

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall 6:00pm

Strategic Planning
March 13, 2025

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

James O’Leary	Solicitor
James Gessic	Mayor
John H. Roskos	Clerk/Fiscal Officer
Steven Williams	Police Chief/Street Commissioner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Council President Pro Temp Jean Schonauer, Council Members Mike Glover, and Ashley Hacking; resident Lee Glover was also present.

1. Review of 2024-2026 Strategic Plan

- Mayor sent some items and changes via email to Council Pro Temp Jean Schonauer.
- It was noted that purchase of tasers, body cams was completed; no updates currently for governance and workforce. Currently working on Pickleball Courts and Grant.
- Policies and procedures need to be reviewed.
- Will be tough to get a bike path grant completed in time.
- Discussion of needing new members on Committees like Board of Zoning Appeals; discussion of potential candidates including 1 with background in commercial construction. In the past some members have rotated through different committees.
- Council Pro Temp Jean Schonauer proceeded through reviewing items listed in the current 2024-2026 Strategic Plan, along with those present. The following items were noted:
 - Governance and Workforce
 - No training yet completed for Fiscal Officer, Mayor or Council this year
 - We are still working on updating some job descriptions
 - Police Chief’s is mostly from ORC; we have prior versions of job descriptions to reference also.
 - Zoning job description is mostly done
 - Chief can reach out to Officers to enhance current job descriptions; same for the road department
 - Mutual aid agreement with North Perry exists, but is not really utilized currently
 - Staffing is good in Public Works Department for now- job descriptions not complete
 - Mayor would like Fiscal Officer to complete a procedural guide once he is up to speed on other items
 - Discussion of an equipment replacement schedule for police equipment (cruisers), road department et cetera

- Will be helpful for budgeting; discussion of Capital Funds, how they work etc. Funds would still be pooled with other STAR Ohio deposits.
 - Discussion of depreciation, life of equipment
 - Keep a record of how often funds are transferred (and for how long they are held) in Capital Funds. Some items may have only been earmarked on paper in the past, but never transferred to a separate fund.
 - Fund can be transferred back to the General Fund if needed; Council Pro Temp Schonauer indicated that Resolution should be drafted to transfer any funds left in Capital Funds back to General Fund, and we should start from scratch.
- Safety Forces
 - Working on new contract for SRO officers with Perry Schools; same with evaluating feasibility of third full time SRO, and establishing an equal share of financial support for SROs
 - Officers completed all rifle training required last year (an annual requirement); also attended mass casualty training, and completed body cam and taser training.
 - Discussion of body cams, video as a service, other large ticket items (for equipment replacement schedule. Pro Temp Schonauer thinks anything that lasts more than 3 years or is greater than \$5,000 per unit should probably be included. Chief will work on compiling a list; should create a 5-year plan for replacement of electronics. Additional discussion related to radar units (units are all about the same age), and replacement schedule.
- Public Works
 - Administration is working on road paving schedule
 - Street lights are being replaced as they burn out (no charges incurred)
 - Replacement of street signs, particularly of speed limit, safety notices (curves), etc. not yet completed. Some street name signs are different styles because of different developers
 - Storm water/street projects for Green, Thompson, and Center are being outlined; Thompson Street slated for this year. No news on grants yet.
 - Discussion of replacement schedule for road equipment; determined that new brush hog is not needed (JEDD has one for use). Standard mowers have been used in most areas.
- Other Areas
 - Additional areas in the Strategic Plan were reviewed, and comments made on what items have been completed, what is still in progress, et cetera (please fill any comments here as I left the meeting to make copies) Jean Schonauer stated that she would update the strategic plan with information from the mayor and what was discussed/agreed upon at this meeting. She will update the document and send it to all committee members for review and comment. The committee will meet again on March 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM to review the remaining categories and finalize the annual updates.

**Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall 7:00pm**

**Regular Meeting
March 13, 2025**

Mayor James Gessic presiding.
Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENT:

Ashley Hacking
Elias Coss
Jean Schonauer
Mike Glover
Rick Walker

Rebecca “Becky” Shimko was unable to attend due to illness.

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

James O’Leary	Solicitor
James Gessic	Mayor
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Steven Williams	Police Chief/Street Commissioner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam Jenkins, Bill Debus, William Booth, Jonathan Booth, Theresa Scout-Dominish, GG Dominish, Matthew Dominish, Audrey Dominish, Ed Zigman, Lorraine White, Ronald White, Lee Glover. Others may have been present but did not sign in.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Solicitor O’Leary read the Proclamation for Jonathan and William Booth. They were recognized for providing the materials and building a beautiful arbor at the entrance to the meadow at Lee Lydic Park at no cost to the village. Jonathan Booth spoke briefly about his company and thanked the Village for this honor and the opportunity to build the arbor.

Solicitor O’Leary read the proclamation for Matthew Dominish, Theresa Scout-Dominish and the Dominish Farm. The Dominish family spent many hours propagating, preparing and ultimately planting nine Paw Paw Trees at Lee Lydic Park in October of 2024. Although Matthew could not attend, Theresa shared what a special project this was and they now have Paw Paw Trees for sale amongst the many offerings they have at Dominish Farms. She spoke of the development of their Farm on Antioch Road in North Perry. Also, their daughter GG Dominish finished third overall in the state of Ohio in girls wrestling last weekend in Columbus. Theresa is the coach for the girls’ wrestling program at Perry High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lee Glover asked Chief Williams about what the Police are doing with E-bikes. The Chief responded that the challenge is there are different categories of E-bikes. There are three classes, and class one and class two can be operated by somebody who's under 16 years on the sidewalk. Class three, then you have to be 16 years of age or older. Helmets are required for Class 3 E-bikes. They cannot be driven on sidewalks. Chief Williams is working with the School District on how to address the use of the e-bikes on and around campus. They can be dangerous because some of the younger drivers are not experienced enough.

Lorraine White also asked about the large homes in the Village that are in disrepair. She noted references on social media concerning the houses. Mayor Gessic replied that the Village has done all that they can do to address these homes. He further noted that the owners pay a fee to the Village each year for the houses remaining unoccupied. He, along with the Solicitor and the Fire Chief have inspected the properties and they have not been condemned; however, Mayor Gessic said one of the properties on Maple is up for sale and the owner has indicated a desire to begin to sell several of the properties. Councilman Coss added that he had inquired about personally purchasing the former barbershop building and never received a response.

Roy Blaylock introduced himself to Council and the audience. He is a North Perry resident, 4899, Lockwood Road, previously on North Perry Council, and he has accepted the position of representing North Perry Village on the JEDD (Joint Economic Development District). He is excited about the Data Center project and believes it is a very good project and hopes to see it come to pass. His goal, in addition to assisting on the JEDD, is to develop great relationships between all three of the Perry entities. To that end he announced that there are 15 passes available for purchase for access to North Perry Park for the summer season. Anyone interested should contact the North Perry Village Hall and speak to Judi.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Solicitor O'Leary informed the audience that Council had requested Executive Session to:

Consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official (ORC 121.22 (G)(1) and inviting the members of Council, the Mayor, the Solicitor, Police Chief and Perry Fiscal Officer. He anticipated the session to last 20-30 minutes and action will be taken once the session is completed.

Elias Coss made a motion to go into Executive Session
Seconded by Jean Schonauer

Vote to go into Executive Session: Elias Coss, yes; Jean Schonauer, yes; Rick Walker, yes; Ashley Hacking, yes, and Mike Glover yes.

Perry Village Council went into executive session at 7:26 p.m.

At 7:49 p.m. Rick Walker made a motion to come out of Executive Session, which was seconded by Elias Coss.

Vote to come out of Executive Session: Elias Coss, yes; Jean Schonauer, yes; Rick Walker, yes; Ashley Hacking, and Mike Glover, yes.

The Council door was opened, and the meeting continued.

READING & DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting February 27, 2025 (emailed on February 28, 2025)

Jean Schonauer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2025 regular council meeting. Mike Glover seconded the motion.

Discussion: No corrections were noted.

Vote to approve: Elias Coss, yes; Jean Schonauer, yes; Ashley Hacking, yes; and Mike Glover, yes. Councilman Walker abstained as he was not present for the meeting.

LEGISLATION

Council considered the following legislation:

Resolution No. 11-2025 (3rd Reading)

A resolution declaring surplus personal property and directing the Fiscal Officer and authorizing all actions necessary to effect the sale and/or credit value of same and declaring an emergency.

Motion to Pass Resolution No. 11-2025: Rick Walker

Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Discussion: none

Vote to Approve: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Resolution No. 14-2025 (Recommendation to Suspend the Rules)

A resolution authorizing the reemployment of James R. O'Leary as Solicitor, affirming his agreement, determining compensation and declaring an emergency.

A public hearing was held pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code. There were no questions or discussion.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Jean Schonauer

Seconded: Mike Glover

Vote to Suspend the Rules: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Motion to Approve: Jean Schonauer

Seconded: Elias Coss

Discussion: None

Vote to Approve: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Resolution No. 15-2025 (1st Reading) A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Perry, Ohio to submit a request to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio to transfer one hundred fifty dollars and fifty cents (\$150.50) from the Mayor's Court Computer Fund (2901) to the General Fund (1000) and closing the Mayor's Court Computer Fund (2901) and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 16-2025 (1st Reading) A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Perry, Ohio to submit a request to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio to transfer six thousand four hundred sixty-three dollars and 34/100 cents (\$6,463.34) from the Mayor's Court Fund (9902) to the General Fund (1000) and closing the Mayor's Court Fund (9902) and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 17-2025 (1st Reading or Suspend the Rules)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to take all actions necessary to apply for the ODNR Grant for Fishing Derby and declaring an emergency.

It was recommended that Council suspend the rules as the deadline for the submission for the grant is approaching.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Rick Walker

Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Vote to Suspend the Rules: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Motion to Approve: Rick Walker

Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Discussion: None

Vote to Approve: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Resolution No. 18-2025 (1st Reading or Suspend the Rules) A resolution amending Resolution No. 07-2024, which authorized the Fiscal Officer to transfer the funds held with Wells Fargo Investments to Star Ohio Investments and declaring an emergency.

It is recommended that Council suspend the rules as Wells Fargo is no longer supporting as of municipal accounts April 1, 2025. Trading will be restricted and they may force the Village to close the account after that date.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Rick Walker
Seconded: Ashley Hacking

Vote to Suspend the Rules: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Motion to Approve: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer
Discussion: None

Vote to Approve: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Resolution No. 19-2025 (1st Reading or Suspend the Rules)

A resolution confirming, adopting, ratifying and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Perry Local School District for the employment of Village Police Officers as School Resource Officers and declaring an emergency.

It was recommended that Council suspend the rules due to the need to solidify the agreement before the end of the 2024-2025 school year,

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Rick Walker
Seconded: Mike Glover

Vote to Suspend the Rules: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Motion to Approve: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Discussion: Mr. Coss and members of Council discussed reasoning, pros/cons of suspending the rules. Additionally, Council discussed the need to respond to Superintendent Jack Thompson's proposal at the last Council Meeting. Ashley Hacking, Elias Coss, Jean Schonauer, Mayor Gessic and Police Chief Williams spent many hours reviewing the information provided by Superintendent Thompson and decided to utilize the format provided by him to draft this Memorandum of Understanding. Basically, the agreement allows two or three SRO's annually with the cost being born by the School District. The agreement would automatically renew each year with the parties reviewing the cost of providing the service.

Vote to Approve: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Mayor Gessic will be meeting with Superintendent Thompson on Friday, March 14th and will provide him with a copy of the MOU.

Jean Schonauer read a statement (Press Release) announcing the submission of an agreement with the Perry School District to continue the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in the Perry Schools. A copy of the Press Release is attached and made a part of the permanent record. A copy of the Press Release was hand delivered to News Herald Reporter, Bill Debus at the meeting.

Resolution No. 20-2025 (Not considered)

A resolution amending Resolution 38-2024, which authorized the Mayor to execute any and all documents on behalf of the Village of Perry for the sale of approximately 163 acres through the Lake County Land Reutilization Corp., formerly the Lake County Land Bank, and declaring an emergency.

Solicitor O’Leary indicated that this legislation may not be necessary. He noted that Council had already approved the basis of this resolution by floor vote at a prior meeting.

