

AGENDA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE OF PERRY

**Thursday – April 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

**Regular Council Meeting 7:00PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance (please silence cell phones):
2. Call to Order/Roll Call: Elias Coss, Curtis Curd, Brian Farley, Mike Glover, Pamela Jenkins, Rebecca “Becky” Shimko
3. Good & Welfare- Fire Chief Dominic Chiappone
4. Public Comment: **(Public to address comments and questions to Mayor and will be limited to 3 minutes. Mayor will decide if he would like Council or Employees to respond)**
5. Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:
  - a. Regular Council Meeting 3/12/2026 (emailed April 1, 2026)
6. Legislation:

**Resolution No. 11-2026** (Third Reading)

A resolution authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2026 Energized Community Grant

**Resolution No. 14-2026** (Second Reading; Recommendation to Suspend the Third Reading)

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

**Resolution No. 17-2026** (Recommendation to Suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution to acknowledge donation to the Village of Perry Lee Lydic Park by Petitti Family of Farms

**Resolution No. 18-2026** (Recommendation to Suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution of the Village of Perry, Ohio supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA250-OH)

**Resolution No. 19-2026** (Recommendation to Suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in Year 2026 for Perry Village and declaring an emergency

**Resolution No. 20-2026** (First Reading)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to take all actions necessary to apply for the PEP+ Grant Program to fund Safety, Risk Control and declaring an emergency

**Resolution No. 21-2026** (First Reading)

A resolution supporting and urging the Ohio General Assembly to pass Ohio House Bill 695 (HB 695) and declaring an emergency

**Ordinance No. 2026-02** (Second Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 121.01 and 121.03(1)(a) Standing Rules of Order for Village Council of the Village of Perry Codified Ordinances to amend the start time for Village Council Meetings and declaring an emergency

**Ordinance No. 2026-05** (First Reading)

An Ordinance prohibiting members of Village Council and the Mayor from entering into nondisclosure agreements regarding public matters, creating Sections 731.142 and 733.241 of the Municipal Ordinances of the Village of Perry, and declaring an emergency

**Ordinance No. 2026-06** (First Reading)\*

An Ordinance amending Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Perry, and declaring an emergency.

\*A different piece of legislation than Ordinance No. 2026-02. Changes within this Ordinance relate to the structure of Committees.

7. Reports:

- a. Mayor:
- b. Solicitor:
- c. Engineer: Robert B. Parker, P.E.
- d. Fiscal Officer: Financial Report
- e. Police Chief:
- f. Public Works:
- g. Zoning:
- h. Economic Development:

- JEDD/PEDC
- Planning Commission

i. Council Members:

Elias Coss –

Curtis Curd –

Brian Farley –

Mike Glover –

Pamela Jenkins – Battery Collection Tube, Gate at Park

Rebecca “Becky” Shimko –

8. Purchases & Approvals:

a. Approval of Purchases- March 6 through April 5

9. Public Comment (**comments may be directed to the Mayor or Council members only, may pertain to any topic specifically discussed at this meeting, and will be limited to 3 minutes**):

10. Executive Sessions (if needed):

(a) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

(b) 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.

11. Adjournment:

**The next Regular Council Meeting is April 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM.**

Called by: Mayor Gessic

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# Purchases and Approvals April 9, 2026 Meeting

VILLAGE OF PERRY, LAKE COUNTY

4/2/2026 4:25:10 PM

## Payment Listing

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3/6/2026 to 4/2/2026

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
161-2026	03/06/2026	03/06/2026	CH	THE ILLUMINATING COMPANY	\$93.43	O
162-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Malcolm Battiato	\$2,407.79	O
163-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Darin G. Beckstead	\$2,327.81	O
164-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Michael J. Collins	\$2,706.37	O
165-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Tanner J Elliott	\$743.25	O
166-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Patrick Evans	\$367.59	O
167-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	John Lee Jacobson	\$495.75	O
168-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Michael Todd Klugh	\$353.95	O
169-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Michael V Orf	\$1,312.54	O
170-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	John H Roskos	\$1,689.95	O
171-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Nathanial D.L. Stone	\$2,460.17	O
172-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	MILO J TILOCCO	\$858.88	O
173-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Todd R West	\$255.21	O
174-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Daniel L Wyatt	\$997.68	O
175-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EP	Edward Zigman	\$558.48	O
178-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EW	Federal Tax Payee	\$3,404.24	O
179-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EW	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System	\$6,538.73	O
180-2026	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	EW	Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund	\$11,337.70	O
181-2026	03/10/2026	03/10/2026	CH	JP WRIGHT	\$375.00	O
182-2026	03/10/2026	03/10/2026	CH	CHRISTIAN GRAY	\$50.00	O
183-2026	03/11/2026	03/11/2026	CH	THE ILLUMINATING COMPANY	\$330.11	O
184-2026	03/11/2026	03/11/2026	CH	AT&T MOBILITY	\$217.58	O
185-2026	03/12/2026	03/11/2026	EW	OKLAHOMA CENTRALIZED SUPPORT REG	\$0.00	O
186-2026	03/13/2026	03/13/2026	CH	PERRY JEDD	\$21,671.80	O
187-2026	03/16/2026	03/16/2026	CH	THE ILLUMINATING COMPANY	\$164.73	O
188-2026	03/16/2026	03/16/2026	CH	VISUAL ARMOR SECURITY	\$52.84	O
189-2026	03/18/2026	03/18/2026	CH	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$139.99	O
190-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Malcolm Battiato	\$2,666.54	O
191-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Darin G. Beckstead	\$2,338.06	O
192-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Michael J. Collins	\$2,281.98	O
193-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Elias A Coss	\$360.30	O
194-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Curtis N Curd	\$297.67	O
195-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Tanner J Elliott	\$625.95	O
196-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Patrick Evans	\$367.59	O
197-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Brian J Farley	\$301.51	O
198-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	James Gessic	\$368.39	O
199-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Michael A Glover	\$299.59	O
200-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Christian Gray	\$1,401.67	O
201-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	John Lee Jacobson	\$1,572.59	O
202-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Pamela Jenkins	\$310.97	O
203-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Michael Todd Klugh	\$787.68	O
204-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	James R. O'Leary	\$2,118.61	O
205-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Michael V Orf	\$1,146.63	O
206-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	John H Roskos	\$1,689.95	O
207-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Rebecca Shimko	\$297.67	O
208-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Nathanial D.L. Stone	\$2,094.48	O

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3/6/2026 to 4/2/2026

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
209-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	MILO J TILOCCO	\$174.77	O
210-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Daniel L Wyatt	\$839.12	O
211-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EP	Edward Zigman	\$327.69	O
214-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EW	Federal Tax Payee	\$3,957.41	O
215-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EW	State Tax Payee	\$1,399.72	O
216-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EW	RITA Municipal Income Tax	\$1,156.60	O
217-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EW	DELTA DENTAL	\$8.60	O
218-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	CH	DELTA DENTAL	\$190.71	O
219-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	EW	VSP	\$2.18	O
220-2026	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	CH	VSP	\$45.90	O
221-2026	03/24/2026	03/25/2026	CH	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$44.72	O
222-2026	03/25/2026	03/25/2026	CH	VISA	\$3,334.01	O
223-2026	03/31/2026	03/31/2026	CH	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$113.53	O
28431	03/06/2026	03/06/2026	AW	21ST CENTURY MEDIA-OHIO	\$36.10	O
28432	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	PR	Charles Eisenhart II	\$545.16	O
28433	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	PR	Pasquale Giannell	\$76.29	O
28434	03/12/2026	03/09/2026	PR	Michael Ryan	\$51.75	O
28435	03/10/2026	03/10/2026	AW	CSJ TECHNOLOGIES	\$99.00	O
28436	03/10/2026	03/10/2026	AW	CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS,	\$799.28	O
28437	03/10/2026	03/10/2026	AW	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$107.94	O
28438	03/10/2026	03/10/2026	AW	NORTHEASTERN COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,395.48	O
28439	03/10/2026	03/10/2026	AW	Madison Ace Hardware	\$128.19	O
28440	03/10/2026	03/10/2026	AW	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$156.00	O
28441	03/12/2026	03/11/2026	WS	John Lee Jacobson	\$495.76	O
28442	03/12/2026	03/12/2026	AW	Best Truck Equipment, Inc.	\$146.90	O
28443	03/13/2026	03/13/2026	AW	Lake County Information Technology	\$4,785.92	O
28444	03/13/2026	03/13/2026	AW	PERRY AREA JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT	\$5,000.00	O
28445	03/13/2026	03/13/2026	AW	LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS	\$9,434.40	O
28446	03/17/2026	03/17/2026	AW	ARCAROS AUTO CLINIC AND DETAILING	\$189.90	O
28447	03/18/2026	03/18/2026	AW	E. Dake Ltd	\$125.00	O
28448	03/18/2026	03/18/2026	AW	Aladtec, Inc.	\$3,387.00	O
28449	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	PR	Charles Eisenhart II	\$627.41	O
28450	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	PR	Pasquale Giannell	\$25.43	O
28451	03/26/2026	03/24/2026	PR	Michael Ryan	\$60.22	O
28452	03/25/2026	03/25/2026	AW	Identiphoto	\$206.75	O
28453	03/25/2026	03/25/2026	AW	Harvey + Abens Co., LPA	\$843.75	O
28454	03/25/2026	03/25/2026	AW	SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$1,585.00	O
28455	03/31/2026	03/31/2026	AW	AIRGAS USA LLC	\$214.97	O
28456	03/31/2026	03/31/2026	AW	FLYNN'S TIRE WHOLESALE	\$711.20	O
28457	03/31/2026	03/31/2026	AW	HEMLY TOOL SUPPLY INC.	\$10.36	O
28458	03/31/2026	03/31/2026	AW	SBJ Consulting, LLC	\$3,300.00	O
Total Payments:					\$129,379.52	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$129,379.52	

