RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall 6:00pm

Public Hearing
June 12, 2025

Mayor James Gessic presiding.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENT:
Ashley Hacking
Elias Coss
Jean Schonauer
Rebecca "Becky" Shimko
Rick Walker
Mike Glover

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

James O'Leary	Solicitor
James Gessic	Mayor
Christian Gray	Zoning Inspector

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ed Zigman, Sara Lemond, Connie Tannish, Stephanie Parker, Hope Gessic, Bob Parker, Bill Debus, Sara Lemond, Colleen Tannish and Lee Glover. Others may have been present but did not sign in.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor James Gessic. He turned the public hearing over to Zoning Inspector Christian Gray.

Mr. Gray stated that the public hearing is to consider the approved recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend the Zoning Code to include data centers as a permitted use within the I – Industrial District. The proposed amendment and all supporting documentation are available for public review at the Village Hall during regular business hours.

Mr. Gray's presentation:

There are copies of everything located on the back table right there in center. So, the present use of the district right now where the project is planning to be located....is presently zoned as our overlay district one, and the proposed use is a data center campus, and the proposed zoning district will be industrial.

The Comprehensive Plan statement is based on what our zoning handbook and our comprehensive plan states, it's not contradictive. It's actually in alignment with our goals as a

Village, it says data centers provide economic, significant economic benefits with few impacts. Data Centers provide high paying tech technology jobs, which provide income tax revenue for the Village and trickle down spending to local merchants and vendors. Additionally, the property tax revenue associated with a data center is significant because of the large capital investment in the facility, the property taxes, which provide much needed funding to the county and the village and other municipal entities; despite the positive economic benefits and the job creation, data centers are low traffic generators and do not negatively impact municipal services such as police, fire, EMS, nor do they adversely impact local schools and parks as a result, creating the opportunity to have a data center in the village of Perry will support the Comprehensive Plan.

The objectives of the Village is to improve the employment, economic benefits and welfare of the community. Data Centers are not listed as a permitted use in the Village of Perry code. Therefore, Council action is required to approve a text amendment to add data center campuses and its associated ancillary uses, as a permitted use in the industrial district and adopt development standards that apply to that use. Following these actions, the Village Council may then consider site specific zoning to allow a data center campus on particular sites, as it may determine in the future, we met as a planning commission 30 days, more than 30 days ago, where we reviewed and discussed the text amendment.

And during that meeting, we had a very high-level review of what the text amendment includes. I would like to go through that again. So I'm now reviewing our exhibit, our industrial district, current permitted uses are items such as manufacturing, printing and publishing, contracting firms, wholesale businesses, warehouse and storage. This text amendment would add Data Center campuses, and that's subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

Moving down to Article X special regulations, my high level notes are that data center campuses is a multi-building set up with it, servers, processors and storage, the ancillary uses allow for offices, security, maintenance, energy generation, storage of solar, flat and Battery facility, water facilities, broadband, cooling and private utilities.

Section 1040-2, our development standards, I also prepared, and I believe it should be sitting back there printed. There is a document listing what our current industrial standards are in our zoning code versus what the changes the data center campus brings. So most, most of these items are touched upon and the 1040-2, so in our industrial district, there currently is a minimum lot area of one acre. But for the data centers, there shall be no minimum, just enough to meet setbacks. This requirement is usually in residential area where people try to build a tiny home on a lot.

So, what we are establishing is that there's should be no minimum, and it should be just enough to meet the setbacks in our current industrial districts, our front rear and side yard setbacks are 50 feet from residential or otherwise 20 feet. But the data center campus shall be 20 feet from all sides, 100 feet from residential districts, and we're very happy about that change. The 100 foot buffer really is significant, and we'll be able to show you in our presentation from New Albany, where those sites were visited. Building separation, our code currently does not have anything

required for building separation, so we're adding a 25-foot minimum between buildings and a lot coverage. Our current zoning code has a lot coverage, maximum of 40% which only included the building. In the new code for data centers it is a maximum of 80% but this includes building and parking. So, any permeable surfaces you see the difference between 40% and 80%. That difference is parking, driveway, etc.

For parking, there shall be one space per employee, one loading space per building, one visitor space per building and ADA compliant parking. Our height limits. The current code in industrial is a maximum of 60 feet, but our code reads that any spires, belfry's, antennas, water tanks, ventilators, and chimneys may exceed that height. In contrast, the height we've established for data center is 65 feet. So our current zoning code does not have a limitation to what those additional heights could be, but we are putting a cap of 15 feet for any rooftop equipment that is included, we have a landmark here at the school that we have identified, the bell tower is actually 126 feet.

There shall be fencing required up to 10 feet tall and reviewed during a planned approval. Lighting- poles shall be no greater than 20 feet height. The building lights shall be no greater than 35 feet. There shall be no up lighting shrouded. Fixtures must be included to reduce glare, and any signage must be approved during the site plan approval by the planning commission.

Section 1040- 3 There shall be a full site plan approval required before any zoning permit is issued. Including boundaries, buildings, parking, signage, storm water berms and any buffering.

Section 1040-4, is landscape plan approval. So there must be a separate landscape plan submitted and will be required before any approved permits. We must show trees, shrubs, berms and screening placements.

Section 1040-5, additional standards that apply to all data center campuses. Included in this is the public nuisance restrictions so any prohibited condition, unsafe storage of flammable illegal waste, glare, erosion, pollution, unhealthy vibration or noises. It must be corrected, and the issues must be corrected within 30 days, within a 30 day notice. And it can extend if progress is not shown. Vibration standards, we currently do not have any vibration standards or noise standards in our industrial zoning, so the specific thresholds shall be based on the vibration frequencies that is established, and the measurements must be taken by a calibrated accelerometer. The noise standards- the daytime limit should be 70 decibels. The nighttime limit is 65 decibels. There's a 20 minute average measured, and it should be measured at 20 minute intervals and done five feet above the property line and exempt from these standards are your emergency operations and testing, you know, testing of fire alarms, your emergency generators, any of those items are exempt from these decibel standards, as they are only temporary during emergency screening. And buffering- so, there shall be required adjacent to any sensitive use areas, our homes, libraries, athletic fields and to screen and buffer, there shall be walls, fences, berms or dense vegetation. All will be reviewed in our Planning Commission meetings. The vegetation planted must be five feet tall. Our fence standards- fences are allowed up to 10 feet reviewed with the site plan. The

good side of the fence must be facing outward, no barbed wire or electric fences, and fences must not block any drainage. And that really gets me through the entire text amendment.