Resolution No. 21-2025 (1st Reading)

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (“CEC”) to provide for professional engineering advice, consultation, assistance and services to the Village for the Salt Shed Project and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Gessic stated that he preferred to wait and look at the salt shed prior to taking any action. CEC estimated \$6,000 in costs for design engineering; there is a bowed wall and a beam may need to be replaced. Mayor has a hard time justifying that cost; would like to get additional information and opinion on what to do. The salt shed may have been repaired once before. Additional discussion occurred regarding the possibility of repairing it.

Reports:

a. **MAYOR GESSIC**

Mayor Gessic reported receiving a telephone call concerning coyotes within one of the developments (Dugans Farms). The last time this issue arose Council contracted with a private party to humanely trap and remove them. Councilwoman Schonauer agreed and stated it was a while ago and that she recommends providing the homeowners or HOA with the name of the trapper, since it is private property. They can also contact also suggesting that residents contact Brian Paulus. He is with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and he can give us more resources and information about the region. It was however recommended that the trapper be contacted for any coyotes that might be at Lee Lydic Park (may also want to trap in area behind Village Hall)

Mr. Debus of the News-Herald was asked whether other communities he covers have done anything about coyotes; he confirmed they have not. Council was hesitant to provide a list of

trappers due to liability issues, and recommended providing information instead. Coyotes are covered under nuisance animals; best time to address is when they are in dens.

There was a JEDD meeting this morning; vote on property postponed so new member Roy Blaylock could review. Mayor has a meeting with First Energy next Thursday; due diligence started today, electrical load study should be completed in April.

The area by the road garage has been graded; ruts will be addressed after April 1.

b. **SOLICITOR O'LEARY**

Solicitor O'Leary announced that North Perry Police Chief Ron Walters wife Becky passed away on March 8, 2025. The funeral is Friday, March 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Solicitor O'Leary also mentioned that his grandson's High School Basketball Team (Cornerstone Christian Academy) has made it to the final four in Division VII. They play the semifinal game Friday, March 14th in Columbus and if they win that game the State Final is Saturday, March 22nd at 5:15 p.m. at the University of Dayton. Councilman Coss echoed his support and noted his following both O'Leary's grandsons' team but also his granddaughter's team.

c. **ENGINEER ROBERT B. PARKER, P.E.**

Engineer Robert B. Parker, P.E. was not present, but Mayor Gessic mentioned that they were out looking at Green and Thompson Streets and planning for the water line.

d. **JOHN H. ROSKOS - FISCAL OFFICER**

The Fiscal Officer distributed his monthly report. At the end of February, we ended with \$2,125,868.02 (in the General Fund). Monthly revenue was \$134,827.33 versus expenditures of \$107,917.54 for a net surplus of \$26,909.69. Expenditures were \$14,972 less versus February 2024; the primary reason for lower expenditures was that February 2024 included three pay dates versus two for this year and timing of our insurance payment to PEP, which we made in January this year, as opposed to February last year. Our expenses varied versus last year in several areas, contractual services in police enforcement was less, supplies, materials were higher. Recreation was higher due to timing of payment to the Perry Recreation District and our street maintenance and repair was significantly higher this year due to the severe winter (\$18,645.93 versus \$11,454.80).

Activity in Other Funds: \$3,390.54 was paid to the Illuminating Company for electricity for Street Lights (Fund 2902) and \$9,324.08 in personnel expenditures was paid out of 2904 SRO Fund in February. There was no other significant activity in Governmental Funds. Finally, \$27,162.43 in income tax for the JEDD was received and subsequently remitted for the month.

Other Discussion: I'm continuing to work on our bank reconciliation issues. I'm hoping that this resolved during our upcoming audit, which should begin either later this month or in April. Additionally, while preparing our new monthly financial summary spreadsheet, I discovered that more than 20 receipts were recorded in incorrect funds during 2023 and 2024; so these corrections, along with the bank reconciliation issue, will eventually require an adjustment to the fund balances of the general fund and others. I don't have the final totals yet. I do have a pretty

good idea of what the totals are for the adjusted receipts, but I'm still working on a bank reconciliation issue, so I don't have a final amount there yet. This month, I also will begin to develop a long-range estimate of revenues and expenditures based on historical data as well as future considerations, and I'm hoping to have the monthly summary financial spreadsheet updated and finalized this month. Part of the delay on that has been the issue with receipts that need to be adjusted and figuring out what the final figures are.

