

**VILLAGE OF PERRY  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 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 17<sup>th</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
ABSENT:	Richard Muolo	Trustee

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

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to approve the minutes for 2/2/2026, 2/6/2026, and 2/9/2026 which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WOLFPACK MULTISPORT EVENT REQUESTS AND POLICE SUPPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the Police Committee has reviewed two event requests and request for police support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Committee is recommending approving both event requests and donating eight hours of police support to each event; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the event request for the Finger Lake Triathlon Silver on May 30, 2026 and May 31, 2026 and will provide up to eight hours of police support; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the event request for the Tour de Perry on July 11, 2026 and will provide up to eight hours of police support.

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution approving Wolfpack Multisport event request and police support which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF PARKS & TRAILS NEW YORK WESTERN NEW YORK TRAIL TOWN GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry is interested in submitting a grant application for the Parks & Trails New York Western New York Trail Town Grants for interpretive historical signage and seating along the Silver Lake Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, if awarded, the Village of Perry would provide the 10% match of the total project budget through in-kind services or cash; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the submission of the Parks & Trails New York Western New York Trail Town Grant not to exceed \$10,000.00.

There is interest in a historical interpretive sign and possibly a bench in the landing spot by the bridge. Trustee Bouchard made a motion to approve the submission of a Parks & Trails New York Western New York Trail Town Grant which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE INFRASTRUCTURE & RESPONSE EQUIPMENT (V-FIRE) GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry is interested in submitting a grant application for the Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program for tri-band radios and battery-operated rescue tools; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025-2026 V-FIRE grant program can award up to \$500,000.00 for equipment for volunteer fire departments with no local match required; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves submission of the 2025-2026 V-FIRE Grant Program application up to \$500,000.00.

Motion was made by Trustee Lapiana to adopt the resolution approving submission of the V-FIRE grant which was seconded by Trustee Bouchard and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OUTFALL EVALUATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry released a Request for Qualifications and Proposals due December 19, 2025 for Professional Services for the Engineering Planning Grant Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, two proposals were received and those consultants were interviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, the selection committee has recommended selecting MRB Group as the consultant; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal from MRB Group in an amount of \$60,000.00 and authorizes the Mayor to sign the proposal.

Trustee Lapiana made a motion to adopt the resolution approving proposal for professional services for the Engineering Planning Grant Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall evaluation which was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATES**

**WHEREAS**, the Office Committee has been reviewing the Employee Handbook and is recommending the attached updates; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board hereby approves the Employee Handbook updates as recommended by the Committee.

Mayor Hauser made a motion to adopt the resolution approving employee handbook updates which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry released a Request for Proposals on August 27, 2025 for Engineering Services for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Silver Lake Trail project and the Streetscape Improvements project; and

**WHEREAS**, five proposals were received and four consultants were interviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, the selection committee has recommended selecting Colliers Engineering & Design for the Streetscape Improvements Project; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Perry Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the Professional Services Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design in an amount of \$34,000.00 and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement.

This agreement for Streetscape Improvements on Mill & South Main Street is similar to the agreement with Colliers for the Silver Lake Trail. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to adopt the resolution approving professional services agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION CREATING CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE GRANT TO ENHANCE MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIONS IN DOWNTOWN PERRY (HH)**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry has been awarded a Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant to Extend the Silver Lake Trail through Downtown Perry and Complete Main Street Streetscape Improvements; and

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

REVENUE:

HH3097	State Aid	\$ 2,450,000.00
		\$ 2,450,000.00

EXPENDITURE:

HH7989.2	Silver Lake Trail - Design	\$ 315,000.00
HH7989.21	Silver Lake Trail – Construction	\$ 1,785,000.00
HH7989.22	Streetscape – Design	\$ 34,000.00
HH7989.23	Streetscape – Construction	\$ 316,000.00
		\$ 2,450,000.00

**TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET** \$ 2,450,000.00  
; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the project budget for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant to Enhance Multi-Modal Connections in Downtown Perry (HH).