Mark Kerslake presentation:

Good evening, Mark Kerslake with the Province Group, happy to be here again. Tim Rahm also with the Province Group, and Jake Kerslake, also with the Province Group.

I think Christian Gray did a nice job of covering things again. Tonight's action, as Christian said, is to add Data Center campus as a permitted use in your industrial district, which it isn't currently and that's common. Most municipal codes were drafted 10 or 20 years ago when data centers didn't exist, therefore a lot of cities and towns don't have industrial or don't have data centers listed as an industrial use. And then, along with that, as Christian just reviewed, is a proposed set of development standards with that we've worked on over the past six weeks or so to develop those. And then lastly, just the asterisk that the actual rezoning of land will come forward at a future date.

Province Group, our company, has been in business for 34 years. Now I'm the principal of the company. We have collective experience over 100 years of development experience, we always hire a top tier team of consultants on every project, including here, we're using Gensler, which is the largest architectural firm in the world. They've done data centers on five different continents. Importantly, we have a really good relationship with First Energy, the power provider.

Ultimately, we will be before you with the zone change request for this property, about 163 acres, which reside in the village. And then to the north, you have about 30 acres in the township that the JEDD owns and then the township itself owns that 22-acre rectangle that would hopefully all be part of the development of a data center campus. Again, I think you're familiar with this by now, but maybe for some members of the public that might not be- data centers (are a) high tech IT facility that houses servers and switchgear that stores and processes data and runs a variety of different software applications, that's what the buildings do. They're very robust buildings. They have very sophisticated systems, mechanical and electrical systems for climate control, air filtration, fire suppression, equipment, cooling, etc. That image shows you what's called the data hall, where those racks of servers exist in essentially a clean room type environment within the building. Data centers are the cloud. When we talk about information that resides in the cloud, it resides in the data center. All your you know, banking, medical records, merchant accounts, videos, photographs, movies, everything resides in a data center. And AI is the cutting genre as well. A lot of what they call machine learning occurs in a data center, and then inference, which is the application of the machine learning, all that happens within a data center as well. And really, modern society runs on data centers these days. We all create data every day. We've shared some images before.

A data center looks like a conventional Class A industrial building that I'm sure many of you have driven by. There are two exceptions. One is you don't have the whole building wall of loading bays and truck doors, loading docks. We don't have that. Most data center buildings have

two docks per building. It's just delivering servers, switch gear, computer equipment, things like that, that there are no trucks coming and going all the time, and not a lot of vehicular traffic either. And, as you can see from that image on the top, we call it a campus because it's generally a series of smaller buildings. It's not a million square foot building like you would see a Walmart or an Amazon distribution center. Each building is more like 250,000 square feet as a common module.

So it's a campus, and that's why we refer to it as a campus. It's a cluster of smaller buildings, and they're built in phases. Again, some of those, I think you're already familiar with, data centers provide a tremendous economic boost to a community without a lot of impacts. The traffic counts for a data center are about 1/5 of a industrial project or a manufacturing project, so substantially lower traffic than other commercial uses, far lower than retail, far lower than housing. It's one of the lowest traffic generating uses that there is. They don't impact local schools or parks or emergency facilities municipal operations such as police, fire and emergency services. These are really robust, self-contained buildings.

What they do, on the other hand, is create a significant positive impact for local jurisdictions. The property taxes are enormous on these buildings. A lot of high-quality IT jobs, a lot of mechanical electrical engineering. IT operations, systems experts, facility management, etc. Also, there are a lot of high-quality construction jobs. I mentioned it could be a four to five years build out- a lot of jobs over that duration and really enhances modern living. There's another image of a data hall with the racks of servers and a technician.

We are adding two processes that don't currently exist in your zoning, and the first is a site plan approval, boundary topography, stormwater management, building placement, parking setbacks, berms, buffers. All that goes into a site plan that we have to submit for approval. It also includes signage and fencing and walls, all that goes into a site plan that must be approved. And then also you don't currently have a process for landscape plan approval. We included that so the planting species, the size, the location, minimum tree heights, as screening and berms and those locations. So adding these two processes to make sure it's a high-quality project.

Development standards, again, I won't spend much time on this because Christian took us through these setbacks, height, open space, parking buffers, treatment of sensitive edges, the landscape requirements, lighting requirements you've heard of that night sky compliance, so you don't have light pollution. And again, these are things- none of these exist in your current code. So, these are all enhancements. It's more restrictive than we have today, including maximum noise standards and vibration standards. Those don't exist in your current code. Nuisance conditions.

In conclusion, we have worked hard with Christian and the Mayor to develop a pretty comprehensive set of development standards and to create an approval process for a site plan and a landscape plan. The data center will ultimately provide a tremendous tax impact, as well as payroll taxes for the village and the township and the JEDD as well. That helps relieve some of the tax burden on residents, because these are such a powerhouse economic contributor. Very little traffic, as I mentioned, and little impact on schools or parks or the other municipal services.

Thank you. I appreciate your attention, and obviously we're here to answer any questions you might have.

Mayor Gessic, Hope Gessic, Councilwoman Jean Schonauer and Councilwoman Ashley Hacking provided a presentation concerning a recent trip to New Albany, Ohio, which has multiple Data Centers:

Mayor Gessic: Well, I originally visited six, eight weeks ago. We took a tour of everything was being built in New Albany at the time. We visited a couple data centers, restricted, you can't go walking up the outskirts of them. We visited Google and Meta. It was a breezy day, I walked around the outside and didn't really hear anything sound wise from these facilities. So, we're like, okay, packed up and came back home. Jean, Ashley, my wife, and I actually went out there about two weeks ago on a Sunday in the evening… probably the quietest time you can go, not a lot of truck traffic back and forth. And it was, it was no wind at all. That day, it was quiet. You can actually go out there…I think we visited three sites.