**Payment Listing**

3/6/2026 to 4/2/2026

Type: AM - Accounting Manual Warrant, AW - Accounting Warrant, IM - Investment Manual Warrant, IW - Investment Warrant, PM - Payroll Manual Warrant, PR - Payroll Warrant, RW - Reduction of Receipt Warrant, SW - Skipped Warrant, WH - Withholding Warrant, WM - Withholding Manual, WS - Special Warrant, CH - Electronic Payment Advice, IL - Investment Loss, EP - Payroll EFT Voucher, CV - Payroll Conversion Voucher, SV - Payroll Special Voucher, EW - Withholding Voucher, POS ADJ - Positive Adjustment, NEG ADJ - Negative Adjustment, POS REAL - Positive Reallocation, NEG REAL - Negative Reallocation

Status: O - Outstanding, C - Cleared, V - Voided, B - Batch

\* Asterisked amounts are not included in report totals. These transactions occurred outside the reported date range but are listed for reference.

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Perry Village Council  
Perry Village Hall 7:00pm

Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2026

Mayor James Gessic presiding.  
Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENT:**

Elias Coss  
Mike Glover  
Rebecca “Becky” Shimko  
Curtis Curd  
Brian Farley  
Pamela Jenkins

### **PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:**

James O’Leary	Solicitor
James Gessic	Mayor
John H. Roskos	Clerk/Fiscal Officer
Christian Gray	Zoning Inspector

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mickey Atchley, Tom & Nicholle Fulginiti, Lee Glover, Ashley Hacking, Larry Hackley, Eva Kutscher, Vince Lindeman, Alex Russo, Joe & Julie Schultz, Ron & Lori White, Laura Wolkersdorfer.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ashley Hacking (3937 Charles Way)** addressed the Council regarding the Tangible Personal Property (TPP) tax phase-out and its anticipated impact on the Perry Local School District. Mrs. Hacking stated she had provided each Council member with a five-year forecast submitted by Perry Local School District in October, along with an explanation of the forecast provided by the school district at that time, an updated forecast discussed in January showing both favorable and unfavorable scenarios, and the approved February meeting minutes documenting that the Board ultimately adopted the favorable forecast. She also included a QR code in the packet linking directly to the Ohio Department of Education information explaining the tangible personal property tax phase-out program so that each Council member could review the official state source regarding how these reimbursements were structured and how they are being reduced over time to zero.

Mrs. Hacking stated she was sharing this information as a taxpayer who cares deeply about Perry Local Schools, noting that her grandchildren, Sawyer and Lucy, deserve the same opportunity

she had as a Perry alumnus and the same opportunity that the Mayor's daughter Alexis had while attending Perry Schools. She stated that when reviewing the forecast, one item becomes very clear: the TPP replacement funding is near the end of its phase-out. She reminded the Council that in 2017 there was significant concern that approximately \$17 million in TPP replacement funding was originally scheduled to end, but that the Governor's office extended that timeline and gradually reduced the payment rather than eliminating it all at once. For the past eight years, that funding has been held at roughly \$8.5 million, giving the district time to prepare. However, the district's current forecast now shows those payments declining further, with projections dropping to approximately \$5.5 million in the coming years.

Ms. Hacking emphasized that the TPP reimbursement program was always intended to be temporary, winding down to zero. She stated that when she previously served on the Board of Education, the Champion Farms property was purchased with the long-term vision of attracting economic development to replace those TPP funds — reflecting the community's understanding that they would eventually need to prepare for this exact moment. She stated that the economic development opportunity currently under contract is the only major project before the Village that could address this long-term revenue transition. She also noted that revenue systems across Ohio are continuing to change, referencing Ohio House Bill 15 as having already influenced how major infrastructure and taxes are structured, and stated that these changes are decreasing funding at the state level. She asked the Council to please consider the effects of the TPP loss on children, the community, and the funding of safety forces. **She stated that residents can afford an increase, but that the burden will fall on them.** She asked that the land agreement — which she stated is already a legally binding agreement — be acted upon, and that the Council stop debating it. She called on the Council to hire an expert team to ensure that the PILOT is done right, that it protects Perry residents, supports the schools, and helps maintain the police and the community. Solicitor O'Leary indicated her time had run over, and Ms. Hacking concluded her comments.

**Lori White (3858 Padre Pio Lane)**, a resident of Hidden Village, addressed the Council regarding snow plowing service in her development. Ms. White expressed that the snow plowing where she lives on Padre Po Drive was terrible, that she had to make several phone calls to the road department and police department to complain, and that she got stuck several times. She acknowledged that main streets are plowed well but stated that her development, which she noted brings in a lot of tax revenue, receives poor service.

Solicitor O'Leary reminded attendees that public comment is an opportunity to bring issues before Council, but is not a give-and-take discussion. Mayor Gessic responded that the Village has five road crew members on rotation, that during one of the storms one person was sick leaving only four, and that he himself filled in plowing. The Mayor explained that it takes three hours for one driver to complete all the subdivisions, such that in heavy snowfall the roads do not look plowed by the time the driver returns for a second pass. Council Member Elias Coss asked Mrs. White to elaborate on whether the issue was snow everywhere or lack of salting. Mrs. White confirmed there was snow everywhere. Council Member Coss explained that there was a statewide salt shortage this year requiring strategic application, that Morton failed to deliver two

loads of salt — one of which was delivered to the wrong location — putting the Village further behind on salt distribution, but that the plowing portion was a separate matter.

**Vince Lindeman (3910 Dugan Farms)**, addressed the Council, noting that there has been a lot of discussion on Facebook about the data center, good and bad, and asked what the current status of the project is. Solicitor O'Leary indicated that an update would likely be provided during the Mayor's Report. Mayor Gessic confirmed an update would be given during his report.

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

**Tom Anderson**, identified as a North Perry resident and Commander of the Perry American Legion, addressed the Council to thank the Mayor and Council for their support and funding of Perry High School students for the Buckeye Boys and Girls State programs. He reported that with the Council's donation, the Legion was able to **send three students to Girls State and two to Boys State in June 2025**. He stated that an unexpected donation was received last year, and the remainder of the donated funds were used in 2025 to support one of four applicants to Boys State and one student for Girls State to be held in June 2026. He thanked the Council for supporting these programs and explained their mission: one week during summer vacation focused on government exercises, cultivating leadership values and patriotism, and empowering participants with confidence to pursue leadership roles. He reported that over his 10 years leading these programs, many parents expressed how the experience instilled confidence in their sons and daughters. He shared a particular story of one previously supported student who is currently at West Point, crediting Boys State as having given him the confidence to pursue that path. Commander Anderson shared photographs of last year's group with the Council.

