Bouchard which has been duly seconded by Trustee Lapiana,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-h of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Village of Perry does hereby establish a Payment of Bonded Indebtedness Reserve Fund to pay the cost of the principal and interest payments related to debt for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer may invest the moneys in the Payment of Bonded Indebtedness Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Village of Perry. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner, which maintains the separate identity of the cash and investments of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided by Section 6-h of the General Municipal Law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. All appropriations from this fund are subject to board resolution.

Motion to adopt this resolution was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FROM THE VILLAGE OF PERRY SEWER FUND TO THE SEWER RESERVE FUND FOR PAYMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

WHEREAS, at the December 15, 2025, Village Board meeting, the Board of Trustees created the Payment of Bonded Indebtedness within the Village of Perry Sewer Fund for the purpose of pay principal and interest costs related to debt for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the difference between the 2025-2026 budgeted expense for debt service and the anticipated payment due is \$61,498.00; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to transfer \$61,498.00 to the Payment of Bonded Indebtedness Reserve Fund for the Sewer Fund; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Village Administrator.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution above authorizing transfer from the Village of Perry Sewer Fund to the Sewer Reserve Fund. This motion was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING RETAINER WITH VILLAGE ATTORNEY FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry's Attorney has provided a Retainer Letter for the 2026 calendar year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the Village Attorney Agreement for 2026 and authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana approving the retainer with the Village Attorney for 2026 which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT

VILLAGE OF PERRY

**Abstract # 014
Summary by Fund**

12/11/2025
15:44:48

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND	1,431.95	41,137.99	42,569.94

F	WATER FUND	784.27	14,106.90	14,891.17
G	SEWER FUND	364.98	21,143.97	21,508.95
HS	CAPITAL PROJECT - SEWER IMPROV		18,407.20	18,407.20
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		1,087.00	1,087.00
Total:		2,581.20	95,883.06	98,464.26

Vouchers #1154-1247 were audited by Trustee Lapiana. Trustee Bouchard made a motion to approve payment of abstract #14, vouchers #1154-1247 in the amount of \$98,464.26 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

LaBella Associates is going to complete a complimentary grant application for the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant for Center Street. There may be a cost of around \$1,000 for an updated engineering report, but the grant application will be covered in full.

Wyoming County is now part of the Northern Border Regional Commission which opens access to a pot of federal funds for a variety of things regarding economic development and infrastructure. Other local municipalities have been recipients. This will be an item for the DPW agenda.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Lapiana attended the Holiday DeLights Festival as well as the Perry Ambulance meeting.

Trustee Bouchard let the board know that LCA is working on videos. The first one has been released and the second is in the works. Sarah McGinnis got footage at Holiday DeLights which will be out shortly. The Santa train will be going around on Christmas Eve.

The Village of Silver Springs, Town of Gainesville, and Town of Castile all voted on consolidating into a joint fire district tonight after a public comment period. There will be 5 commissioners appointed to start out. Not many details are available on the financial effects of a joint district. Perry will have the option of joining the fire district at a later date.

At 8:18 pm, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapiana, seconded by Trustee Bouchard, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Sluser, Village Clerk