Ashley Hacking and Jean Schonauer: And that you can see the security fence in the back, and the white fence. So, you can see that everywhere in New Albany, you'll see white fence. They just painted it so we're kind of cautious; and this is like seven o'clock at night. So these are pictures to kind of show, like Christians talking about the landscaping, so everybody can kind of see …how it's built up on a hill, landscaping on the top and kind of, that's the entrance.

It's a security gate so you have to be scanned in. You just can't walk to it. So…the information in there is very secure and private. And it's so we could, you know, we went up to the gate. So you can see what we got. You can see you can get close to it, but we can't go into the data center. So play this video in a second. If you note, while cars drove by the sound decibels increased from about 54 to 65 decibels. That's just based on what the cars there and…you know, we went up to the gate.

So you can see that we got close to it and the sound level was like 44. And the nice thing is, Jean brought it so you can see the actual levels. Jean put the measuring device through the gate to get a reading, to see what the sound is there. I pointed it like at the building too and it stays at 44.

There was a pharmaceutical company right next door to the data center. We're pulling out and we see that built right next door. It is a nice neighborhood. As we were driving through the neighborhood, Jean noted a man walking on the sidewalk and we stopped to talk to him.
So all three of us go running at this man, and we're like, Hey, we're on a field trip… We're from Perry, Ohio, we're on council, and we want to know what it's like to live next to the data center? And so he starts talking to us, and we said, can we interview you, and can I film you so people can hear it? And so we asked him some questions.

This man's property backs up to the data center and we asked him if he had trouble sleeping because of the noise and he responded, not at all. He said that he lives in an over 55 community. So that kind of tells you that most of the people are there throughout the day because they're

probably retired, so they definitely do know the comings and goings. So, you can see from the pictures and video it's kind of like Twilight. He said the light from the data center does not bother anyone.

This picture shows the power substation looks. We didn't get into sort of what the layout is, where (the) initial plan is for the power substation, but it is on property. It's where the power gets .... distributed to other buildings that on the property. Christian, just to elaborate, for the folks that haven't been here... the data centers will not get into the public power. They have their own substation and draw from that not the public source.

And we walked around to find the loudest spot that we could where like air returns were. So, we kind of wandered around, and that was where we found, those are the air return filters that we can find the loudest possible spot. Jean, you said it was at 45 decibels. By comparison, a car or something like my vacuum cleaner, like I tested on my vacuum cleaner. I also, just full disclosure, I went out a couple of nights ago with the monitor, and I went over to the nuclear plant. I went over to the middle school, and believe it or not, at the middle school, it's louder than any of this was- the middle school was generating at nine o'clock at night, more decibels than what we were getting at the data centers. This one was..this is the pharmaceutical company manufacturing plant that was there. A normal conversation is about 60 decibels, a jet taking off, which is 130 decibels at 200 feet away, you start feeling pain at 140 decibels.

Jean Schonauer: I have a video that's on my phone that was taken last night at my sister's house. She lives in these condos right here. And it was about 10 o'clock and I was getting anywhere from 38 to 44 decibels. There's 54 because a car drove...it's the same as what we were hearing at the data centers.

Ashley Hacking: I thought this was interesting to all Council, a lot of people have asked us, well, there's no revenue during construction phases, and that nothing will happen until there's things built. And I thought that was something we should probably know the answer to, that there is revenue that is brought in during the construction phase. This chart shows the revenue during construction phase and operational phase, and we're going to have both these kind of going on at the same time at some point. And I thought it was something very important for us to know, to be able to answer questions, that there is revenue as soon as the ground is broken, that they both kind of go hand in hand.

Question and Answers:
Sara Lemond: This might sound a little ignorant somewhat after the fact, but, and I understand we're in the village, North of 20 is the township, but why are we not looking at the land that's on lane road north of 20 that I thought was designated for purposes like this.

Mark Kerslaske responded: There's not enough land and the power is right here.

Mike Glover: Well,...This property was originally purchased by the school for commercial industrial development to help bolster the income for the school. It helps support the school, and we then purchased it off the school.

Sara Lemond: So the school doesn't own any part of it? Answer: No
And what is the typical lifespan of a data center like this?

Mark Kerslake answered: The equipment, not unlike your laptop. You know, after about three or four years for laptop starts to get wonky. Same thing with those servers. So there is, they call it refresh every three to four years. Some of the servers get replaced. The buildings are what they call mission critical facilities. They're very robust. I mean, they're designed to last, you know, 75 years. Probably, I'm sure the equipment will change, but I don't think the structure will.

Sara Lemond: So, granted, our need for data is not going to go down, and like you mentioned, AI, but is it conceivable that we won't need as much space for something like this?

Mike Glover: Well, I work in the telecommunications field, and what it looked like 80 years ago is nothing like what it looks today. What we did 80 years ago with 10,000 people, you could probably do with 200 now, just because technology increases, the amount of computing power that those servers have is just going to get better and better and better. So it'll get smaller. They'll be able to install more. So they're just going to increase the capacity.

Sara Lemond: And where is this company located? Where are you like, where are the headquarters?

Mark Kerslake: We're in California.

Sara Lemond: So how is it between California and Perry, Ohio that you settled on Perry, Ohio?

Mark Kerslake: Sure, my son back here as a student at Ohio State, that's how I found myself in Columbus.

Sara Lemond: Oh, that's Columbus.

Jean Schonauer: Well, Columbus right now is considered the Silicon Valley of the Midwest.

Sara Lemond: My daughter's in Ohio State growing exponentially, but then go to Columbus. Why are you here?

Mark Kerslake: The power provider in the greater Columbus area is called AEP, and about a year ago, about a year and a half, AEP ran out of power. They have more coming, but it's about a five year gap. So we looked at other power providers in the state that had available power, and First Energy is one of them. So then we go to the first energy service territory, which is mainly across

the northern part of the state of Ohio. So we started searching within…First Energy service territories and then this site was large enough and it was for sale.

Sara Lemond: Will there be any tax abatements for the project?

Mark Kerslake: Probably we will ask for tax abatements at some point.

Mayor Gessic: Right now, that place generates zero tax, no property or income taxes, or for last 50 years, zero.