**Eva Kutscher**, identified as a senior at Perry High School, presented to the Council regarding her environmental science "Make a Difference" project. Ms. Kutscher explained that she chose to build a bee house (bee hotel) for the garden center at Lee Lydic Park, addressing the environmental problems of habitat loss, climate change, and protection from invasive species. She described the physical design: multiple natural materials including pine cones underneath, with the bee house at the top. She stated her hope to learn more about biodiversity and how to support local food crops through building crucial nesting sites. She indicated a plan to install two to four units at Lee Lydic Park by the following weekend, to be placed on shepherd's hooks or similar poles. She stated the project would continue to be maintained by future seniors taking the same environmental science class.

Council Member Curtis Curd expressed enthusiasm, noting he is an avid gardener and asked whether Ms. Kutscher had envisioned expanding the project beyond Lee Lydic Park to protect pollinators throughout the village. Ms. Kutscher stated not at the moment, but that the plan is to continue the project further after she graduates, as future Seniors will maintain it. Council Member Pam Jenkins inquired about the installation method. Ms. Kutscher confirmed shepherd's hooks or similar supports were being considered.

Council Member Curd volunteered to help coordinate placement. Solicitor O'Leary directed Ms. Kutscher to coordinate with Council Member Curd regarding placement, so that the Council is aware of where the units are located, noting concerns about lawn mowers and proximity to playground equipment, and clarifying that approval concern would only be required if appropriation of funds were needed. Council Member Jenkins and Ms. Kutscher exchanged contact information.

### **READING & DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES:**

Mayor Gessic called for a motion to approve the reading and disposition of the minutes for February 12, 2026. Elias Coss moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, abstain; Becky Shimko, yes. The minutes were approved.

### **LEGISLATION**

The Fiscal Officer read legislation items.

#### **Resolution No. 2-2026** (Third Reading)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to take all actions necessary to participate in the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2026 Community Event Sponsorship Program and declaring an emergency.

Motion to approve was made by Elias Coss and seconded by Curtis Curd. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Elias Coss noted that this money is usually earmarked and donated to the Fall Festival, and he formally requested that it be donated to the Fall Festival Committee for 2026. The Fiscal Officer clarified that this grant is approximately \$1,000, and that in the past the funds have been split between a few events.

#### **Resolution No. 3-2026** (Third Reading)

A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to encumber and expend five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to fund the Perry Joint Recreation District, including youth recreation and Perry senior center for calendar year 2026.

Motion made by Becky Shimko, seconded by Elias Coss. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Coss provided context for new members: the Perry Area Joint Recreation District is a district shared among all three Perry entities and the school, with each entity donating funds. For 2026, the Township is contributing \$20,000, North Perry \$10,000, and the Village \$5,000. In total \$35,000 is allocated, split evenly between the Youth Recreation Department and the Senior Center. Council Member Coss thanked the Council for continuing this contribution.

**Resolution No. 11-2026** (Second Reading)

A resolution authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2026 Energized Community Grant

The Fiscal Officer noted one more reading remains. The Mayor stated the grant is approximately \$4,000.

**Resolution No. 13-2026** (Recommendation to Suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution authorizing the promotion of Michael Orf to Sergeant of the Village of Perry Police Department and declaring an emergency

Motion to suspend three-reading rule was made by Elias Coss and seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes. Motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed. Discussion was then held: a Council member asked why a sergeant is being promoted, expressing concern about the department becoming top-heavy. Mayor Gessic explained that the Village does not currently have a Chief, and that Officer Orf is the senior part-time officer. When Chief Collins is assigned to the School, there is a need for someone with the authority and experience to direct the department in his absence. The Council member asked whether Orf would be going full-time; the Mayor confirmed Orff will remain a part-time sergeant for at least a couple more years. Motion to approve was made by Elias Coss and seconded by Curtis Curd. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes.

**Resolution No. 14-2026** (First Reading)

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

Read on first reading; no vote taken at this time.

**Resolution No. 15-2026** (Recommendation to Suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution amending Resolution No. 51-2025 and approving the Permanent Appropriations Fund for the Village of Perry, Ohio for the Year 2026 and declaring an emergency.

The Fiscal Officer explained that the Village received a large refund for a net profits tax that was required to be paid and that this resolution adds approximately \$23,000 needed for that refund. Mayor Gessic summarized that the State gave the Village someone else's money, which must now be returned. Motion to suspend three-reading rule was made by Elias Coss and seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes. Motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed. Motion to approve was made by Elias Coss and seconded by Becky Shimko. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 16-2026** (Recommendation to Suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with TCP Software (Aladtec) for Police Department Time Management Software, and declaring an emergency.

The Fiscal Officer explained that this is software currently used by the police department for scheduling and time-off requests. The vendor has indicated significant price increases over the next several years but offered the ability to maintain the current rate for up to three years if the Village signs on within 30–45 days before the May 1st renewal date. The Fiscal Officer noted the State Auditor's recommendation for contracts of this type is approximately three years. Motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Brian Farley and seconded by Elias Coss. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes.

Discussion followed. Council Member Coss elaborated that the increase if the Village does not act within the 30–45 day window is significant, and that from a fiscally responsible standpoint it makes sense to enter the agreement. The Mayor noted the last contract was also three years. Council Member Jenkins asked whether there is a penalty for leaving before the three years are up. The Fiscal Officer stated he had not seen a penalty provision, but the Solicitor noted that contracts typically include an early termination provision with a six-month notice window and potentially some associated fee, though he had not seen the full contract. Council Member Coss indicated he had reviewed it and nothing of concern jumped out, but noted that costs for fire and police services are increasing significantly across the board — in some cases more than doubling or tripling in recent years. He discussed the example of central dispatch (911), noting that there is no viable alternative without introducing dangerous delays, and that costs have not decreased in the five or six years he has been tracking them. Council Member Curd questioned whether going longer than three years on the contract might be advantageous, noting a 12% increase in the tail years may not be a huge financial risk. The Mayor indicated technology could change, potentially offering better and cheaper options, but noted the 911 system transition had already doubled costs. Motion to approve was made by Elias Coss and seconded by Mike Glover. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 2026-01** (Recommendation to Suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

An Ordinance retroactively confirming and establishing compensation for the Village of Perry Police Department Canine Handler, amending Ordinance 01-2023, and declaring an emergency.

The Fiscal Officer explained that when Ordinance 1-2023 was passed in February 2023 covering years 2023, 2024, and 2025, the canine handler position was omitted by error. The State Auditor recommended that Council pass a retroactive ordinance to correct the error. The Fiscal Officer noted that canine handler pay is a long-established practice dating back to at least 2007. Motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Becky Shimko, and seconded by Mike Glover. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes. Motion to approve was made by Brian Farley and seconded by Elias Coss. No additional discussion. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam

Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes. Resolution passed unanimously.

### **Ordinance No. 2026-02** (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 121.01 and 121.03(1)(a) Standing Rules of Order for Village Council of the Village of Perry Codified Ordinances to amend the start time for Village Council Meetings and declaring an emergency

The Fiscal Officer stated this ordinance would move the start time of Council meetings to 6:00 PM. Read on first reading; no vote taken at this time.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Park Committee Appointments:** Mayor Gessic announced committee appointments to the Park Committee: Barb Howley, Tara Chabot, and Vanessa Rockwell. He noted that John Howley was not included, as John does not attend meetings.

**Truck Fleet:** The Mayor reported that quotes are being obtained for new plow truck. A test drive was done with one vehicle and the crew liked it. One quote has been received but was not within their pricing expectations; a second quote is being obtained from another vendor to compare. A Freightliner truck (just under 26,000 lbs, non-CDL) was also referenced.

**Pressure Washer:** The Mayor reported obtaining quotes for a hot water pressure washer to clean vehicles and use at the park as needed. Current estimates are approximately \$10,000–\$11,000.