e. **CHRISTIAN GRAY – ZONING REPORT**

Mr. Gray was not present but provided a report. The Mayor stated that we have a zoning meeting on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m.; Christian is looking at the zoning for the data centers (incorporating zoning from New Albany). He believes we're going to go industrial zoning because of the permitted use for the Data Center; we'll have stipulations on standards. Once we decide zoning, we will need to have an additional meeting; the target date would be the end of April.

f. **POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS – POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief: Chief Williams submitted his report and provided the following supplement:

Fire Extinguishers: we had a fire extinguisher inspection. We've seen that there was significant savings if we purchased them online or through Amazon, however, there's additional costs due to additional inspection charges. The company that we had contracted with before Silco Fire & Security actually bought out Five Star. What they discovered was Five Star should not have been tagging a lot of these fire extinguishers since they were obsolete, outdated. Silco offered a quote of \$2,200 for 16 extinguishers (various sizes), while Gene Ptacek & Son (GPS) is less expensive. at \$1,957.00. Ptacek is well regarded. Councilwoman Schonauer recommended getting them to do all the extinguishers including the police cars. Councilman Glover asked about one at the Service Garage and that will become part of the program. Might need to add an extinguisher for the Park as well.

g. **STREET COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS – PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Street Commissioner Williams submitted his report. In addition, he had the following supplement:

Chief Williams was notified by the Lake County Utilities indicating that we have not had the backflow prevention test done at the Park. He was not aware of it. He contacted them and they recommended contacting our backflow test company to review the site and install one if necessary. The quote was roughly \$2,600 which is about \$400.00 less than what they initially said it would be. The water will not be turned on by LCDU without installation of a backflow preventer.

Also, the Chief said one of the radiant heaters in the garage needs to be repaired or replaced; it is a large heater, probably will be less expensive to repair. He has one quote for about \$1,500. He will provide additional information at the next meeting.

h. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

The following reports were made by Councilmembers:

1. **Rick Walker**: the only thing I have tonight is for the Pitch In program; the Township Newsletter is coming out and he would like to include an article, indicating all three entities are involved now.
2. **Rebecca Shimko**: Becky Shimko was not present at this meeting.
3. **Jean Schonauer**: Jean Schonauer said we had our strategic plan meeting at six o'clock today, and we got about halfway through with the updates, and I would like to get the updated version to everybody in the next day. Then, in two weeks we can review the second half. If anybody's got any additional stuff as they're looking through all that, send it to me, and I can get it in to that document and keep updated.
4. **Mike Glover**: Mike Glover gave an update on the garden. I was informed by Denny Shimko that he graciously volunteered rototill the garden again this year, and he usually does it as early as he possibly can, but he said definitely by May 1. So, we're on run track to open up at our normal time, May 11th. Lee, Pam and myself went over to the park and we cleaned out the Martin House. Next year we need more volunteers, because I don't want to ever do that again. The clean-up from birds was disgusting. It was pretty bad. So, it's definitely a clean out every year though. The next Parks Meeting will be April 1, 6:30pm here at Village Hall.

And thank you to Hope Gessic for dropping off all the St. Patrick's Day treats. The lucky charms and bracelet were a nice touch. Councilwoman Schonauer agreed.

5. **Elias Coss**: Elias Coss reported that the Fall Festival Committee met on Monday. The focus of the meeting was to talk about some of this information we got back from the survey last year. A big focus is going to be, what can we do to enhance the Fall Festival, specifically for teenagers, throughout the day and then towards the evening? Possibly by adding a band or a piano versus piano, some type of competition? So those are some ideas. I signed the firework contract a week or two ago, so we're bringing back the same company for the exact same cost; there was no increase.

So, as for the board itself, we had a seat vacated on Monday. I've already spoken to that specific entity. They've already identified a possible replacement. They obviously have to vote on that. Our next meeting for both the Fall Festival and the board will be May 5th.

As for the Senior Center, the Volunteer of the Year Award; as you guys know, the awards have been renamed, so the Senior Center volunteer of the year is going to be named after Rick Amos and the Youth Rep Volunteer of the Year is going to be named after Phil Casella. However, the Senior Center award typically happens in April. Christine has very nice lunch that she puts together. It's a very well put together, but it will be delayed this year, because the volunteer who's receiving the

award had surgery. Mr. O’Leary asked for more information when available, so he could prepare proclamations.

6. **Ashley Hacking**: Ashley Hacking thanked Bill Debus from the News-Herald for writing a great article that was really appreciative of pickleball court and getting supporting letters. I know John Roskos has been working really hard this week, actually taking everything that we put together.

I wanted to follow up for the poop bags and the garbage cans. Mayor Gessic responded that he has a website to review. Councilwoman Hacking said I know that there's been a problem and we need them; there was some pickup I heard, and it was double digits and double digits of bags, and that was only like a fourth of the park. So, we definitely need these garbage cans.

Councilman Coss asked to piggyback on the comments about John Roskos and how helpful he has been. Actually, I know we've done this a couple times, but kudos to John. Thank you, for the information you provided to me. You know, I think it’s phenomenal, a breath of fresh air, and I come to the Village Hall unannounced, and he is always working. John is always focused. As for me, anytime I have made a request he has been responsive and also finding the mistakes over the past two years and reporting it to Council. It gives us all great confidence in the data we receive from our Fiscal Officer.

PURCHASE & APPROVALS:

Mr. Roskos submitted purchase and approvals to Council for the time period from February 21, 2025 through March 6, 2025. Councilwoman Schonauer made a motion to approve. Rick Walker seconded the motion.

Vote to approve: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Debus, News Herald asked about a couple of items covered in the meeting:

1. Can you explain the MOU and the SRO contract? Councilwoman Schonauer explained Perry Village provided Superintendent Jack Thompson with a proposal for a contract. He looked at it, he came back with proposals from the school, and then he had some other sample proposals from Riverside, from the state of Ohio, because they have, like, a template and Mentor Schools. And then we looked at all of that, and we took his version and fixed a few things in it, and that's the final version. So, we're going to be giving it to him. Jack's been working on behalf of the school board. Typically, the Superintendent does this, and then once there's a final product, it goes to the school board. So, we're going to be presenting our version of the contract, and hopefully he'll take that to the school board. This is a joint effort, so they'll take it to the school board, and they still have to review and approve it.

Mr. Debus: so, it's still a proposal and one of the key things I know with the MOU was the Perry school district will have the option to either maintain the current SRO structure or expand to three. Schonauer responded yes. Perry wants to make sure that the understanding is we're happy to provide a third SRO. We think that would be an ideal situation, but we also understand the economics of a third SRO, so we, we want to make sure that the school has the ability to expand the contract the number of SROs that they have if they decide that's what they want to do; we're just reinforcing that we would be okay with that as well.

2. Mr. Debus asked about Resolution No. 20-2025. Solicitor O'Leary explained that it was placed on the agenda because there was confusion over whether Council had approved the due diligence extension for the Data Center project. As it turns out, Council approved it as a floor vote at the last meeting.
3. Mr. Debus asked the Mayor about a meeting on Thursday is there is something going to be consummated, then should I know about? Should I be contacting you? Mayor Gessic reiterated the JEDD meeting was to review changes including the due diligence period, the JEDD portion of this is another part that has to take place, and that's what's going to happen next.
4. Mr. Debus asked Councilman glover about the garden. Mr. Glover said there will be twelve (12) plots of either 20 x 20 or 20 x 10. Some plots will be shared/split.
5. Ed Zigman thanked the Fiscal Officer for an outstanding job
6. Councilman Coss stated that the Fall Festival will be September 6 and he confirmed that he agreed to remain Chairman of the Committee; he is working on a succession plan. Councilman Mike Glover will be in charge of parking.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Solicitor O'Leary informed Council that no additional executive session was required.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Glover made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ashley Hacking.

Vote to Adjourn: Elias Coss, yes; Jean Schonauer, yes, Rick Walker, yes; Ashley Hacking, yes, and Mike Glover, yes

The Perry Village Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**The Next Regular Council Meeting will be
3/27/2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

Jean Schonauer, Acting Mayor

Posted ____3/28/2025____