Sara Lemond: New Albany, I think a lot of it has been a very like designed community, not, I think, from the beginning, but, you know, somewhat recently, and Perry was very much not designed, and you talk about, like, what the advantages are, but the cost opportunity, that's the heart of our village, and what are we losing by getting this?

Jean Schonauer: another housing development

Sara Lemond: I'd rather have housing.

Jean Schonauer: The property has a deed restriction. So, when the Village bought the property from the School they attached a deed restriction that we could have no more than 50 homes built on. That's on all the entire 300 and some odd acres, no more than 50, because they're concerned about the burden it would put on the school with the enrollment.

Sara Lemond: So is this data center using all of that acreage?

Mayor Gessic: No, oh, most of… the frontage on Route 20, I think there's 40 or so acres that could be available for something else.

Sara Lemond: A lot of communities would love to have that land to develop for other purposes. I know they've also loved the millions of dollars we're getting from it, but like, we're just trading those future opportunities for this and stuck with this forever.

Jean Schonauer: We've had those future opportunities for 50 years, and nothing's happened.

Sara Lemond: Let's do something.

Jean Schonauer That is what we are doing. That's our goal. I mean, I don't know you. Have you been down to Albany? It sounds like maybe you have to New Albany, and you got to admit it's beautiful down there and I want to stress that, you know, this may be our first data center, but we're working with New Albany to make sure we do it right. We're taking their expertise, their knowledge, their planning, and we are incorporating that into our processes, because we aren't the experts, but we consider them the experts. And so they have been so helpful. They have provided us so much guidance, information and tools so that we get it right. We want to get this right. And

we, when we look at, I mean, I can tell you, personally, I have looked at the pros and cons, I see no cons to this. Our community is only going to benefit from this when you have the kind of revenue that this is talking about generating for us.

Colleen Tannish: Okay, so my question is just about the noise, because you have all those pieces of information about what you observed in New Albany. So you know, according to the charts that you presented, anything in the like 65-70 range is going to be a little bit more obtrusive than just normal conversation, right? So I wonder why you set the requirements in the new D amendment to be 65 and 70 when the data center doesn't approach those levels, and when those levels would be obtrusive, like, do I mean that that gives some leeway to say, oh, well, we can get up to 72 right decibels, right?

Christian Gray: So those are actually the same exact standards that the township currently has for decimals. We are adopting… their same standards.

Colleen Tannish: And is there anything currently in the township that's in a residential area that that hits those decibels?

Tim Rahm: I would add that typical industrial manufacturing is often at eighty, right? And so with the restriction against residential there, it forces an industrial or manufacturing use basically, those are much higher typical noise levels than what's being proposed here. And so there's, there's that aspect of it also. And then with a lot of the equipment and generators their sound attenuation movers around the cooling, any emergency generators would have a container apparatus around it right which provides sound attenuation, the landscape buffering and the setbacks and earth and firm all will help attenuate sound.

Colleen Tannish: So what's your goal for, for decibels, in terms of what those get to?

Mark Kerslake: We would live, certainly within the standards that have been set. So it could get up to the 70 decibels if there's something going on at the site, it's possible that it could get to that, but we would have to meet that, and there are standards and hours for that level, and then at night, obviously it's quieter when the community (is). So as a practical matter, what we're going to have to live with is the quieter standard, because it operates the same way, 24/7.

Colleen Tannish: and the entrance to this is, is that going to be here in the village?

Mayor Gessic: It will be located on Route 20.

Colleen Tannish: Even during construction?

Mayor Gessic: Yes, going back to Jean's point really quick. One thing that's really nice about New Albany is their public spaces, their trails, their land, and we're not going to have that option if this comes. Well, we're already talking about expansions of our parks.

Sara Lemond: Which park would that be?

Mayor Gessic: Lee Lydic

Sara Lemond: Toward Manchester?

Mayor Gessic: I do not know

Stephanie Parker: I'm Fiscal Officer Perry Township. So in preparation for today's meeting, I actually did some research on my own as an accountant, I think you know the kind of devils in the details and so in my research, I am for the data center. So according to data center math.com Ohio ranks fourth in the country for the volume of data centers, only more in Virginia, Texas and California with 172 data centers. So this isn't something that's new for Ohio. Data centers typically represent an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars, temporarily creating hundreds, or even more than 1000 construction jobs and long-term swaths of real estate property taxes. As we know we have House Bill 322, that's right, that's been discussed regarding our property taxes, and people are having problem paying out higher property due to taxes higher values of homes in Ohio. Data centers all support the local economy through job creation, increased tax revenues for public projects like improved roads and schools construction. Jobs, data center jobs and community investments to promote environmental sustainability, STEM education and tech skills.

So in summary, I see as we have, potentially as nine benefits to having our data center here. One, the economic growth that we already talked about. Two, job creation three, excuse me, attracting other tech companies. The presence of a data center can act as a magnet for other tech companies, crossing tech driven ecosystem and creating further job opportunities for the infrastructure development. Data centers require reliable power supply, robust network connections and potentially new infrastructure to the tax revenue that we've already talked about. Community Investment- some data center companies are actively involved in community initiatives, work development programs, STEM education potential for new businesses. The presence of data centers can support a variety of related businesses, such as those providing special services, maintenance and supplies. Number eight, long-term economic stability. Data centers like power plants or water systems provide essential infrastructure and contribute to the long-term economic stability of our community. And finally, nine data centers are crucial for my technology and the internet and their presence can improve the overall connectivity and speed of Internet services.

This is according to the Columbus Dispatch- to complete my comments in this in Ohio, data centers directly and indirectly supported 84,900 jobs in 2023 accounted for 10.6 billion in economic output in the state; a single data center employee anywhere from 10 to more than 100 workers, depending upon its size. But the data center also supports an additional 6.5 jobs. Each job, excuse me, the data center can support an additional 6.5 jobs indirectly.

Solicitor O'Leary: So it's now 6:50 p.m., what I'm going to ask is that I know that you'd like to be heard, but if you have any further comments that you'd like to submit in writing, if you could get

them to the Fiscal Officer by Monday at four o'clock, we will include those in the minutes for today, because I don't want anybody to not have had the opportunity to be heard. Those will then be given to council so that they have those. So if you're here tonight you didn't get a chance to submit or make a comment if you would submit those to the fiscal officer. By four o'clock on Monday. We'll include those in the minutes.

