

**VILLAGE OF PERRY  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 2, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2026.

PRESENT:	Rick Hauser	Mayor
	Arlene Lapiana	Trustee
	Joel Bouchard	Trustee
	Sandy Lawrence	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Samantha Marcy	Administrator
	Christina Slusser	Village Clerk
GUESTS:	Michael Grover	Police Chief
	Lorraine Sturm	Perry Herald
ABSENT:	Richard Muolo	Trustee

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 1/20/2026 which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FROM THE PERRY CHALK ART FESTIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Village has received a request from the Perry Chalk Art Festival Committee for their festival including a donation of \$1,600, a one-day insurance waiver for non-food vendors, permission to close portions of certain streets, assistance from a member of the DPW on the day of the event, and for the Village to continue acting as the fiscal agent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police is recommending requiring the presence of one police officer during the event to control traffic and ensure safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Perry Chalk Art Festival will be required to obtain insurance certificates from food vendors located on Village property, list the Village of Perry as an additional insured, and to provide a copy of the certificate to the Village Office prior to the event; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby approves a donation of \$1,600 and the additional requests outlined in the letter from the Perry Chalk Art Festival Committee and will require the presence of one police officer; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby approves the donation of eight staff hours with the remainder to be billed to the Perry Chalk Art Festival.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution approving request from the Perry Chalk Art Festival which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION CLOSING CDBG STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL PROJECT (HE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees created the HE Capital Project Fund and established the project budget funded through a Community Development Block Grant and monies from the general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, expenses for the project totaled \$860,556.65 and revenues totaled \$856,578.00; \$821,578.00 received from CDBG and \$35,000.00 from the general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, due to increased scope during the project for road and sidewalk restoration, project expenses exceeded revenues by \$3,978.65; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Administrator is requesting the following budget amendment and authorization to transfer \$3,978.65 to the HE Capital Project Fund:

Increase:	A9950.4 (Transfer to Capital Projects)	\$3,978.65
Decrease:	A8540.4 (Drainage Contractual)	\$3,978.65

**WHEREAS**, all work has been completed for this project, and the Village Administrator is requesting closing the capital project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby closes the HE CDBG Stormwater Improvements Capital Project and authorizes the above budget amendment and transfer of \$3,978.60 from the General Fund to the CDBG Stormwater Improvements Capital Project Fund (HE).

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution closing CDBG Stormwater Improvements Capital Project which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION CREATING CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT PROJECT (HG)**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry has been awarded an Engineering Planning Grant through New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to evaluate the Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Administrator has proposed a budget for the capital project fund (HG):

REVENUE:

HG3097	State Aid	\$ 50,000.00
HG5031	Interfund Transfer	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
		\$ 60,000.00

EXPENDITURE:

HG8130.2	Sewage Treatment (Planning Study)	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>
		\$ 60,000.00

**TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET** \$ **60,000.00**  
; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Administrator is requesting the following budget amendment and authorization to transfer \$10,000.00 to the HG Capital Project Fund; and

Increase:	G9950.4 (Transfer to Capital Projects)	\$10,000.00
Decrease:	G1990.4 (Contingency)	\$10,000.00

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the project budget for the Engineering Planning Grant for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the above budget amendment and transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Sewer Fund to the Engineering Planning Grant Capital Project Fund (HG).

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana to approve the creation of the capital project budget for the Engineering Planning Grant which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF AND COMMITTING TO PROVIDE THE LOCAL SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT ROUND TWO APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry is applying for funding under the Municipal Parks & Recreation (MPR) Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, a minimum of 10% of the project costs must be matched by cash or in-kind contributions; and

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry hereby supports the submission of the Municipal Parks and Recreation Round Two Grant and commits to providing the local share of project costs in the grant application submitted to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry understands that this is a reimbursement grant program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry hereby commits to maintaining the improvements.

The Village Administrator intends to submit a previously prepared plan for round two of the MPR at no cost to the village. Mayor Hauser moved to adopt the resolution approving the submission of the MPR grant application and committing to providing the local match for project costs. Trustee Bouchard seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

#### **2026-2027 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW**

Budget binders containing draft budget information for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for general, water, and sewer funds were distributed by Administrator/Treasurer Marcy. The binders include a summary of appropriations and estimated revenue which would increase the tax levy by 1.37% with just the necessary costs. The state assigned equalization rate for the Town of Castile is 80% while the Town of Perry is at the full 100%. Following the projected revenues and expenditures for each fund are additional department requests for the board to review.

Police Chief, Michael Grover, is proposing the creation of an investigator position to fill 24 hours per week at an expense of \$32,600. This request is based on the increase in number of calls, amount of time officers are tied up with calls vs. patrolling the village, and cases not able to be worked due to officers on scheduled days off.

Water fund debt is estimated because the improvement project has not gone out to bid yet, leaving actual costs unknown. The board will consider an increase in water rates beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, as there has been no change to water rates since 2016 and debt payments are guaranteed.

In the Sewer fund, additional requests may help offset some of the department spending. More detail on additional requests will be shared by department heads at the upcoming special board meeting on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Hauser's goal is to not raise the tax rate, focusing on the importance of predictability when it comes to taxes and seeing the village investing and improving.

**CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Report 2/2/2026

VILLAGE OF PERRY

**Abstract # 017  
Summary by Fund**

01/30/2026  
10:21:04

<b>Code</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Prepays</b>	<b>Unpays</b>	<b>Totals</b>
A	GENERAL FUND	946.76	70,837.52	71,784.28
F	WATER FUND	235.94	14,179.65	14,415.59
G	SEWER FUND	37.99	13,050.71	13,088.70
HF	WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT		7,976.00	7,976.00
JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSI	37.99		37.99
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1,258.68</b>	<b>106,043.88</b>	<b>107,302.56</b>

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Muolo. Trustee Bouchard made a motion to approve payment of abstract #17, vouchers #1456-1516 in the amount of \$107,302.56 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Bouchard attended the Parks Committee meeting to discuss grants and options for projects.

Trustee Lawrence attended a trail walk meeting and will meet Thursday for problem properties.

Trustee Lapiana attended budget meetings, noting that department heads are actively looking for grants to support their budget requests.

Mayor Hauser spoke about the Open Space Conservation Grant that was discussed at Parks Committee. Steve Deaton has a dialogue with a property owner about land in relation to the grant, as it would help the village acquire property for the purpose of preserving open spaces. Many steps are involved: walk the property, get an appraisal and survey, assume the owner is on board with the amount, and receive a letter of intent. Mayor Hauser asked the board if there were any objections with continuing down that path and received no opposition.

With no further business, Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk