

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall 8:15 pm

Special Meeting
August 13, 2025

Mayor James Gessic presiding.
Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENT:

Ashley Hacking
Elias Coss
Jean Schonauer
Mike Glover
Rick Walker
Rebecca "Becky" Shimko

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

James O'Leary Solicitor
James Gessic Mayor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Curtis Curd

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Solicitor O'Leary explained the reason for the special meeting is to accept the resignation of TJ Rockwell from the planning commission, to appoint a replacement and to address the make up of the planning commission.

1. **Resignation of TJ Rockwell:**

Mike Glover made a motion to accept the resignation of TJ Rockwell as a member of the planning commission and attach his resignation to the minutes.

Jean Schonauer seconded the motion.

Discussion: Jean Schonauer noted that TJ Rockwell served eleven (11) years on the planning commission and served the Village of Perry well.

Vote to Accept the Resignation of TJ Rockwell: Ashley Hacking, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Rebecca Shinko, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

2. Resignation of a Council Representative:

Solicitor O’Leary informed Council that the current make up of the planning commission includes one too many council persons. When the planning commission is at full strength it would have the Mayor, one council person and three members of the community, not necessarily a Village of Perry resident.

Ashley Hacking submitted her resignation as a council member representative on the planning commission.

Elias Coss made a motion to accept the oral resignation of Ashley Hacking as a member of the planning commission. Jean Schonauer seconded the motion.

Discussion: Council inquired about the make up of the planning commission and Solicitor O’Leary reiterated the Mayor and one member of Council would join three members of the community and not all of them is required to be a Village of Perry resident. Mayor Gessic noted the difficulty Council has had in finding volunteers for appointment to various Village committees, including the planning commission. He further noted the desire to have a Contractor or someone with building code experience to assist the planning commission.

Solicitor O’Leary stated “when you think about it, it absolutely makes sense, because the purpose of the planning commission is to make recommendations, that council then votes on so if you have a mayor and two councilmembers out of five member board, it defeats the purpose of community input. Also, if you only have the two, then those three positions become much more important in making a recommendation. Now, to be fair, they could vote five to zero, not to recommend something, and Council could still approve it regardless of the recommendation.”

Vote to Accept the Resignation of Ashley Hacking: Elias Coss, yes; Rebecca Shinko, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes. Ashley Hacking abstained from voting.

3. LEGISLATION

Resolution No. 46-2025 (Recommendation to suspend the rules)

A resolution confirming the appointment of Amanda Giavonette to the Village of Perry Planning Commission and declaring an emergency.

Solicitor O’Leary explained to Council the need to suspend the rules and appoint a replacement for TJ Rockwell on the planning commission due to a meeting scheduled for August 14, 2025.

Mayor Gessic added that he has spoken with Amanda a couple of times and comes highly recommended by Councilman Elias Coss. He noted she lives Hidden Village, pretty much a

lifelong resident of Perry, a graduate from Perry High School. They're business owners in the community in Lake County. Her main goal is to run for school board in a few years, because she has two young children, and they're going to be school age. So, Elias got me in contact with her, and I talked to her for quite a length, a couple different times. I thought she'd be a good fit.

Mayor Gessic commented how difficult it is to find volunteers to sit on various boards and committees. Curtis Curd, who was present, expressed an interest in being appointed. Solicitor O'Leary responded that he will check with John Roskos and let Mr. Curd know what positions are open for appointment.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Jean Schonauer
Seconded: Rebecca Shinko

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 46-2025: Jean Schonauer
Seconded: Elias Coss

Vote to Pass Resolution No. 46-2025: Ashley Hacking, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; Elias Coss, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Rick Walker, yes; and Jean Schonauer, yes.

4. Mayors Comments:

Mayor Gessic commented that he is concerned that a member of the planning commission has failed to attend meetings, failed to respond to texts and or emails. As a Mayor Gessic, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, a member who basically "ghosts" the Village, they are considered to have abandoned their position and will be removed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jean Schonauer made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Elias Coss.

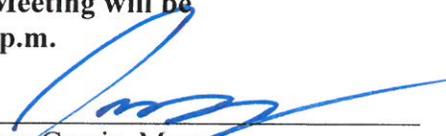
Vote to Adjourn: Elias Coss, yes; Jean Schonauer, yes, Rebecca Shimko, yes; Rick Walker, yes; Ashley Hacking, yes, and Mike Glover, yes

The Perry Village Special Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**The Next Regular Council Meeting will be
8/14/2025 at 7:00 p.m.**



John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer



James Gessic, Mayor

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