The meeting concluded at 7:00 p.m.

Editor's Note: *Some portions of the minutes were edited for ease of reading (removal of filler, repeated words, et cetera).*

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GOOD & WELFARE:

Solicitor O'Leary read the following proclamation: whereas, Council has been advised of the retirement of Firefighter Matthew Wollerman from the Perry Joint Fire District on June 7, 2025; and whereas, Firefighter Matthew Wollerman joined the Perry Joint Fire District on June 5, 1995, and has faithfully served the department and the Perry Community for over thirty (30) years as a Firefighter/Paramedic; and whereas, Firefighter Wollerman also worked for the Wickliffe Fire Department and Mentor Fire Department for 3 years for a total of 33 years in the fire service; and whereas, Firefighter Matthew Wollerman resides in Willowick with his wife Grace and has three adult children and enjoys spending time with his grandchildren; and whereas, Council desires to congratulate Firefighter Matthew Wollerman for his faithful service to the residents of Perry and express our appreciation for his thirty (30) years of service. Now, Therefore, we, the Mayor and Council of the Village of Perry, hereby recognize the remarkable

service of Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Wollerman and congratulate him on his retirement, and commend him on a job well done.

The proclamation was signed by each member of Council and the Mayor and handed to Rick Walker who will attend the retirement party and deliver the proclamation on behalf of the Village of Perry.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None present made a comment during the first public comment portion.

READING & DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting May 8, 2025 (emailed on May 13, 2025)

Rebecca Shimko made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2025 regular council meeting. Jean Schonauer seconded the motion.

Discussion: No corrections were noted.

Vote to approve: Elias Coss, yes; Rebecca Shimko, 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. 27-2025 (2nd 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. 29-2025 (2nd 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. 33-2025 (Recommendation to suspend the rules)
A resolution amending Resolution No. 25-2025 "A Resolution Proclaiming April 2025 Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Village of Perry" to designate it as an unnumbered Proclamation in order to maintain the proper organization of the records of the Village of Perry.

Mr. Roskos advised Council that due to a clerical error two resolutions were given the same identifier of 25-2025. He requested Council suspend the rules and pass a resolution to identify the resolution proclaiming April 2025 Child Abuse Prevention Month as an unnumbered resolution to correct the record.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

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

Motion to Pass Resolution 33-2025: Rick Walker
Seconded: Ashley Hacking

Vote to Pass Resolution No. 33-2025: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Resolution No. 34-2025 (Recommendation to suspend the rules)
A resolution confirming the appointment of Officer John Jacobson as a Part Time Police Officer for the Perry Village Police Department and declaring an emergency.

It was recommended that Council suspend the rules to provide manpower for the Police Department.

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

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

Motion to Pass Resolution 34-2025: Rick Walker
Seconded: Becky Shimko

Vote to Pass Resolution No. 34-2025: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Resolution No. 35-2025 (Recommendation to suspend the rules)
A resolution confirming the appointment of Officer Michael Klugh as a Full Time Police Officer for the Perry Village Police Department and declaring an emergency.

It was recommended that Council suspend the rules to provide manpower for the Police Department.

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

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

Motion to Pass Resolution 35-2025: Rick Walker
Seconded: Becky Shimko

Vote to Pass Resolution No. 35-2025: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Resolution No. 36-2025 (Recommendation to suspend the rules)
A resolution amending Resolution No. 66-2024 and approving the Permanent Appropriations for the Village of Perry, Ohio for the Year 2025 and declaring an emergency.

Amending Permanent Appropriations has been revised to include OPWC Projects for Drainage Improvements and Green Street Resurfacing. Please note that we are required to record revenues and expenditures related to OPWC Grants/Loans whether or not they are directly received by the Village; for instance, even if OPWC writes the check for $10,000 for a portion of the project, we record that $10,000 as revenue and then as an expense

Mr. Roskos requested Council suspend the rules due to the need to increase line items expenses. He read most of Exhibit A provided in the Council Packet, which included the following: OPERS part time, from $4,900 to $9,800; only half was allocated the necessary amounts for our part time officers, same with Medicare for our part time officers. We're increasing that from $507.00 to $1,015, we're decreasing land improvements from $650,000 to $600,000 that's what we're using for capping our gas wells in the middle of champion farms, it's going to be less than what we expected. We're increasing streets, highways, sidewalks and curbs. That's going to be for 2025 center road drainage improvement project. That's going from zero to $203,000 and these funds, again, will be used for that, the drainage improvement project, and $120,000 of this line item, stormwater district funds. Those are held by the district for the village. We're also increasing engineering services for the project. All this was included in the packet provided to Council listed as Exhibit A.

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

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

Motion to Pass Resolution 36-2025: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Vote to Pass Resolution No. 36-2025: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Resolution No. 37-2025 (Recommendation to suspend the rules)
A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend the Certificate of Estimated Resources for the Year 2025 and declaring an emergency.

A mended Certificate of Estimated Resources is needed to account for OPWC Grants/Loans that will be received for the projects; you will see that sum matches the amended appropriations listed for Fund 4901 Capital Projects.

Mr. Roskos recommended Council suspend the rules for resolution 37-2025 as it is a companion resolution to 36-2025.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

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

Motion to Pass Resolution 37-2025: Jean Schonauer
Seconded: Mike Glover

Vote to Pass Resolution No. 37-2025: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

Resolution No. 38-2025 (1st Reading)
A resolution approving and adopting the Lake County 9-1-1 Final Plan.

Rick Walker would like additional information from the County about the plan before voting on the proposal.

Resolution No. 39-2025 (Recommendation to Suspend the Rules)
A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Perry to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Lake County Commissioners for the 2025 Center Road Drainage Improvements Project and declaring an emergency.

Engineer Bob Parker recommended the MOU, as sometimes the reimbursement process can be delayed. It was recommended that Council suspend the rules due to time constraints to proceed with the project.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

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

Motion to Pass Resolution 39-2025: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Vote to Pass Resolution 39-2025: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes. Rick Walker voted yes.

Resolution No. 40-2025 (1st Reading)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Perry to enter into an annexation agreement with the Township of Perry, Lake County, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2025-1 (3rd Reading)
An ordinance amending Chapter 351 "Parking Generally" of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Perry and declaring an emergency.

Rick Walker asked to clarify the proposed changes to this ordinance and whether it deals with changes to the fines only. Solicitor O'Leary confirmed and referred Council to the proposed Ordinance included in their council packet.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-1: Rick Walker
Seconded: Jean Schonauer
Vote to pass Ordinance 2025-1: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes. Rick Walker voted yes.

Ordinance No. 2025-2 (3rd Reading)
An ordinance amending the Zoning Code of the Village of Perry, Ohio Section 870-2 Industrial District Uses to add data center campuses and Article X Special Regulations to add a new Section 1040 Regulation of Data Center Campuses for the Village of Perry, Ohio.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-2: Mike Glover
Seconded: Jean Schonauer

Vote to pass Ordinance 2025-2: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Jean Schonauer, yes; Rick Walker, yes.

Solicitor O'Leary announced that Ordinance 2025-3 was removed from consideration in order to re-write the Ordinance.

Reports:

a. **MAYOR GESSIC**
Mayor Gessic was pleased with the turnout for the Fishing Derby. Fishing Derby was pretty good. We had about 18 children out there on a beautiful day. Fishing was a little slow. Some kids caught seven. Some caught none. Thanks to Mike and Lee Glover, my wife, Hope, my daughter came out and helped. Ashley showed up as did David.

In addition, the Mayor announced that he executed the oil and gas well agreement terminating the owner's rights to the wells and for the removal of all piping and the capping of all wells.

b. **SOLICITOR O'LEARY**
Solicitor O'Leary had nothing to report. He notified Council he cannot attend the June 26th Council Meeting.

c. **ENGINEER ROBERT B. PARKER, P.E.**
Engineer Robert B. Parker, P.E. reviewed the progress on various projects.

1. One is the 2025 Center Road Drainage Improvement Project; bid was advertised on Tuesday, so bids are going to be due July 1, and then we'll have a recommendation for Council at whenever the July meeting is. So the goal there, again, is we're late in the season (hoping to get reduced bids or price on the project). Those funds don't become available until July 1 because they're opening OPWC funding. So taking advantage of the best (pricing); we can try to get it done before fall. So we'll be back in July with the recommendation on the bids.

2. The Green Street overlay and water line plans; the final plans are sitting (in the County's Office). Whatever we decide to do that we talked about. Specifics on that again; I'd take advantage of the fact that if they can do winter work, we got a bid in Madison that was 30% less than the ask.

3. Finally, the application was submitted on May 23rd of resurfacing Maple Street, I did get a voicemail...actually, they're putting out for bid for the Manchester bridge replacement. So it's just, I guess everyone's going to cringe because Manchester is putting out to bid now, and it's not going to go into construction until Spring. Multiple projects may be going on simultaneously next Spring; may need to reach out to the School and Fire Department to coordinate. OPWC deadlines are involved in the potential timing of some of the construction. Additional related discussion transpired on the projects.

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

The Fiscal Officer gave an oral monthly report.

The General Fund ended with a balance of $2,349,995.01. Monthly revenue was $191,882.52 versus expenditures of $146,846.41 for a net surplus of $45,036.11. Revenue was $205,909.18 in May 2024; Income Tax revenues in May 2024 were $167,605 vs $153,492 for this May. RITA has indicated that tax collections are down overall in the area through April 30, 2025. However, it remains to be seen whether this trend will continue. Expenditures were $44,407.95 higher versus May 2024 due to payment to Motorola Solutions for new Police Radios. There was a delay in payment as it took 2-3 months for the company to program. Some areas saw lower expenses, however, such as Parks and Recreation, as well as the Road Department.

Activity in Other Funds: The loan payment for infrastructure improvements in the amount of $86,494.80 was remitted to Northwest Bank on behalf of the JEDD; the JEDD sends the funds to us and we remit as the Fiscal Agent. $3,831.33 was paid to the Illuminating Company for electricity for Street Lights out of Fund 2902. Additionally, $7,856.38 in personnel expenditures was paid out of 2904 SRO Fund in May. There was no other significant activity in Governmental Funds. Finally, $35,253.31 of income tax for the JEDD was remitted for the month.

Our 2023-2024 Audit is still in process and a report should be completed within the next few weeks. The Auditors have worked on identifying the bank reconciliation issue, but they have been unable to account for the entire amount of the difference yet- $481.84 is still unidentified. A new summary financial spreadsheet has been completed and was emailed to Council and the Mayor; updates will occur in the future to make the document more user-friendly. A draft of a cash flow spreadsheet has been created and I am testing it for a couple months to verify its

accuracy. The Lake County Auditor has provided a list of the taxable values of all parcels in the Village, and an estimate of the assessments for Street Lighting and Sidewalks is nearly complete; there are a few parcels we will need to review before finalizing the amounts. A final version will be ready for the Third Reading later this month.

e. **CHRISTIAN GRAY – ZONING REPORT**

Mr. Gray stated that he did not have much for zoning. No official report.
If there was ever a season for decks and fences it is now, so lots of those in Booth Farms and Hidden Village.

Mayor Gessic mentioned that he did talk to Loreto a week or two ago. He is planning that storage unit sometime in July.

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

Police Chief: Chief Williams submitted his report.

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

Street Commissioner Williams submitted his report. Mayor Gessic added that he had marked some trees in the park that would be taken care of. I think there's 14 or 16. He spray painted the diseased trees.

h. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

The following reports were made by Councilmembers:

1. **Rick Walker:** Distributed his Fire Board Report. I did want to make a note at the bottom, they're having a dinner for all four retirees. I will be there to read all the Proclamations. They'll probably be gifts and things. Everybody's invited. If you do want to go, June 21st Saturday, next Saturday. If you can, you can. You know, it's a family style, dinner, cash bar. and then they're doing presentations and awards.