**Pickleball Courts:** The Mayor deferred to Engineer Bob Parker for the pickleball update.

**Vacant Houses:** The Mayor reported that one house on Maple Street is under contract to be sold and the parties are working through that process. The house on Harper is being listed for sale, and the owner has been in contact regarding zoning questions (single-family vs. multi-family). The Mayor indicated the owner plans to put all of their vacant houses up for sale throughout the year. The owners have filed all required vacant house registrations and paid all associated fees, which will be deposited into the Property Maintenance Fund (Account 2907). The Mayor confirmed two responses had been received from other vacant property letters, noting one had an incorrect address (corrected and resent) and one was addressed by Zoning Inspector Christian Gray. Mr. Gray reported that the owner of the property on Manchester Road — a childhood home, believed to be his mother's home — had been doing remodeling and plans to list the home for sale in the spring of 2026.

**Stormwater Project:** The Mayor reported that the Stormwater project had stalled due to the project manager retiring, but that a replacement has been appointed and work is expected to resume during the third or fourth week of March, weather dependent. Once that work concludes, the Village plans to remove trees from creeks near Council Member Shimko's property and remove fallen trees near Council Member Jenkins' property. The Mayor stated professional tree

crews will be hired for this work, not Village staff, and that Stormwater will cover the cost. A walk-around to assess catch basins was also conducted. Additionally, the Mayor stated the Village will seek quotes for new sidewalks on Thompson Road (**widening from 30 to 48 inches**), continuing the loop to Harper Street from Main Street, plus additional sidewalk on Main Street from Booth Farm to connect to the existing subdivision sidewalk.

**Stormwater / Maple Street:** The Mayor reported a complaint following a recent storm about water pooling on Maple Street. He stated the plan is to walk the creek from the resident's house down to the track to check for a beaver dam or obstruction preventing drainage. This was noted as a new occurrence.

**Data Center Update:** The Mayor reported having had multiple conversations with the data center developer over the past few weeks. The developer intends to submit a proposal for an abatement/PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) program as an incentive arrangement. The Mayor stated the Village is in the process of acquiring an attorney to navigate the PILOT negotiation to ensure the Village is not at a disadvantage. He reported contacting seven firms, four of which recused themselves due to existing conflicts from having previously represented the developer. The Mayor stated he will review the remaining three proposals in the next few days and will select the firm with the most relevant experience.

**Police Chief and Open Positions:** The Mayor reported that the Police Chief position has been posted and applications are being received. The full-time patrol officer position vacated by Officer Neal has also been posted, as well as a part-time administrator position to help manage ongoing operations. He noted the administrator posting will be up for three weeks, the police chief posting for two weeks, and the patrol officer posting is nearly continuous. Interviews are anticipated to be held in the evening around 6:00 PM. A Council member offered availability to assist with evening interviews. Council Member Coss indicated he would share the postings on social media through other communities, as that has proven effective for attracting police and fire applicants.

Solicitor O'Leary noted that the Mayor had omitted one additional open position (Solicitor) from his report.

**Solicitor's Transition:** Solicitor O'Leary stated that when he announced in November his intention to step aside, he had anticipated this would be his last meeting. However, given other important matters arising early in the year, he committed to staying on for a couple more months rather than leaving the Mayor in a difficult transition. He indicated he has been introducing covering attorneys at meetings as a trial run, giving the Council an opportunity to meet potential candidates and for those candidates to understand how meetings operate. He stated he anticipates transitioning around June 1st.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Engineer Bob Parker** provided the following updates:

**OPWC Grant:** The Village applied for an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant and loan for road resurfacing under the OPWC Small Government Fund. Preliminary analysis

indicated the Village qualifies. The Village is currently in the cure period, during which it is updating the engineer's schedule and finalizing items to earn additional points. If awarded, the grant would be \$99,400 (approximately 35% of construction cost), and a \$70,000 zero-interest 20-year loan, requiring approximately \$113,000 (40%) in local funds. If funds are awarded, they become available July 1st, which is not an optimal time for paving, so the project will likely be held until the following spring and potentially combined with the Township and North Perry Village for greater cost efficiency.

**Pickleball Courts:** The Village was awarded a grant for the pickleball courts. Estimated project cost is approximately \$86,000 against a \$55,000 grant. To close the cost gap, the project will be bid in separate packages: excavation and gravel base work, asphalt, surface coating, nets and posts, and fencing — to maximize pricing efficiency.

**Drainage and Water Line Projects:** Engineer Parker reported that Jeff and CEC sent an email confirming the drainage project will resume toward the end of March and should be completed in a relatively short time. Once that schedule is determined, the Green Street water line replacement and roadway widening will be put out to bid. The Village does not want to bid that project until the drainage schedule is confirmed, as it is a joint project with Lake County Department of Utilities.

**Manchester Road Bridge:** Lake County Engineer has hired Union Industrial to replace the Manchester Road Bridge. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled shortly, after which a detailed schedule will be provided, including notice of road closure, detour routes, and anticipated completion date. Engineer Parker stated he would circulate that information to police, fire, and the school district once it is available. Discussion was held regarding the detour route; a Council member expressed concern about truck and through-traffic being routed through residential developments. Engineer Parker stated the goal is to use Call Road for an official signed detour, with local residents likely using back streets informally. He offered to coordinate with the County Engineer to advocate for the preferred detour route.

**Tree Removal for Bridge Project:** Council Member Jenkins noted she heard trees being cut down that morning near the bridge. Engineer Parker confirmed this is due to the bat habitat window — two endangered bat species in Ohio (the Brown Bat/Long-Haired Bat and the Indiana Brown Bat) are protected from April 1st through October 31st, during which tree cutting is prohibited. The contractor is therefore completing tree removal before the April 1st deadline.

**Future OPWC Funding Rounds:** Engineer Parker reminded the Council that as one OPWC round concludes, the next begins, with applications typically due in May. He also noted the separate OPWC Clean Ohio Fund, which provides funding for acquisition and improvements through parkland, with applications due in the May–June timeframe. He suggested this could be relevant if the Village is considering purchasing property to expand the park.

## **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Fiscal Officer noted that Council Members can review the written financial report. He referenced ongoing IT improvements: Lake County IT has provided an updated scope of work for the Village's IT infrastructure and indicated work is expected to begin in May, per an email received that day from Nick Falcone.

## **POLICE CHIEF/PUBLIC WORKS**

Some potholes on Maple Street filled; additional details were discussed.

## **ZONING**

Planning Commission meets next Wednesday; zoning violation has been addressed.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

JEDD meeting was cancelled, nothing additional to report.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Elias Coss** provided the following reports:

*Police:* The Mayor already covered the police update.

*Fire:* The Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for April 19th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Station No. 1 (located nearby). Fire call volume is steady, with **260 calls so far in the current year compared to 266** calls at the same point last year, a difference of six calls.

*Youth Recreation:* The All-Star Weekend was held the previous Saturday, hosted at the high school, featuring teams from Perry, Madison, and Fairport. It was a great success and received positive feedback from all three communities. Council Member Coss praised Director Matt for his leadership. He noted that volleyball sign-ups are closing very soon (possibly the following day) and encouraged parents of interested children to sign up immediately.

*Senior Center:* The Casino Night is scheduled for May 8th from 6:00–9:00 PM at the Senior Center. Tickets are on sale.

*Laptops/Tablets for Council:* Council Member Coss proposed that the Council seriously consider acquiring laptops or tablets for all Council members and the Mayor. He noted this would eliminate excessive printing, allow for more efficient navigation during meetings, facilitate better communication, and improve efficiency for the Fiscal Officer. He stated that the cost of laptops and tablets has decreased significantly and that high-performance equipment is not required. He stated this would be a suggestion for serious consideration.

**Curtis Curd** reported the following:

*Local Government Official Conference:* Council Members Brian Farley and Curtis Curd attended a new government official orientation conference the previous Saturday. He described it as a

great experience, meeting officials from across Ohio and learning from a broad range of governmental experiences.

*Little Free Library:* Council Member Curd reported that Melanie had reached out regarding her Little Free Library project. The library structure is near completion — currently in the painting stage. A pole/post for installation is being sourced. Tom Fulginiti noted it is to be placed on a pole (a family project). The Mayor and Council Member Curd discussed placement location, with a preference for the pavilion area at the park, where visitors can sit and read. No firm timeline has been set.

*Village Sign:* Council Member Curd reported he is working on obtaining quotes for a new electronic sign out front of Village Hall. The current sign requires standing outside in all weather to program, offers limited colors (orange/red, green, white), and is difficult to read. The new sign would be updated via an interior computer system with significantly more color options. Budget considerations will need to be addressed.

**Brian Farley** reported the following:

*Owl Recording System:* Council Member Farley thanked the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer for setting up the Owl meeting recording system, noting it is something the Council has been pursuing for a long time. The Fiscal Officer confirmed he had tested the system and checked audio levels from every location in the room. The plan is to upload recordings to YouTube the day after each meeting.

*TextMyGov:* Council Member Farley thanked Ashley (noted separately) and the Fiscal Officer for rolling out the TextMyGov notification system. He encouraged residents to use the system.

*Garbage Price Increases:* Council Member Farley noted that community members have reached out about garbage collection price increases, and that he personally received a letter from Major Waste indicating a 3–4% price increase within the next year. He suggested residents can use the County dump as an alternative; pricing was noted at \$3 for a load up to 200 pounds, and \$5 for a pickup truck load up to 330 pounds, with appliances priced separately.

*Fireworks:* Council Member Farley reopened discussion about establishing firework times for the 2026 July 4th holiday. He noted that July 4th falls on a Saturday this year and suggested the full Council consider this topic for the next meeting, encouraging community members to share feedback on firework hours.

*Laptops:* Council Member Farley seconded Council Member Coss's proposal for laptops/tablets for Council members, noting that there are no computers available in the office for Council members to use, and that having devices would allow them to review materials more efficiently.

*Communication Committee:* Council Member Farley noted he is looking for members to join the Communication Committee and has reached out to several people awaiting responses.

*Welcome to Perry Folders:* Council Member Farley stated his goal for the current month is to review and finalize the Welcome to Perry informational folders that had been previously discussed.

**Mike Glover** reported the following:

*TextMyGov Statistics:* As of March 2nd, 10,633 messages had been processed and 1,479 users were enrolled.

*Community Garden:* He reported that the community garden packet, including a detailed explanation for setup and tear-down procedures and the updated plat map for 2026 with all submitted applications, has been handed over to Council Member Jenkins, who is taking over the community garden. He acknowledged that he and his wife have invested significant time in the garden over the past five years. He noted that 10 of the current participants confirmed they are returning, one response is still pending, and one participant will not return, leaving the garden in good shape for the transition.

*Finance Committee:* He reported that the Finance Committee meets after each quarter, which would put meetings in April, July, September, and January. Since there is no July Council meeting, he and the Fiscal Officer discussed whether to hold the finance committee meeting the month before or the month after. He indicated further discussion is needed and asked the Fiscal Officer whether an April finance committee meeting is already scheduled — the Fiscal Officer confirmed it is not. He also noted that depending on the new Council start time (6:00 PM per the pending ordinance), a separate evening for the finance committee meeting may be needed, or it could potentially be held at 5:00 PM. He reported reaching out to Jean Schonauer, the previous committee chairwoman, to discuss how she ran the committee and hear her future suggestions. He also noted receiving feedback and areas of focus from Ashley, and reported that he spoke with the Fiscal Officer for nearly two hours the previous Friday to identify what is needed from the finance committee. Plans are in place for a walkthrough of the UAN (Uniform Accounting Network) system.

**Pam Jenkins** reported the following:

*Park Committee:* Council Member Jenkins reported that the Park Committee has a meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 14th at 9:30 AM with new members Vanessa Rockwell, Tara Chabot, and Barb Howley. She expressed excitement about the new members and their energy.

*NatureWorks Grant:* A new application has been released for the NatureWorks grant program used last year to fund the pickleball courts. The Park Committee will discuss what to recommend to the Council at the next meeting, with ideas for simpler enhancements such as bicycle racks.

*Earth Day:* A tentative Earth Day celebration is planned for the Sunday following April 22nd at Lee Lydic Park (the fourth consecutive year). Activities will be held from 1:00–4:00 PM. An effort will be made to obtain another tree from Petitti's.

*Pond Drainage:* Council Member Jenkins raised a concern about pond drainage at the park following heavy rainfall. The Mayor confirmed a pipe runs from the pond to the creek, and that it was functioning last Fall, though he had not checked it since. He noted the previous day had seen approximately three inches of rain in a very short period.

*Battery Collection Tube:* Council Member Jenkins gave a detailed report on the park's battery collection tube, which was taken down following concerns raised with the EPA and the Village's insurance underwriter regarding lack of security, unmanaged conditions, and batteries on the ground. Council Member Jenkins stated she was perplexed, as the tube has been in place for approximately two and a half years, collected over 600 pounds of batteries, with weekly checks by Barb and John, and no complaints, vandalism, or problems. She clarified that the program collects only household alkaline batteries (not lithium-ion), which are classified as solid waste by the EPA. After calling both the EPA and the insurance underwriter (Nick Leach), both parties were satisfied once the correct information was provided, and both gave written approval for continuation of the program. She stated the Mayor asked her to bring it to Council for approval to restore the program.

Council Member Curd expressed concern about the risk of unauthorized lithium-ion batteries being deposited and the potential fire hazard to the pavilion structure. Mayor Gessic expressed a preference for a different location, citing the presence of children at the park. Council Member Coss suggested relocating the tube to Village Hall, where cameras are present, police are on site, and regular staff presence ensures monitoring. Solicitor O'Leary suggested the Council identify a top-three list of potential locations and vote on a final location at the next meeting, at which time Pam will also distribute the written approvals from the EPA and insurance underwriter.

*PEP Grant:* Council Member Jenkins reported that the Village's insurance underwriter, Nick Leach, informed her about a \$1,000 PEP (Prevention and Education Program) grant available through the insurance company, on a first-come, first-served basis. The grant can be applied toward prevention or reduction of liability claims or property losses, including signage, cones, fire extinguishers, warning sirens, reflective materials, and security cameras. Council Member Jenkins suggested it could be used for park security cameras. The Mayor confirmed the Village has used this grant previously for police department equipment, including body armor.

*Perry Township Newsletter:* Council Member Jenkins reminded the Council that the quarterly Perry Township Newsletter submission is due March 25th. She noted the newsletter was not submitted last quarter and encouraged all departments to take advantage of this communication channel. She offered to prepare a park section and asked whether submissions should be compiled individually or as a single page.

*Perry Economic Council:* Council Member Jenkins briefly noted she became aware of a potential opening on the Perry Economic Council and asked the Mayor if he was familiar with it. He was not, and she stated she would find out more.

**Council Member Becky Shimko** reported that the Planning Commission meeting had to be canceled due to lack of quorum. She expressed hope that the meeting scheduled for the following Wednesday would proceed.

## **PURCHASES & APPROVALS**

Mayor Gessic called for a motion on purchases and approvals. Motion was made by Curtis Curd and seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call vote: Elias Coss, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Pam Jenkins, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Mike Glover, yes; Becky Shimko, yes. Motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Larry Hackley**, 4015 Center Road, asked what the PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) program for the data center will look like. Mayor Gessic explained that a PILOT is a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes program through which the developer makes cash payments directly to entities such as the school and the Village, rather than paying property taxes. He noted this is not subject to state distribution schedules. He stated the Village is still waiting to receive the developer's proposal. The Mayor mentioned the developer intends to mail communication to every individual in Perry regarding the project.

**Christian Gray**, Zoning Inspector, raised the topic of laptops for Council members from an IT security perspective. He noted the Village currently uses Google Drive (a cloud-based system) and asked whether Council members bringing personal devices and accessing sensitive information from home would pose a security risk. Mayor Gessic indicated it would likely not be appropriate to use personal devices. Solicitor O'Leary stated that in other communities where he has served, devices are issued by the municipality specifically to address public records request issues — differentiating personal data from Village-related data. He also raised a Sunshine Law concern, cautioning that electronic communications between Council members must comply with Ohio's open meetings rules. Council Member Curd noted that accessing the system would likely also require a secure VPN connection. Mr. Gray noted that a formal IT procedure needs to be developed, referencing that Lake County IT is expected to begin their work in May per the Fiscal Officer's update.

**Julie Schultz**, 3794 Main Street, addressed the Council regarding governance concerns related to the data center project. Ms. Schultz stated that Council members take an oath to support the U.S. and Ohio constitutions and to faithfully discharge their duties in the best interests of the municipality and its residents. She stated that the Village has entered into a legally binding purchase agreement for the Champion Farm property under contract for the proposed data center project, and that once a municipality executes a binding agreement, it has contractual obligations to act in good faith and avoid actions that could interfere with the agreement or expose the Village to legal liability.

Ms. Schultz stated that recent actions by Council Member Pam Jenkins raise serious governance and risk management concerns, specifically: that Council Member Jenkins publicly stated on social media that the Village is still looking for a way out of the agreement; that she publicly promoted opposition to the project, including offering to obtain and distribute "No Data Center" signs to residents; that she entered property that is part of the active purchase agreement to take photographs of the house located on that property; and that she presented those photographs during the January 8th Council meeting, raising the topics of the house and alleged health and safety concerns during two separate Council meetings. Ms. Schultz noted that during those

discussions the Mayor stated he was aware of the situation, that the house was up to code, and that no health or safety violation had been identified. She further noted that during the January meeting the Mayor specifically notified Council Member Jenkins that entering private property without permission constitutes trespassing and that the residents did not appreciate having photographs taken without notice. Notwithstanding those statements, Ms. Schultz stated the matter continued to be raised publicly and was ultimately referred to the State Attorney General's office without the consent or authorization of the Mayor or Council.

Ms. Schultz stated that when a representative of the Village publicly states they are seeking a way out of a binding agreement, organizes opposition to the project, raises safety concerns regarding property that is part of the transaction, and refers complaints to outside agencies without authorization, it creates the appearance that a representative of the seller is actively working against a contract the Village has already executed. She stated that such actions can be interpreted as interference with the agreement and may expose the municipality to legal risk, as outlined on page 20, section 14 of the purchase agreement. She noted that litigation involving agreements of this size can result in recovery of costs incurred by the buyer, legal fees, and other damages potentially reaching into the millions of dollars, ultimately falling upon Perry Village taxpayers. She respectfully requested that Council Member Jenkins recuse herself from any discussions, deliberations, or votes related to the data center project, and urged the Council to prioritize protecting the interests of the Village and its taxpayers. Solicitor O'Leary noted at three minutes that she should wrap up, and Ms. Schultz concluded her remarks.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Solicitor O'Leary requested that Council go into executive session for the following reasons:

- (a) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.
- (b) 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.

Inviting Council, Mayor Gessic and Solicitor O'Leary, action is not anticipated but may be taken after executive session.

Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Rebecca Shimko, and seconded by Curtis Curd.

Vote to enter Executive Session: Elias Coss, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Pamela Jenkins; yes; Brian Farley, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; and Mike Glover, yes

Executive Session began at 8:30 p.m.

Curtis Curd made a motion to come out of executive session, and Rebecca Shimko seconded the motion. All in favor voted yes, and executive session closed at 9:33 p.m.

The council room door was reopened and Council resumed their normal meeting.

Pamela Jenkins reminded Council that three people were identified for the Parks Committee but not voted upon by Council.

Elias Coss made a motion to appoint: Barb Howley, Tara Chabot and Vanessa Rockwell to the Perry Village Parks Committee. The motion was seconded by Curtis Curd.

Vote to appoint: Elias Coss, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Pamela Jenkins, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; and Mike Glover, no

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mike Glover made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Brian Farley.

Vote to Adjourn: Elias Coss, yes; Curtis Curd, yes; Pamela Jenkins, yes; Brian Farley, yes; Rebecca Shimko, yes; and Mike Glover, yes

The Perry Village Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

**The Next Regular Council Meeting will be  
4/9/2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

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John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

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James Gessic, Mayor

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**NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC)  
ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM  
(2026 NEC GRANT(S))**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-2026**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO  
ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL  
(NOPEC) 2026 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry, Ohio (the VILLAGE” or “GRANTEE”) is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“NOPEC”) and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2026 (“NEC Grant(s)”) as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the GRANTEE wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. in substantially the form presented to this Council to receive one or more NEC Grant(s); and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

**SECTION 1.** This Council of the GRANTEE (the “Council”) finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the GRANTEE to enter into the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) for 2026, and authorizes the: Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds.

**SECTION 2.** This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the GRANTEE; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor of the GRANTEE.

DATED ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Submitted to the Mayor for his/her  
Approval on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Approved by the Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council

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Mayor, Village of Perry

## NOPEC 2026 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY

### GRANT AGREEMENT

This Grant Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between NOPEC, Inc. (“Grantor”), and Village of Perry, Lake County, Ohio (“Grantee”; “Grantor” and “Grantee,” the “Parties”) regarding a grant by Grantor to Grantee to be used primarily for energy efficiency or energy infrastructure updates in accordance with NOPEC Energized 2026 Community Grant criteria, guidelines and requirements (“NOPEC Policy”).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises and covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Grant of Funds.** Grantor hereby grants a NOPEC Energized 2026 Community Grant (“NEC Grant”) to Grantee in the amount calculated by Grantor based on the number of natural gas and/or electric accounts served by Grantor in Grantee in accordance with NOPEC Policy in the amount determined by Grantor (“Funds”), for the purposes set forth in Grantee’s Grant Disbursement Request, as amended, and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

2. **Use of Funds.** Grantee shall use the Funds granted by Grantor for qualified use as outlined in the program policies. Funds shall be paid in accordance with NOPEC Policy. NEC Grant disbursements shall be accompanied by a completed Disbursement Request Form with the expenditures supported by contracts, invoices, vouchers, and other data as appropriate as supporting documents. All completed disbursement request form for qualified use in accordance with the program policies must be submitted by November 30, 2028. If Grantee does not request disbursements by Grantor on or before such date, Grantee shall forfeit any unused Funds for the NOPEC 2026 Grant year.

3. **Accounting of Funds.** Grantee shall keep all Funds and make all disbursements and expenditures consistent with the manner in which all public funds are kept by Grantee in accordance with applicable law.

4. **Term.** The Parties agree that this Agreement shall begin on January 1, 2026, and shall expire on December 31, 2026, and shall be automatically renewed annually unless Grantor discontinues the NEC Grant program for any subsequent year or Grantee is no longer a NOPEC member in good standing, as defined herein, or Grantor requires a new Grant Agreement from Grantee.

5. **Renewable Energy Credits.** Grantee shall be entitled to claim Renewable Energy Credits, carbon credits, or NOx allowances and/or allowances arising under other trading programs that may be established in the future for the work completed using grant funding. Grantor reserves the right to claim/apply for such allowances if Grantee does not claim such allowances or this Agreement terminates. Grantee must notify Grantor if Grantee does not wish to trade or sell any such credits or assets.

6. **Records, Access and Maintenance.** Grantee shall establish and maintain all records associated with the Funds in accordance with the Ohio Public Records Act and shall promptly make available to Grantor all of its records with respect to matters covered by this Agreement, and for Grantor to audit, examine and make copies from such records. Grantee agrees

to share and release all of its utility and other data with NOPEC, Inc. and Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council and its consultant(s) in order to measure, verify and otherwise track savings from energy efficiency and for such other related uses as Grantor shall require.

7. **Property and Equipment Purchases.** All items purchased by Grantee from the Funds granted herein are and shall remain the property of Grantee.

8. **Inability to Perform.** In the event that Grantee does not or cannot complete or perform its obligations under this Agreement, Grantee shall immediately notify Grantor in writing. Grantor, with the approval of the Committee formed to award NEC Grants (the “Committee”), and Grantee shall jointly identify amendments or suitable uses that meet NOPEC Policy.

9. **Dispute Resolution.** In the event Grantee desires clarification or explanation of, or disagrees with, any matter concerning the Agreement, or the interpretation or application of any and all federal or state statutes, rules, regulations, laws or ordinances, the matter must be submitted in writing to Grantor, which shall convene the Committee to review and decide the matter. All decisions of the Committee shall be final and binding upon Grantee, and non-appealable.

10. **Termination.**

(a) If Grantor determines that Grantee has failed to perform any requirements of this Agreement, or if Grantee is in default under any provision of this Agreement, or upon just cause, as shall be determined by the Committee, Grantor, upon approval by the Committee, may terminate the Agreement at any time after providing Grantee with written notice and a period of at least thirty (30) days to cure any and all defaults under this Agreement. During such thirty-day cure period, Grantee shall incur only those obligations or expenditures which are necessary to enable Grantee to continue to achieve compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

(b) This Agreement shall automatically terminate if Grantee is not a NOPEC member in good standing. A NOPEC member in good standing means a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“NOPEC” or “Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council”) member whose residents are receiving service from Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council’s natural gas or electric aggregation program, and which has not provided written notice to withdraw from such Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council’s natural gas or electric aggregation program.

11. **Effects of Termination.**

(a) Within sixty (60) days after termination of this Agreement, Grantee shall surrender all reports, data, documents, and other materials assembled and prepared pursuant to this Agreement which shall become the property of Grantor.

(b) The Committee also may withhold any payment of the Funds or require Grantee to return all or any part of the Funds awarded if Grantee is found to have violated the provisions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, if Grantee either withdraws from membership in the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council or from its electric or natural gas aggregation program(s) or is otherwise not a member in good standing of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, Grantee shall no longer be eligible for any NEC Grants. The provisions of this paragraph are in addition to the termination provisions of this Agreement and to any payments required under the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council Bylaws and the

Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council of Governments Agreement with its member communities in connection with any such withdrawal.

12. **Liability.** Grantee shall maintain, or cause any vendors or subcontractors to maintain, all required liability and property insurance to cover actionable legal claims for liability or loss which are the result of injury to or death of any person, damage to property caused by the negligent acts or omissions, or negligent conduct of the Grantee. To the extent permitted by law, in connection with activities conducted in connection with this Agreement, Grantee agrees to defend Grantor and pay any judgments and costs arising out of such negligent acts or omissions, and nothing in this Agreement shall impute or transfer any liability of any nature whatsoever from Grantee to NOPEC, Inc. or the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council.

13. **Compliance with Laws.** Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws in the performance of the funding. Grantee is solely responsible for payments of all unemployment compensation, insurance premiums, workers' compensation premiums, all income tax deductions, social security deductions, and any and all other taxes or payroll deductions required for all employees engaged by Grantee on the performance of the work authorized by this Agreement.

14. **Miscellaneous.**

(a) **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of Ohio shall govern this Agreement. All actions regarding this Agreement shall be venued in a court of competent subject matter jurisdiction in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

(b) **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and any documents referred to herein constitute the complete understanding of the Parties and merge and supersede any and all other discussions, agreements and understandings, either oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(c) **Severability.** Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provisions of this Agreement.

(d) **Notices.** All notices, consents, demands, requests and other communications which may, or are required to be, given hereunder shall be in writing and delivered to the addresses set forth hereunder or to such other address as the other party hereto may designate from time to time:

In case of Grantor, to:  
Charles W. Keiper, II  
President  
NOPEC, Inc.  
31360 Solon Road  
Suite 33  
Solon, OH 44139

In case of Grantee, to:

(This individual will be the designated grant representative working in the grant website)

Title: Chief Fiscal Officer

Name: John H. Roskos

3758 Center Road

Perry, Ohio 44081

(e) Amendments or Modifications. Either party may at any time during the term of this Agreement request amendments or modifications. Requests for amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall specify the requested changes and justification therefor. The Parties shall review the request for modification in terms of the funding uses and NOPEC Policy. Should the Parties consent to modification of the Agreement, then an amendment shall be drawn, approved, and executed in the same manner as the original Agreement.

(f) Headings. Section headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to be a part of this Agreement.

(g) Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any rights, duties or obligations described herein, shall be assigned or subcontracted by Grantee without the prior express written consent of Grantor.

(h) Authority. The undersigned represents and warrants to the other that each has all the necessary legal power and authority to enter into this Agreement.

(i) Determinations by Grantor Final. All determinations as to eligibility of any uses of an award of any NEC Grant, and the amount and payment schedule of a NEC Grant, will be made by Grantor and its Committee, which shall be final, conclusive and binding upon Grantee.

(j) Designation of Grantee Representative. Grantee hereby designates its [Fiscal Officer or other position] to take all actions with respect to the NEC Grant and this Agreement as may be required and Grantor shall be entitled to rely on the authority of such designated representative of Grantee in connection with this Agreement.

(k) Marketing Consent. Grantee hereby authorizes NOPEC, Inc. and Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council to use information about Grantee's grant(s) and work funded in any marketing they may conduct, and agrees to cooperate with Grantor in connection with such marketing.

*[Signature Page to Follow.]*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have executed this Grant Agreement on the last date set forth below.

**GRANTEE:**

\_\_\_\_\_, Ohio

**GRANTOR:**

**NOPEC, INC.**

Individuals Authorized by Grantee's  
Legislation to accept- see Section I:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Fiscal Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature page to NOPEC 2026 Energized Community Grant Agreement.]

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
FISCAL OFFICER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS  
NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR  
THE ODNR GRANT FOR FISHING DERBY  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Annually the Village of Perry, Ohio, hosts a Fishing Derby in June at Lee Lydic Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry has applied on March 30, 2026 for a \$500.00 grant with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), to fund the Fishing Derby in order to meet the requirement to apply 60 days prior to the event; and

WHEREAS, Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Village of Perry to ratify the preparation and filing of said application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the Council of the Village of Perry finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village of Perry to ratify the preparation and filing of said application for a \$500.00 grant for the Annual Fishing Derby, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Section 2.** That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be and is passed as an emergency measure, the emergency being the need to provide for the responsible management of the Village's affairs. Said Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Perry.

**WHEREFORE**, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR**

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER**

# Step Outside Grant Application

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## What is the Step Outside Grant Program?

The ODNR Division of Wildlife Step Outside Grant Program is offered to local government agencies, non-profit organizations, and other family and youth-oriented facilities to promote outdoor skills such as fishing, hunting, trapping, archery and shooting sports. These grants are designed to provide funding for activities that are otherwise unaffordable for the sponsoring agency or organization. They are not meant to fund existing programs or to provide ongoing funding for newly established programs or activities. This mini-application is designed to facilitate the application process and to make the grants accessible to all interested agencies and organizations.

## What are some suggested activities that are eligible for funding?

- Family Fishing Days (fishing and aquatic education activities)
- Outdoor Skills Days (shooting and fishing activities)
- Shooting Skills Days (rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, archery shooting)
- Beginning Trapping Skills Days (hands-on trapping activities)
- Advanced Hunting Clinics (species specific to include hands-on participation)
- National Hunting and Fishing Day Activities
- Free Fishing Days Activities and Celebration
- National Fishing Week Activities
- National Trapping Month Activities

**NOTE:** Activities involving competition are not eligible. Activities and events must have an educational value and include a hands-on experience.

## **What are some examples of expenses that grant money be used for?**

- Insurance
- Picnic supplies/refreshments
- Ammunition, shooting supplies, targets and clay targets
- Live bait and terminal fishing tackle
- Advertisement flyers and brochures for the scheduled event
- Special population supplies and services (interpreters, adaptive equipment)

## **When is the application deadline?**

- The application period is ongoing throughout the fiscal year until all funds are exhausted.
- All applications must be submitted a minimum of 60 days in advance of the event.

## **Who is eligible to apply for the grant?**

Schools, park and recreation departments, conservation groups, local governments, and other organizations that have Federal Tax ID Number and want to sponsor fishing, hunting, trapping, archery and shooting sports within Ohio are eligible. Multiple agencies may work cooperatively to conduct a program or event. The grant applicant is responsible for contract administration, permitting, fund management and final report submission.

**NOTE:** *Private individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible*

## **How much money is available?**

An organization can apply for one (1) Step Outside Grant in a fiscal year and can be divided between project proposals. Each Step Outside Grant is \$500 total per fiscal year and can be divided between project proposals. In some situations, an organization can apply for two (2) Step Outside Grants in a fiscal year.

## **How long does the grant process take?**

Applicants must allow a minimum of 60 days to receive funds. A grant cannot be awarded for an event that has already taken place.

## **What items and support must the grant recipient provide?**

- Appropriate site and facility for the event/activity (the recipient doesn't have to own the facility)
- Coordination and planning for the event/activity
- Personnel and staffing for the event/activity
- Acknowledgment of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program as cosponsors.

## **What type of programming is preferred?**

Programs consisting of all R3 components (recruitment, retention and reactivation) are highly recommended. Information regarding R3 can be found at: <http://www.cahss.org>.