Trustee Bouchard made a motion to adopt the resolution creating capital project budget for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant to enhance multi-modal connections in downtown Perry. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried with all voting aye.

**CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT**

**Abstract # 018**  
**Summary by Fund**

02/12/2026  
15:28:30

<b>Code</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Prepays</b>	<b>Unpays</b>	<b>Totals</b>
A	GENERAL FUND	2,415.23	34,781.27	37,196.50
CD	SPECIAL GRANT FUND		2,793.63	2,793.63
F	WATER FUND	1,031.62	7,319.78	8,351.40
G	SEWER FUND	129.74	12,772.69	12,902.43
HF	WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT		1,065.00	1,065.00
HS	CAPITAL PROJECT - SEWER IMPROV		159.75	159.75
JA	SILVER LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSI		32.12	32.12
TA	TRUST & AGENCY		1,906.00	1,906.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>3,576.59</b>	<b>60,830.24</b>	<b>64,406.83</b>

Vouchers were audited by Trustee Muolo. Trustee Bouchard made a motion to approve payment of abstract #19, vouchers #1517-1607 in the amount of \$64,406.83 which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

**DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following reports were provided for review: Village Administrator & Financial Reports, Superintendent of Public Works, Water and Sewer Departments, Police Department, Property Maintenance, and Historian.

The Board reviewed the updates by line in the Village Administrator report: Draft budget – wage rates, a new temporary position for records management, and tentative budget public hearing to be held on 3/16/2026.

**WATER AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF PERRY**

The board discussed options based on the response from the town. The water agreement dates back to 2016 with no increases in fees. Trustee Lapiana made a motion to propose a 5-year contract with the Town of Perry for an additional \$2,000 per year with a 90-day withdrawal notice. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried unanimously. This proposal is very similar to the language in the current contract. The Village Board is willing to meet with the Town Board to further discuss.

The Village Historian requested a map found upstairs. The Board agrees it should be displayed but prefers that it stay at the Village Hall. Once renovations are in the works, there will be a better opportunity to have it displayed.

Water Treatment Plant additional funding opportunities – there was a call with an NBRC (Northern Border Regional Commission) grant rep on the application process and costs: \$5,500 for the preapplication. If invited to apply, the fee to write the application is an additional \$5,500 which requires the NEPA process (around \$30,000). The max award is \$1 million and would push back the project timeline with no guarantees on award. The Board discussed proceeding with the project projecting that bids would be due in April and necessary water rate increases will be implemented in June (to be determined on project budget).

The MPR (Municipal Parks and Recreation) grant was submitted. Preapplication comments were received for the TAP grant and will be reviewed with LaBella.

The Perry Vets Club requested an increase from 100 to 150 Hometown Hero banners to be displayed. The Board discussed how to accommodate the additional workload.

#### **DRAFT BUDGET 2026-2027 – ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT REQUESTS**

As it stands, the general fund has a levy increase of 1.37%. The Fire Department is applying for a VFIRE grant for triband radios and a rescue tool. DPW is in need of a dump truck estimated at \$125,000 which would need to be financed. Citizens have shown interest in a dog park but it may not be able to be funded this year. The Board considered reaching out to Rotary for help with funding new fencing at the Village Park for safety reasons. Rotary was also approached about Main Street holiday lighting. Chief Grover proposed the addition of an investigator position at an expense of \$32,600. The Board would like to see a decrease in other police expense lines (possibly vehicles) and use fund balance to cover a trial period which should have a way to quantify the success of the position for future consideration. In the sewer fund, the Board is willing to allocate fund balance for the purchase of the additional requests: mixer for sludge, 3hp grinder pump, sludge flow meter.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Budget discussions continue with department heads and committees.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

AT 9:04 pm Mayor Hauser made a motion to enter executive session to discuss matters related to employment history of a particular person which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

At 9:21 pm Mayor Hauser made a motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried with all voting aye.

The board agreed to reduce the Village Hall renovation line by \$15,000 and increase additional zoning staff hours by \$15,000 to accommodate the additional department request in the draft budget.

At 9:41 pm, Mayor Hauser made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Lapiana and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Slusser, Village Clerk