

**VILLAGE OF PERRY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2026**

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 January 2026.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Joel Bouchard	Trustee
	Richard Muolo	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
GUESTS:	Jeff Boorsma	MRB Group
	Steve Deaton	DPW Superintendent
	Michael Mott	WTP Chief Operator
	Shaun Gilbert	Resident
	Abigail Dovolos	Student (joined at 7:40)
	Aditya Monger	Student (joined at 7:40)
ABSENT:	Sandy Lawrence	Trustee

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

MRB GROUP – WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT UPDATE

Jeff Boorsma with MRB Group provided updates on the Water Treatment Plant Improvement project. The project is mostly through the design phase and still expecting to go out to bid in the spring for construction in the summer, however, if the board decides to pursue another grant opportunity through the NBRC (Northern Border Regional Commission), where Wyoming County recently became eligible, this will push the timeline back. The WTP project would fall under the infrastructure category, capped at \$1 million with a match of \$200,000 but the village will be financing enough to cover the match amount. The village has already secured \$5 million in grant awards through WIIA and BIL but the original estimate of \$7.2 million project is now projected closer to a \$9.5 million project. This will require about a 27% increase in water rates. The other scenario that includes fixing the water tank went up to about \$12 million. NBRC has a NEPA process which could cost up to \$30,000 and would be a back-and-forth process.

The village could choose to award the whole project or add a bid alternate for the water tank. Jeff Boorsma's opinion is that it would be better if the intake line is not on a separate contract so that all the responsibility falls on the general contractor.

Mike Mott, Chief Operator, spoke about his concerns with the current condition of the plant and times where it is difficult to keep up with the demand for water, especially due to the draw from farms, noting the importance of not putting the project off for another year.

Although project costs have gone up and new issues were discovered in the process with the need to replace the intake line, the village currently has 0% financing for the project which is not guaranteed if the project were to be split into phases.

Mayor Hauser suggested considering pursuing NBRC with a preapplication due in early February. MRB Group will move forward with preparing documents to anticipate 4 contracts: General, electrical, HVAC, and water tank. THM removal equipment is included with the water tank. After previously amending SEQR, the following resolutions are the next step in the SEQR process.

VILLAGE OF PERRY
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AMENDED 2025

SEQR RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING LEAD AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as "Village Board") on November 17, 2025 declared its intent to be designated the Lead Agency for the Village of Perry Water System Improvements Amended Project (hereinafter referred to as "Action") under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has provided written notices to this effect to the involved and interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has not received any written objections from the involved agencies to the Village Board being designated as the lead agency under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has previously determined that it is the most appropriate agency to ensure the coordination of this Action and for making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board does hereby designate itself as the lead agency for the Action identified above herein;

Motion made by Trustee Bouchard: Seconded by Trustee Muolo

The above Resolution was duly adopted on Monday, January 20, 2026 by the Village of Perry Village Board of Trustees.

VILLAGE OF PERRY
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AMENDED 2025

SEQR RESOLUTION

DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as Village Board) has determined the above referenced Action to be a Type 1 Action pursuant to Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed and accepted the completed Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2, and 3 on the Action prepared by the MRB Group; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has completed the coordinated review and public comment period provided for under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has designated itself as lead agency under the SEQR Regulations for making the determination of significance upon said Action; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has given consideration to the criteria for determining significance as set forth in Section 617.7(c) (1) of the SEQR Regulations and the information contained in Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2, and 3.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said Action **WILL NOT** result in any significant adverse environmental impacts based on the review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Village Board does hereby make a Determination of Non-Significance on said Action, and the Mayor is hereby directed to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 as the Negative Declaration and as evidence of the Village Board of Trustees determination of environmental non-significance.

Motion made by Trustee Muolo: Seconded by Trustee Bouchard

The above Resolution was duly adopted on Monday, January 20, 2026 by the Village of Perry Village Board of Trustees.

MINUTES

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the minutes for 1/5/2026 which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP DATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees does hereby schedule a special workshop on Monday, February 9th at 7:00pm in the Village Board Room for a 2026-2027 Budget Workshop.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution scheduling special village board workshop date which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER, TYLER COWIE

WHEREAS, Chief Grover has determined the need for an additional part-time Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Chief Grover is requesting the hiring of Mr. Tyler Cowie as a Part-Time Police Officer for the Village of Perry; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Mr. Tyler Cowie as a part-time Police Officer pending Wyoming County Civil Service approval and satisfactory background checks and his wage to be in accordance with the Police Union Contract.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana to adopt the resolution appointing part-time police officer, Tyler Cowie, which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PERRY CENTRAL SCHOOL UPK RESERVATION REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee has reviewed a request from the Perry Central School UPK program to reserve the South Pavilion on Friday, June 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee is recommending waiving the fee for the use of the South Pavilion; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board hereby waives the fee for the use of the South Pavilion on Friday, June 12, 2026.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana approving the Perry Central School UPK request which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING SHAKE ON THE LAKE RESERVATION REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee has reviewed the request from Shake on the Lake; and

WHEREAS, Shake on the Lake is requesting to reserve the Public Beach on Friday, July 31st and Saturday August 1st for their summer performance; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee is suggesting waiving the fee for the Public Beach; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board hereby accepts the Shake on the Lake reservation request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Perry Board approves waiving the fee for the Shake on the Lake for July 31st and August 1st.

Trustee Muolo made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the Shake on the Lake reservation request which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2026 VILLAGE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator is proposing the following budget amendments to the 2025-2026 village budget:

Debit:	A1910.4 (Insurance - Contractual)	\$6,000.00	
Credit:	A1325.4 (Treasurer – Contractual)		\$6,000.00
Debit:	A5680.4 (Electric Charging Station – Contractual)	\$17.55	
Credit:	A5410.4 (Sidewalks – Contractual)		\$17.55
Debit:	G9901.9 (Transfer to Other Funds)	\$61,498.00	
Credit:	G9730.6 (BAN – WWTP Principal)		\$61,498.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to make the above budget amendments for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

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

Trustee Muolo made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the budget amendments to the 2025-2026 village budget which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL FROM LABELLA FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES FOR THE 2025 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, LaBella has provided a proposal for grant writing services for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, the fee to prepare and file the application is at no cost; however, there is a \$1,000 fee to update cost estimates; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal from LaBella in the amount of \$1,000.00 and authorizes the Mayor to sign the proposal.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion approving the proposal from LaBella for grant writing services for the TAP grant which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT

VILLAGE OF PERRY

**Abstract # 016
Summary by Fund**

01/16/2026
16:35:46

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND	11,102.64	42,983.04	54,085.68
F	WATER FUND		6,142.48	6,142.48
G	SEWER FUND	526.72	23,015.68	23,542.40
JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSI		32.98	32.98
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		4,665.00	4,665.00
Total:		11,629.36	76,839.18	88,468.54

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Bouchard. Trustee Lapiana made a motion approving payment of abstract #16, vouchers #1337-1445, in the amount of \$88,468.54 which was seconded by Trustee Muolo and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were reviewed: Treasurer's Reports, Department of Public Works, Water and Sewer Departments, Police Department, and Property Maintenance. A monthly report from the historian was also received.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Bouchard attended the Parks, Fire, and Police Committees for budget discussions. The Parks Committee discussed solutions for lighting and decorations around the village, the Open Space Grant, dog park, and banner updates. The Fire Chief's vehicle should be ready next week.

Trustee Muolo meets with the DPW and Office Committees tomorrow.

Trustee Lapiana attended the Fire Committee meeting and discussed the V-Fire grant. The Police Chief is interested in a technology grant. Fire Chief Spink reported that there are 60 active fire fighters in the department, the highest number in 15-20 years.

The Town of Perry water service contract has been discussed recently which has not been updated since 2019. Calculations were done on the specific number of hours and services provided by the village to the town confirming that the village is not breaking even on services. A new letter will be drafted to the town.

With no further business, at 8:41 pm, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapiana, seconded by Trustee Bouchard, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk