

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Tax Budget Hearing
Perry Village Hall 7:10pm**

**Tax Budget
May 8, 2025**

Public Hearing for the 2026 Tax Budget was opened at 7:10 PM. There were no questions from the public and the hearing ended at 7:12 PM.

**Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall 7:13pm**

**Regular Meeting
May 8, 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

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

James O'Leary	Solicitor
James Gessic	Mayor
Christian Gray	Zoning Inspector
John H. Roskos	Clerk/Fiscal Officer
Steven Williams	Police Chief/Street Commissioner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Debus, Lee Glover, Mark Kerslake, Barb Howley and Robert Parker. Others may have been present but did not sign in.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Solicitor O'Leary read the Proclamation for Lt. David Thorne who is retiring May 9, 2025. In part, the proclamation read: Lt. David Thorne joined the Perry Joint Fire District on May 9, 2001 as a Firefighter/Paramedic and was promoted to Lieutenant in August of 2015; served in the United States Marine Corp from 1985 to 1987 and was honorably discharged at the rank of Lance Corporal; worked part time as a Firefighter and Paramedic for the Kirtland Fire Department from 1991-2001; served in the following areas: Honor guard from 2001-present, in charge since 2019, Tech level ropes since 2010, EMS instructor since 2010, fire instructor since 2015, fire inspector and investigation since 2015, and CPR instructor since 2016. Lt. Thorne has three daughters and currently resides in Kirtland. Therefore, the Mayor and Council of the

Village of Perry, do hereby state that it is fitting that the residents of Perry should join the family, friends, and colleagues of firefighter LT. David Thorne in thanking him with our deepest regards and extending to him our best wishes for continued success in retirement.

All of Council signed the proclamation and Councilman Rick Walker agreed to present the resolution at the retirement luncheon.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment during the first public portion of the meeting.

READING & DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting April 10, 2025 (emailed on April 15, 2025)

Jean Schomauer made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2025 regular council meeting. Rick Walker seconded the motion.

Discussion: No corrections were noted.

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

LEGISLATION

Council considered the following legislation:

Resolution No. 23-2025 (3rd Reading)

A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer One Thousand Eight-Hundred and Nine Dollars and Forty Cents (\$1,809.40) from Fund 4902 Capital Equipment to Fund 1000 General Fund and declaring an emergency.

Motion to Pass Resolution No. 23-2025: Rick Walker

Seconded: Rebecca Shimko

Discussion: none

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

Resolution No. 24-2025 (3rd Reading)

A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend the Certificate of Estimated Resources for the year 2025 and declaring an emergency.

Motion to Approve: Rick Walker
Seconded: Elias Coss

Discussion: None

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

Resolution No. 25-2025 (2nd Reading or Suspend the Rules)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to apply for grant funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant Program, and declaring an emergency.

Council determined it was appropriate to suspend the rules due the submission deadline.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Rick Walker
Seconded: Rebecca Shimko

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

Resolution No. 27-2025 (1st Reading)

A resolution approving the proposed Tax Budget in the form attached hereto for the Village of Perry, Ohio for Fiscal Year 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 28-2025 (Suspend the Rules)

A resolution amending Resolution No. 66-2024 and approving the Permanent Appropriations Funds for the Village of Perry, Ohio for the Year 2025 and declaring an emergency.

Council determined it was appropriate to suspend the rules for audit purposes.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Rick Walker
Seconded: Elias Coss

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

Motion to Approve: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Discussion: Mr. Roskos noted two reasons for the appropriations adjustment. First, the audit ended up being a full audit due to the change in fiscal officer and secondly for an unforeseen expense, specifically the payment of a Village resident's indigent funeral. There are currently no funds appropriated for this purpose. The Village may be reimbursed by the State up to \$1,000.00 if there are funds remaining in that State Fund.

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

Resolution No. 29-2025 (1st Reading)

A resolution by the Council of the Village of Perry, Lake County, Ohio, to levy assessments for the improvement of various streets in the Village of Perry by supplying said streets with electric street lighting and sidewalks and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 30-2025 (Recommend Suspend the Rules)

A resolution authorizing Mayor James A. Gessic and Village Engineer Robert Parker to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program (s) and to execute contracts as required.

Council recommended suspending the rules due to the time frame for the submission of the grant.

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; Rebecca Shimko, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Motion to Approve: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Discussion: ODOT requires a certain format for the Resolution. It was noted that this project involves Green Street.

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

Resolution No. 31-2025 (Recommend Suspend the Rules)

A resolution authorizing the Village of Perry Engineer to apply for a grant with Ohio Public Works Commission for road work on Maple Street and declaring an emergency.

Council recommended suspending the rules due to the time frame for the submission of the grant.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Jean Schonauer
Seconded: Elias Coss

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

Motion to Approve: Jean Schonauer
Seconded: Rick Walker

Discussion: It was noted that this project involved Maple Street.

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

Resolution No. 32-2025 (Recommend Suspend the Rules)

A resolution authorizing the Village of Perry Engineer to apply with the Ohio Public Works Commission Small Government Program for the 2025 Perry Village Drainage Improvement Project and declaring an emergency.

Council recommended suspending the rules due to the time frame for the submission of the grant.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Rick Walker
Seconded: Elias Coss

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

Motion to Approve: Mike Glover
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Discussion: It was noted that this project involved drainage improvements along Green Street.

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

Ordinance No. 2025-01 (2nd Reading)

An ordinance amending Chapter 351 "Parking Generally" of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Perry, and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2025-02 (2nd Reading)

An ordinance inserting a text amendment to the Zoning Code of the Village of Perry, Industrial District I, allowing for the inclusion of a Data Center.

It was noted that a public hearing was held prior to the Council Meeting by the Perry Planning Commission in which the Planning Commission approved the text changes; there will be a public hearing by Council prior to the regular meeting on June 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Reports:

a. **MAYOR GESSIC**

Mayor Gessic reported as follows:

Mayor Gessic announced that 10 coyotes were captured, one of which was in the park. Six of the coyotes were females, four males; three females were pregnant. Hopefully, this will minimize further coyote attacks.

The Road Department is working on filling pot holes.

He requested input on the Fishing Derby. He has purchased trophies but is looking for ideas for prizes. Several council members mentioned gift cards and fishing related equipment; Council noted that the Village Market may have live bait for sale.

He mentioned that he has a meeting next week, I believe, on Thursday, for the water line to the small dog park, to get a quote on that.

Also contacted our two Senators, Husted and Moreno about ditches dug in the farmland over there; they're trying to call them wetlands. So I got a call in with them to see if we can change the interpretation of the EPA rules, to get responses from both of them.

He stated he has spoken with the Township and the Developer about annexation of the Township property. Meeting with Dave Radachy from the County to discuss which annexation approach makes sense.

Finally, he noted Perry Resident, Edward Clooney a West Point candidate was in to inquire about finger printing for a background check. Congratulations on his consideration. Robert Parker noted he was a previous West Point Graduate.

b. **SOLICITOR O'LEARY**

Solicitor O'Leary announced that all of the necessary documents for the transfer of the Champion Farms land, Deed Restrictions, Release of the Lease and Easement have all been filed.

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

Engineer Robert B. Parker, P.E. arrived late, but provided the following report out of order: He provided drawings for Green St if you want to see them. Yes, we came in actually under what we originally estimated in OPWC. We did receive notification that if we pass an ordinance tonight using the OPWC standards, we're going to get the grant for Green Street. Under a separate OPWC program for small government (we're looking at drainage improvements in various areas). And hopefully Maple Street this year too. I don't think it's going to get funded, but we'll try and get both projects next year.

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

The Fiscal Officer distributed his monthly report. At the end of April, we ended with a general fund balance at the end of \$2,296,536.00, our monthly revenue was \$168,404.00, versus expenditures of \$103,830.00, for a net surplus of a month of 64,574.00. Expenditures were \$12,102 higher versus last April. There are a variety of reasons for the higher expenditures, although most of the increases incurred in personnel expenses, costs for coyote control and engineering fees also played a role. Some areas saw lower expenses, such as the County Health District, which was paid in March 2025 due to the timing of the Real Estate Settlement and Parks and Recreation was also lower than last year. Revenue was \$186,099 in April 2024; however, these figures, year to year, are not comparable due to the timing of the real estate settlement last year.

Activity in other funds: We paid \$3,831.00 to the Illuminating Company for street lights out of Fund 2902. NOPEC is estimating an additional increase of about 10 to 15% beginning in June across all residential and commercial customers due to significant increases in capacity prices which they do not control. There's another organization that controls the power grid in about 13 states, and sets auctions for the capacity prices.

Additionally, \$8,099.11 in personnel expenditures was paid out of 2904, SRO fund in April, there was no other significant activity in our governmental funds, and we remitted \$21,415.15 in income tax for the JEDD for the month. Other discussion, our 2023, 2024, audit is in process. You might have gotten a few emails and requests for information from me, and that should be completed within the next few weeks, although I think their deadline is June 30, that they're required to be done by. They were here on Tuesday, earlier this week, and then they were here a couple days last week. Most of the rest of their work they'll be doing off site. So periodically they'll request additional information, and if I need anything from Council, I will let you know. Again, originally it was supposed to be an agreed upon procedure audit, which would have been a shorter audit, but due to the transition in the fiscal officers, the state auditor is requiring a regular audit. So basically, it's more in depth.

We are still working on the bank reconciliation issues, and so is the auditor. They have not been able to come up with the difference yet either, but I'm hopeful they might have some ideas. I have the financial spreadsheet, the draft is basically complete, minus the adjustments that we'll probably need to do in the funds, fund adjustments. So the numbers are not quite right, but I may send that out in the next couple days or early next week to see what you think, and we can make adjustments as necessary.

The tax commissioner of Ohio approved our transfers from the inactive mayor's court funds to the general fund. I did ask a follow up question, because there is a 60 day appeal period. They indicated that we can do the transfers immediately, or we can wait, if we want to. And finally, well, I did mention this earlier, I did submit a request to the Lake County Auditor for our taxable values of all parcels so we can calculate the assessments for street lighting and the sidewalk assessment.

One other thing, RITA has a process for delinquent taxes. We do send out letters for the delinquent taxpayers. RITA does it for us. There's also an option of a subpoena program. They do administrative subpoenas to those that owe money, and they will do hearings and go to court to try to collect delinquent income taxes on behalf of the village. So I was asking for opinions from Council as to what they thought we should do this year, if we should stay with the letters or move to a more aggressive approach.

The consensus of Council was to request whether RITA would handle cases over a certain amount than those under. (i.e. letters for lower amounts, subpoena for higher). He will check with RITA.

e. **CHRISTIAN GRAY – ZONING REPORT**

Mr. Gray reported 18 new permits in the last month including additional homes, right away permits for gas lines, installing patios, sheds, and decks. Earlier planning commission made a motion recommending the text amendment for data centers. So, I appreciate everyone and all the work that went into that; the Province Group has...put a lot of work into reading and understanding our zoning textbook. They hired a lawyer out of Cleveland who basically dove in and read probably every letter of our textbook, making sure that they are doing the right things. And I applaud them and appreciate the work that they're putting into and it makes it easy on our end to be able to get these things reviewed and completed.

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

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

He informed Council that the 2013 Ford Taurus was sold to Grand River Village Police pending their Council's approval next week.

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

Street Commissioner Williams submitted his report.

h. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

The following reports were made by Councilmembers:

1. **Rick Walker:** It has been busy in the fire department. You see that net profit of \$4,617.04 at the pancake breakfast. I wasn't there super early, but I guess the Fire Chief said at 9:30 was just wall to wall people. So, a great turnout again. Lieutenant Thorne's retirement party is at station two. I did confirm that. We promoted David Genson from part time to full time. Also, hiring John Bateman next month to fill in, his position is full time, and we'll swear him in at the next meeting.

Pitch In is not as busy as I thought it was going to be. Most of the requests are for some cleanup. We have a request for lawn care once again. The Pitch In committee will need to decide what to do with it because this individual has requested this prior.

Elias Coss reiterated that it is a big job over an acre of land and debris in the back yard. The problem is the owner has a zero turn mower that does not work, but even if working she could not operate it.

Solicitor O'Leary suggested that the committee find a landscaper that could use the zero turn mower, repair it and in turn provide lawn care for this year and maybe next year depending on how much they charge for each cut. All agreed.

2. **Rebecca Shimko**: Becky Shimko had nothing other than the planning commission met to review text changes to the Industrial District language.
3. **Jean Schonauer**: Jean Schonauer thanked Zoning Inspector, Christian Gray for getting me the additional information on the homes that were completed over the last year, I will be amending our current strategic plan to include that as to what was accomplished in 2024. She asked Bill DeBus if he would like a copy and he did. Also, I spoke with Jeremy Iosue concerning the personnel manual and personnel issues. They've had our employee handbook for quite some time, and they're working on it. I indicated to him that we need that done and that we also wanted to look at making some changes to our bereavement leave policy and also adding a maternity leave policy. So he was going to put some stuff together, because they have obviously had that information for other clients that they've used, and he's supposed to be getting that over. I will forward to Johnny and the Mayor.
4. **Mike Glover**: Mike Glover announced the next Parks Committee Meeting for Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. here at Village Hall. In addition, he asked Barb Howley to give an update on the Earth Day event:

Barb Howley reported that on April 27 we had our Earth Day event:

It was wonderful, weather cooperating with us for once. For our kites, we had a man that did some kite demonstrations, and it was sunny the whole time. In the past, we've had a hard time getting volunteers, and we had a plethora of volunteers. This time. We had six of our football players, wonderful, wonderful men. The boy that did the pond last year graduated, but his little brother took over and did that.

We had Darin surprise us with having police vehicle that it was just incredible. Right when he had parked the vehicle, along came this man with two little boys, and one little boy was dressed in his police costume and you would have thought this little boy died and went to heaven. It was just magical. So, then we also had, I had my girls, two girls from high school who have done this multiple times for us, and my four adult grandchildren came and so, I mean, we had Elias there. He donated part of his afternoon, busy afternoon with us. And, I mean, it was wonderful, but we had, we had some goals in mind when we did, when we planned this, that we wanted to have it spread out, rather than just having the pavilion, everybody clustered there.

So, we had a table set up or a tent set up to the to the right of the pavilion that we had donations that Pam Jenkins got from the Stormwater Department. They donated so

many wonderful things. I mean, we had just we had pencils and notepads and dog poop things and the signs for the dogs. We had sunglasses and lip gloss and packets of seeds, natural, native seed packets. What did she call them? The mosquito bucket to destroy their eggs in a safe way. So, she had a raffle for that. And so that was over to the right, and then way down to the baseball field, we had this man demonstrating kites and everything, and we wanted to get people back to the meadow. So back to the meadow. We wanted to reach out that way. We had found it on one of the websites we saw, where we cut out a circle of dirt and we put sunflower seeds in is to make a sunflower room that would grow up so people could come and put seeds, plant some seeds around there, so that in the fall, hopefully we have a little sunflower room for people to come in, especially for children. And the tree that was donated, that was a red oak tree that's supposed to be very grand, so we put that near the meadow, and we had we asked them to come fill our bug house in because somebody destroyed it last year, and we repurposed it and put it over there.

Then we had things for them to stuff. Okay, so in the pavilion, we had snacks. This time we had instead of s'mores like we had done in the past, because we did have a fire going, we had marshmallows, but this time, we had dirt desserts with little cups of pudding with cookie crumbs on the top and gummy worms. But after, after they were finished with that, they took the plastic cups and they went to another table and planted seeds in there... Now...on the stage, we had face painting for the first time. And my granddaughter, who was an art major at OU. She did the face painting for us. It was... full, and then (the) whole family there, we had a good time.

And then another recycling project we did was we took, we took old CD discs and we had them use permanent markers on these to decorate them. And the plan was to have we put two holes flanking the meadow, and to put these on with a screw so that they could rotate...so that everybody could participate and decorate these poles. Well, another fun story about that was...I had a disc that had... a recording from...if you remember, yes, it was from American America's idol....Just happenstance, I went over and there's a mother who was jumping on her seat. She said, Oh my gosh. Oh why? She said, My son's name is Bo. He has to do this. He has to color this disc. So he made a disc, and he was so excited. He said, I can't wait to have to bring grandma over here so she can see my disc. So, anyway, so it was just, it was magical. There were so many things....I mean, it was, it was just a wonderful event. We didn't get as many people as we had hoped, but everybody had a great time.

Pam and I had misjudged something when we made the requisition for those poles, apparently we missed a step and we didn't get it authorized, although the requisition for those poles was done, and when my husband went over at nine o'clock the next morning to put up a couple of these that hadn't been put on there, those poles had been ripped out. (4 x4). She voiced disappointment that they were removed and that no one communicated with her or Pam about them coming out.

Councilwoman Ashley Hacking said, I guess I should chime in, since I'm also on the committee, and I sent it in the text message to the group that I think it's very, very

important that the step that was missed, was to get the committee to approve it and decide what objects were going to be placed in the park. My concern, just as a whole, is if you run an organization and we're on the council, no matter how much everybody works or loves the park, I can't go over and put something in the park because I want it, or you want, or somebody did...like it needs to be approved, right? And that was the process. It wasn't approved. I think that's the step that was missed. It's a public park. It needs to go through a process. It needs to be fair, that everybody feels like, if they want something, they can come to council or come to the park committee.... We have a conversation on the record that we're going to make a permanent change to the park. I think that's the biggest thing. It needs to go through some order. I mean, I live in an HOA, and we can't have farm animals.

Councilwoman Jean Schonauer asked Barb, can I ask a question before anyone answers your question? So, and this is for the whole parks committee. So, when you were planning this event, you guys had your meetings. You were planning your events. Was there a discussion about what activities were going to take place...So, like, for example, your doing this thing, was that discussed that there was the intention that, oh, we're going to do this, we're going to let the kids color these things and then we're going to put them on a pole. Was that discussed? Was that agreed upon? What? Okay, so was everything, was anything else discussed, as far as, like, Did you approve the tent with or did you approve the kite flying? Did you guys talk about all those activities that you wanted to do at your parks committee planning?

What I'm trying to establish is, if you're going to have an event that's sponsored by the parks committee, I would think that the parks committee would discuss in detail what you plan on doing at that event. So that should have all been discussed at that meeting, in my opinion, and then discuss, you know, hey, we have this idea. I have this idea for this. Ashley has this idea for this. Okay, are we, you know, what do we what do we need finding actually, to implement it? Because that's a big piece, and that's my piece. I'm going to tell you right now. My piece is always the money, and that's just me. But then there's the whole logistics of it, like I would think that you would want to know all the things that you were going to do, so that a, you would know what your costs are going to be, you would know what your manpower needs are for that thing. You had a lot of different stations going on and everything else. And like I said, sounds like your entire family did it. I know I was out of town for that event, or I would have volunteered. But, you know, I don't think you should have to supply all of the volunteers from your family to get this event off the ground.

Councilman Mike Glover responded: So I will say that Lee and I, and Ashley all said we were going to be out of town and unavailable. Okay? And Barb and Pam both said, we still want to do this. We'll do it on our own. Mrs. Howley did not think that was quite accurate.

Mr. Glover continued: It's 100% true that we said we don't want to do it in April. We wanted to do an event even maybe two weeks later. Still call it Earth Day. We just wanted to do it on a date that was more likely to be nice, not rainy, and a little bit

warmer, because every time we've done Earth Day event, it's been cold and rain. So, I clearly said at the parks meetings that we can still do Earth Day, Pam said, No, Earth Day is a Tuesday, whatever it was the 22nd or whatever that Tuesday was, we need to do it in conjunction with that date.

Barb Howley said the project was meant to give people input in decorating the park. Councilwoman Ashley Hacking noted, I think, first of all, I personally want to make sure, you know all you guys do for the park, and you give a lot of time. I think you definitely are appreciated. And I don't think that was anybody's intention to criticize your work. I do see how it would be frustrating that it was there, you did the project, and it came down before we even had a conversation as a park committee about the poles. I can see why that would be frustrating. And I hope I don't think that was anyone's intent. I was out of town the entire time before and after. I was in Utah, so I wasn't around, but I did say to the others in order to fix this internally, like the order of things, so nobody gets their feelings hurt...

The new purchasing policy implemented will also help alleviate confusion. Christian Gray noted an absence of a clear ordinance regulating permanent structures in the Park. Solicitor O'Lery recommended that the matter be referred back to the Parks Committee.

5. **Elias Coss**: Elias Coss had two items for Council:

I have a few things, for the record Christine decided to pursue a new career and her last day is May 30th. We are accepting resumes for that senior director position through next Thursday. So if you or somebody is interested in it, please get it to us in our email no later than May 15 (to Michelle Woltman); as of yesterday, we've received six resumes for the position and as chairperson of the ... district, I decided that I think it was imperative, since none of us are members of the senior center that I reach out to the seniors and ask them, what is it that they're looking for and make them part of it. So, I plan on meeting with the seniors next Thursday to get their input on what they would like to see from the program.

As far as the Fall Festival, we are looking for a DJ. I did get the one that we had last year. We talked at like one o'clock in the morning. So it seems like he's interested, despite the fact that we reached out to him seven times. But we are looking because, you know, I need to make sure that we have somebody that is actually (going to show up), we've officially already started getting some vendors.

We have secured already some of the food trucks. We are waiting on a response from one other this year. We've added and we're going to put the final touches... we're going to have live music for, like, about an hour and a half towards the end of it, like that six o'clock hour period; that was a big request from the survey data put out there last year. We will be creating a Facebook account specifically for the Fall Festival. Social media played a very big role last year in last year's success, but we'll be

creating one specific for the Fall Festival, because everything kind of was ran through me, and so we want to kind of get the Fall Festival its own identity.

And a big portion of that also has to do with, this will be the last year that I'm leading the Fall Festival, and I'm looking to, hopefully somebody will step up this year so that they can kind of be in the trenches with me, and there's a passing of the baton, so that they're not kind of scrambling or blindsided by it.

And then finally, this Saturday, you guys probably know at least one of the two families. But the Carroll's, Michael and Ally have a young one; he's two years old, two years old somewhere around there, Noah, who has a very rare disease called TSC, and affects those people who do have it very differently.

The other is Darnell, which is an elementary school teacher. Her daughter, who is a seventh grader, also has it. I can't, I won't speak to exactly what it is, because (I don't know much about it), but they're having a walk this Saturday. I guess, from what I'm being told, they're going to follow the Ridley Run path. So, it's going to be a one mile walk or three mile run, and then all the proceeds are going to go towards not to them, but to TSC itself, to find a cure. If you're not doing anything, I encourage you guys to come and be a part of it and support it.

6. **Ashley Hacking**: Ashley Hacking distributed a photograph of a dog park sign at another park which details what the restrictions are and who to call if needed. So, I got a phone call about a message on Facebook. They reached out, got my number, and I was contacted. She wanted to bring to our attention that, she has been going to the dog park since the original dog park opened. Absolutely loves the dog park. It's a dog park family. That's the best thing Council has ever did, and so she, ...really commended everything that the council and the village has done for the dog park. Then she wanted to tell me (at) the new part, ...there is a little bit of confusion. And so she wanted to tell me about a situation that happened. So, I guess she has a smaller dog. She went to go take her dog into the smaller dog (park), because it's below 35 pounds, and when she went in there... there was two larger dogs with two moms, she said, or they could have been babysitters, whoever, (there) was small children...in there she said, ... she thought it was for small children, not small dogs, because the dogs were at least 100 pounds. So, she was in there, took a little dog, and her dog got attacked, so she had to put her hand in, and she was able to pull her dog off. Luckily, her dog did not bleed, but she removed her dog...and they said, Well, we're sorry, our dogs sometimes don't like when little dogs are around.

So, she was kind of confused, because she's like...your dogs are bigger than 35 pounds. She then went to walk over to go into the larger dog park, and there was a lady in a chair sunbathing with a baby inside the dog park, and she had a dog, and then she also had a picnic table with a big spread of food on the picnic table. So, she went to go in with her dog, and the lady said, hey, just to make you aware, if your dog comes near me, my dog will attack. And she said, What? And she goes, you're laying there with some baby; my dog is going to come near you, and you have a buffet of food, which my dogs will go towards it. She said, reiterated to her, if your dog comes

over here my dog will attack. So, she said that was a little traumatic for her after she just got the other dog off of her. She had to, sadly, drag her dog because he still wanted to go the dog park, because he loves the dog park, all the way back to her car, and he cried the whole time looking out the back window. They couldn't go to the dog park.

Councilman Hacking wondered if Council would want to update the signs and make a non-emergency number available. Police Chief Williams said she should call 911 Central Dispatch to get a record of it and allow the Officer to investigate.

Councilwoman Hacking continued, these are the rules we know were violated you're 35 and under (small dog park) or larger dogs over 35 pounds (large dog park), no violent dogs, no aggressive dogs, no food, and you're not supposed to have children under 16. So, all the rules were not followed. This woman is concerned, and she's asking council to consider either we take the sign and turn it around so you can read it while you're sunbathing in there, or she wanted to know if you can put a sign that says 35-pound dogs and under. She also wondered if there's a non-emergency number to call.

Solicitor O'Leary recommended that a member of Council write a press release to be posted on social media to explain the Park Rules again.

Councilwoman Hacking agreed to provide suggestions for a new sign and modifications to the dog park rules.

PURCHASE & APPROVALS:

Mr. Roskos submitted purchase and approvals to Council for the time period from April 4, 2025 through May 1, 2025. Councilman Walker made a motion to approve. Jean Schonauer seconded the motion.

Vote to approve: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, 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. Requested clarification on the three resolutions tonight. Resolution 30-2025; 31-2025; and 32-2025? Engineer Bob Parker explained we applied previously for two OPWC grants. One was for the Green Street reconstruction, one for storm water runs and drainage.
2. So, the Green Street reconstruction is that the widening and resurfacing? Yes, and the other one, stormwater on Center Road and Green Street to several sections.
3. Okay? Is that either 31 or 32 for drainage? Yes, 32 is the drainage one.

4. Okay, so these authorize the application. Have the applications been made, I'm trying to figure out. Mr. Parker: we had passed the resolution last summer to apply and they wanted the resolution under their standards, so they asked us pass a revised, a new resolution to meet their standards and that's what we did.
5. Okay, so 30-2025 (*and so forth*)...? Mr. Parker: We've already done stuff. Those projects are funded. That was for Green Street widening and resurfacing, as well as the drainage improvement. Those plans are almost done. Bill DeBus: the Maple Street improvement, you're doing a pre application. Mr. Parker: That's the first step to go in an application.
6. Mr. DeBus: What exactly are the improvements on Maple? Mr. Parker: Road resurfacing and repair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Rick Walker made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Elias Coss.

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

The Perry Village Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

NOTE: Council decided not to hold a second meeting in May (May 22nd) and to wait until Thursday, June 12, 2025. *Some portions of the minutes were edited for ease of reading (removal of filler, repeated words, et cetera).*

**The Next Regular Council Meeting will be
June 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
following the Public Hearing for the Data Center Zoning Text Amendment at 6:00 p.m.**



John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer



James Gessic, Mayor

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