   Also, planning to have a Pitch-In meeting next Thursday night here 6:30 pm, it's kind of a organizational meeting. There's a few things we want to discuss. Specifically, if we get repeated requests, how do we handle those; we want to hash that out. Figure it out. We had Carmen Tibaldi, Pam Jenkins and Sean Moses spent about 15 people hours at a project combined. They spent about three hours; twice cleaning up a yard and flower bed. They didn't do any mulching, but I don't have her name off the top of my head, but she's very appreciative. And we're waiting on another one from Ohio Street that is handicapped and wants some help with some yard work. The Manchester project requested lawn mowing again, but by the time I sent it out to the group, a neighbor started looking at it, and he went over to get it. So, Dale was the one… He texted me, said, Hey, I did that on Manchester. He lives maybe three houses down from her.

2. **Rebecca Shimko:** Thank you Mayor. I don't have anything at this time.

3. **Jean Schonauer:** Jean Schonauer said she updated the Strategic Plan to reflect the information that I received regarding the new development at Booth Farms. So that got updated. I sent it off to Bill Debus. We are working on a situation with our insurance company, our medical benefits insurance company right now with some information on how premiums are changing based on a birthday. So, I thought that wasn't the case. I will be talking to the broker about that next week. I also have a couple of other people that we can contact when we get ready to look at insurance again. I think we should. This one has not been great. It's not good for our employees, and it's not good for us…we need someone who's got our best interests in mind…So we'll be working on that a little bit later in the year, but (we're) on top of it, and that's all I have.

4. **Mike Glover:** Mike Glover distributed the May 20th Park Committee minutes. There's two pages. I just wanted to update everybody on some of the things that we're working on in the Parks Committee. We are working on the mission statement for the Park. The one that was on the website was way out of date, so we're in the process of going through it. Ashley came up with a good mission statement for us to make some suggestions to so we're going to do that right now. Also we had a follow up meeting on June 1, Pam Jenkins had put on a event down at the park. How to plant a pollinator garden. She did all the work, and got about 18 attendees. So it was real good, really well attended event for adults. So it's kind of nice to see kids events and some adult events too. The next one, unfortunately, the Summer Fun Day that was scheduled for July 20, we had to cancel. We discussed this at the last meeting, and we did not have anybody that was able to take point on that…So as a majority vote, not unanimous, but as the majority vote, we did have to cancel.

   Mr. Glover brought the following recommendations for consideration.

   a. First one is, Pam has brought up that it was time to seal the arbor over at the meadow and as part of that, we agreed that the shelter at a dog park as well as picnic tables should also be stained and sealed at the same time, so they all match. So she suggested a couple different varieties, colors of paint, settings, and as a group, we came up with one called pewter, which is on here, circled up five times in blue. It's on the right side, about halfway down. So the Parks Committee respectfully recommends that Village Council authorize purchase of two gallons of stain and sealant products. The cost is $48 per gallon. Actually, the one thing we didn't have on there was the paint brushes…so we're gonna have to add that. So they were $10.47. I put on another $21 on that. So actually, the cost of the stain and the paint brushes would not exceed $120 which we've already requested; that money was set aside as part of park improvement when we set forth the 2025 budget. So the money's already been budgeted. And as part of that, the parks committee agreed that…if Council approves, we would do the labor. We would meet and stain all these things. And in conjunction with the dog park being closed on June 18 and 19th.

      Motion to Approve: Mike Glover

Seconded: Rick Walker
Discussion: none

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

b. Second one, is under the Park safety improvements, Lee had brought it up that the water spigot overshoots the crock intended to collect water. So she suggested that we get some landscaping blocks or something to that effect, build a little area around where the water spigot is, and stone it in, gravel it in so it looks real nice and absorbs the water better.

Another aspect of cleaning up that area is to clean up the trees around the pavilion. Lee recommended that right next to the stage, there's two trees, and she … was suggesting that we clean up that area, edge it around the trees, and mulch inside so it's nicer. And in the process of looking at the trees- there is some trimming that needs to be done to make it safer.

Mayor Gessic would like to include the tree work with other tree removal and trimming noted earlier.

Motion to Approve repair to the water spigot drainage: Mike Glover
Seconded: Rick Walker
Discussion: none

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

The Wish List for the Parks Committee was also briefly discussed.

c. Finally, Mr. Glover would like to replace or repaint signs in the park. There's four items listed here-Park sign maintenance, straighten out and repaint the existing park signs. There are some of them that were bent and twisted, and I think you guys did a good job of straightening most of those up. But there's some signs that need to be replaced. Like, if you go around the loop, there's no stop sign before you come back out, out of the loop. So right now there's an intersection. There's a three way intersection with no stop sign…There are stop signs installed at the end of the loop. We had previously one way arrows on the road to make sure people understood that it was a one way road around the park. And those are now worn off, so we're recommending that those be painted again, but instead of two small, …there would be one large arrow in the middle.

So where the old Porta Potty was, there's a road gravel strip there that's been depressed because of all the years that trucks have gone down there to clean that Porta Potty out. So we're suggesting that topsoil be spread there and plant some

grass to restore that area and vegetation management, removing basic Phragmites from the designated park areas to promote healthy native plant growth.
So I would suggest that we do everything that doesn't cost money at this point. Then, you know, like (removing excess vegetation) around the pond, that's going to be a project, the oak tree branch, and clean up. That's not going to cost anything other than hourly wages, the traffic signs, the one way signs on the ground. That's also manpower. Do we have stop signs? So we've already got, that's not going to cost anything to put that up.

Motion to proceed with projects as manpower allows: Mike Glover
Seconded: Ashley Hacking
Discussion: none

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

Finally, Mr. Glover wanted to respond to comments made at the last Council Meeting. So I I wanted to; I'd like to take a brief moment to apologize on behalf of parks committee and set the record straight at last month's council meeting, a member of the parks committee confronted this council saying we all needed to start volunteering at community events.

In my 16 years of being on council, I've never served with a group of council members, administration or employees, where there has been this amount of participation, not only do all members volunteer, but most of their spouses and or family members volunteer...every single member of council and the mayor continuously volunteer their time, participating in multiple community events. Some members also donate numerous personal life hours and sponsor events and fundraisers monetarily unassociated with the village and many that residents in this community do not know about, because no one here feels it necessary to publicize their own efforts in this community... some have even neglected taking care of their own private property, to help plow roads, to assist the road crew, as well as to ensure public safety. I am proud to give back. I am proud of the give back attitude this Council and Administration have- I stand proudly beside you all what we do for this outside of this chamber. And I mean, I've never been associated with council where so many people do so many things, and to hear that last month that really that was really upsetting to me ...when it's put on public record that we don't do anything and we need to start volunteering, sometimes maybe we should put out there what we do so people (know).

5. **Elias Coss:** Elias Coss reported that we have a Fall Festival meeting Monday at four o'clock, so it's open to the public. I've been very heavily involved in looking for senior center director... so I haven't really been able to focus much time on the Fall Festival, but after the fall festival meeting on Monday, I'll be meeting with the board to talk about the possibility of moving forward with hiring one of the three remaining candidates that we have. Not everybody in this room, received an email from

Commissioner, but I do believe that Rick has volunteered to attend that meeting on June 26 as the chairperson of the board. I will be there as well, so that, being says, there's going to be two of us. So there's that information to piggyback off of Mike with volunteers. Thank you for bringing that up. But the Fall Festival is going to be September 6, and if anybody in the room, whether it's council or maybe the community members, has any free time and is interested in volunteering in some capacity, I welcome you to reach out to me and express your interest. You know, to kind of take that with what mindset last year, Mike volunteered to work a few hours directing the traffic which resulted in (him being) there from before it started until after we finished.

6. **Ashley Hacking:** Ashley Hacking announced we got the grant submitted. We got the grant submitted for pickleball courts. We haven't heard anything yet. I still have my fingers crossed that we get the get the grant that would be great to have a pickleball court- two of them at Lee Lydic Park. So John and I will just keep waiting; probably will hear in October or November.

   Yeah, we'll be ready. So, so that's the update on that. I'll just keep letting you know that, I guess. And then last month, last meeting, I was given the assignment. Somehow, I'm always in charge of dogs. So now I was given the assignment to come up with the dog park rules and possible signage. So I visit a lot of dog parks … and took notes. Here are the best of all dog signage I came up with. Here's an example of what I recommend being placed on the inside of the gate. So while you're in there with your dogs, you have nothing to do but watch your dog and read this sign in there. You can see everybody has an example- I put on everybody's desk. You can kind of go down and read it. I think there's one (a number) there. You guys can all see. And then it also has, in case of emergency, call 911, that's what we talked about, kind of. And then I did talk to the parks committee, and I did talk to different people at dog park, and I came to find out that pretty much everybody just wants a number of calls in case they want to perform an issue.

   So your number here. So the issue, sorry, they're gonna call the village, and if it doesn't, then they know to call 9-1-1. They can just call here. If it stopped during hours, they have the number to call back again….(If) we don't feel like printing too, because we're saving money. We can just print this little sign that just has 911... Then I had this, because we have no signage on the little dog park, because we found out, because we had the big dog through the little dog park. That's how I got in this mess. Here is an example of the sign that states- to go on the outside- that this is for the smaller dog area, but this is going to be a big sign on the door that you should be able to understand that (if) your dog is bigger than that it should exit. So these are the recommendations. I'm recommending to council to upgrade to these additional signs. I was pretty clear to say, no food, no beverages. And I think I tried, I tried to be pretty clear on all the items that were major issues.

   Motion to purchase and install additional signs: Ashley Hacking
   Seconded: Rick Walker

Discussion: none

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

PURCHASE & APPROVALS:

Mr. Roskos submitted purchase and approvals to Council for the time period from May 2, 2025 through June 5, 2025. Councilman Rick Walker made a motion to approve. Jean Schonauer seconded the motion.

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

DAYS OF FIREWORKS:

Council discussed the dates and times for fireworks should be allowed for the 4th of July weekend. Some members of Council expressed concern over the lack of enforcement last year.

Rick Walker made a motion to make fireworks scheduled July 3rd, 4th and 5th from 11:00 am until 11:30 p.m. Mike Glover seconded the motion.

Vote to approve: Ashley Hacking, no; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, no; Mike Glover, yes; Jean Schonauer, no, and Rick Walker voted yes. (3-3 vote, Mayor would not break the tie)

After discussion: Elias Coss made a motion to make fireworks scheduled July 3rd and July 4th from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Jean Schonauer seconded the motion.

Vote to approve: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Jean Schonauer, yes, and Rick Walker voted no. (5-1)

RITA PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION – LETTERS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA

Mr. Roskos raised the question of whether Council would like to continue to send delinquent letters or to ask RITA to issue Administrative Subpoenas for delinquent taxes. He stated the cost per subpoena is $1.00. Mr. Roskos was uncertain of how many would be required. The Subpoenas are for taxpayers who have not filed returns.

Jean Schonauer made a motion to add the administrative subpoena, and Mike Glover seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Zigman: I just want to say that I looked this report over. John, awesome job. Thank you. The only other thing I have to say is Happy Father's Day to all the fathers. All right, thank you so much, have a beautiful evening.

Rick Walker wanted to express gratitude to all of Council for attending the Perry High School graduation. It was good to see such good turnout from our council. You know, you don't know if the kids notice in the back of their minds that their community members and leaders are supporting them by being there.

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

1. I want to clarify the vote on the fireworks. Solicitor O'Leary responded 5 yes and 1 no.
2. Also, ordinance 2025-2, was that passed unanimously. Solicitor O'Leary said yes.
3. Ordinance 2025-3 was pulled and what was that about? Solicitor O'Leary indicated it was about the zoning for Data Centers but needed to go through revisions before it was resubmitted to council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

(a) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property (ORC 121.22 (G)(2) at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

(b) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Inviting Council, Mayor Gessic and Solicitor O'Leary. No action is planned after Executive Session.

Jean Schonauer made a motion to go into Executive Session
Seconded by Mike Glover

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

Perry Village Council went into executive session at 8:36 p.m.

At 9:01 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, Rebecca Shimko, yes; Rick Walker, yes; Ashley Hacking, and Mike Glover, yes.

The Council door was opened, and the meeting continued.

Council confirmed a second June meeting to be held on Thursday, June 26th as scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The Perry Village Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Editor's Note: *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
6/26/2025 at 7:00 p.m.

John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

James Gessic, Mayor

Posted 7/7/25