## **How is the program funded?**

Funding for the Aquatic Education Grant Program is comprised of money from license/permit revenues and the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. For more information about this program please refer to the USFWS website: <http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/AboutUs/WSFRProgramBrochure2011.pdf>

## **How many people should the activity include?**

Activities supported through the grant must include a minimum of 25 participants OR be open to the public. A ratio of one instructor for every five participants is recommended.

## **Who can participate in the activity?**

All activities supported by the ODNR Division of Wildlife must be open to all citizens regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, mobility, visual disabilities, or learning disabilities. Risk management and safety considerations, however, may limit active participation by some age or ability groups.

## **Who is responsible for the coordination of safety and risk management concerns?**

The grant recipient is responsible for all safety and risk management concerns. The ODNR Division of Wildlife does not accept any liability for damage or injury resulting

from activities supported through the Step Outside Grant. The cost of liability insurance, however, can be purchased with grant funds.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 17-2026**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE DONATION  
TO THE VILLAGE OF PERRY LEE LYDIC PARK BY  
PETITTI FAMILY OF FARMS**

**WHEREAS**, Council for the Village of Perry, Ohio, hereby acknowledges the generous donation of Petitti Family of Farms of a Pin Oak Tree for planting at Lee Lydic Park and the Village of Perry accepts this donation in the best interest of the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the Village of Perry hereby acknowledges the following gift to Lee Lydic Park:

- Petitti Family of Farms \$ 115.00 (value of tree donated)

**Section 2.** It is found and determined that all actions of Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in meetings open to the public and Council and its committees acted in full compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be and is passed as an emergency measure, the emergency being the need to provide for the responsible management of the Village's affairs. Said Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Perry.

**WHEREFORE**, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council.

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**JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR**

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JOHN H ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER**



# PETITTI FAMILY OF FARMS

Ridge Manor Nursery | Container

7925 North Ridge Rd Madison, OH 44057  
 Phone: (440) 361-7925 Fax: (440) 361-7926  
 www.petittifamilyfarms.com

ORDER NO SI-125795

## Acknowledgement

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**Bill To:**

WILLOWBEND CORPORATE  
 25018 BROADWAY AVE  
 OAKWOOD, OH 44146  
 BRENT CHERKALA  
 PH. (440) 439-8636

**Ship To:**

DONATION PERRY VILLAGE PARK  
 COMMITTEE/PERRY VILLAG  
 PERR, OH 44081  
 PAMELA JENKINS  
 PH. (440) 812-8633

SHIP DATE			SHIP VIA			DATE ENTERED			TERMS		
04/24/2026			PINK			03/16/2026			NONE		
P.O. NUMBER			ORDER DATE			SALESPERSON			REFERENCE NO		
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**Subtotal:** \$0.00  
**Freight:** \$0.00  
**Royalty:** \$0.00

DISCOUNTS WILL BE HONORED FOR ORDERS THAT ARE PAID WITHIN TERMS.

A LATE CHARGE OF UP TO 1.5% PER MONTH (18% PER YEAR) OR THE MAXIMUM RATE ALLOWED BY LAW, WHICHEVER IS LESS WILL BE CHARGED ON ALL AMOUNTS PAST DUE FROM THE DATE DUE UNTIL THE DATE PAID.

**Amount Due:** \$0.00

3% CONVENIENCE FEE ON CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS.

SHIPPING UNITS: 12

**RESOLUTION 18-2026**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, OHIO, SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250-OH)**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio legislature and the Governor created AMERICA250-OH in 2021 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and Ohio's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future; and

**WHEREAS**, AMERICA250-OH hopes to engage ALL Ohioans and ALL 88 counties through their many signature and officially recognized programs, projects and events over the next several years by inspiring future leaders and celebrating all Ohioans contributions to the nation over the last 250 years; and

**WHEREAS**, by adoption of AMERICA250-OH Resolution we hope to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Perry hereby endorses AMERICA250-OH and their mission to educate, preserve, innovate and celebrate EVERY Ohioan in EVERY county; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Municipal legislative delegation and AMERICA250-OH Commission.

**ADOPTED** by the Village of Perry of the County of Lake, the State of Ohio, this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

**APPROVE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JOHN H ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER**

## RESOLUTION NO. 19-2026

### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN YEAR 2026 FOR PERRY VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the Perry Village (hereinafter referred to as the “Political Subdivision”) hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

- a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
- b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT’s signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
- c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees that each party hereto shall be responsible for liability associated with that party’s own errors, actions, and failures to act; and
- d. The Political Subdivision’s electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
- e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 85% of its electronically submitted salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract’s effective period; and
- f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and
- g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, May 1, by 5:00 p.m. The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: [Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov) by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision’s participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision’s participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision’s request to rescind its participation agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That Mayor and Fiscal Officer are authorized person(s); this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract:

**Section 2.** That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be and is passed as an emergency measure, the emergency being the need to provide for the responsible management of the Village's affairs. Said Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Perry.

**WHEREFORE,** this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR**

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER**

**Authorized Persons for the ODOT Road Salt Contract**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Authorized Signature)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approval Date**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Authorized Signature)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approval Date**

[ODOT / Working / Contracts / Purchasing & Procurement / Rock Salt \(Sodium Chloride\) Contract](#)

## Rock Salt (Sodium Chloride) Contract Details

<a href="#">Invitation No</a>	Commodity	DtBegin	Exp Dt	Supt Office	Award Tab	<a href="#">Fuel Index</a>
018-26	Rock Salt (Sodium Chloride) for the 2025-26 Winter Season	6/01/2025	5/31/2026	Maintenance Mgmt	018-26 Award	Fuel Price Index
018-25	Rock Salt (Sodium Chloride) for the 2024-25 Winter Season	5/01/2024	5/31/2025	Maintenance Mgmt	018-25 Award	Fuel Price Index

## Tonnage Request Form

This Tonnage Request Form must be completed by 5pm on Friday, May 1, 2026. For initial submissions, please read and fill out the form below entirely.

1. Select the County
2. Select your agency from the Political Subdivision pulldown (if you are not on the list, select Other and type in the agency name in the Other field)
3. Enter tonnage requests for Winter and Summer (Summer is not required)
4. Click Submit. You will get an email with a submission receipt. Use the receipt to verify what you entered.
5. If you need to submit the resolution at a later date, a link will be posted on this page to that form (Last Updated: April 1, 2026)
6. You can attach the signed resolution from the Attachments field on this form. [Link to blank form -> Salt Resolution/Ordinance](#)

# Salt Resolution/Ordinance Participation Form

Live Total Tonnage: **0 Tons**

\* Indicates required field

Attachments	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen
County *	Adams <input type="button" value="v"/> Please Select Correct County
Political Subdivision *	Select Political Subdivision... <input type="button" value="v"/> Select Other if Not on List... DO NOT USE OTHERWISE
Other	<input type="text"/>
City	Enter Political Subdivision Name, IF NOT ON THE LIST <input type="text"/>
Winter Tonnage *	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Summer Tonnage	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Authorized Person *	<input type="text"/>
Authorized Person Email *	<input type="text"/>
Ordering Contact *	<input type="text"/>
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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-2026**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS  
NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR THE PEP+ GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND  
SAFETY, RISK CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT EFFORTS  
IN THE VILLAGE OF PERRY  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry, in Lake County, Ohio is a member of the Public Entities Pool (PEP), a political subdivision risk pool established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code hereinafter "ORC," 2744.081; and

**WHEREAS**, PEP offers a grant program of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to assist municipalities like the Village of Perry for funding safety items, risk control and risk management efforts, like playground safety, safety signage, and other safety materials and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Village of Perry to prepare and file said application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the Council of the Village of Perry finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village of Perry to apply for the PEP+ Grant Program (\$1,000.00), in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 2.** That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be and is passed as an emergency measure, the emergency being the need to provide for the responsible management of the Village's affairs. Said Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Perry.

**WHEREFORE**, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR**

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-2026**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND URGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS OHIO HOUSE BILL 695 (HB 695) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry hereby expresses and declares its full support, urging the Ohio General Assembly to pass Ohio House Bill 695 (HB695) proposing to prohibit local elected officials from entering into nondisclosure agreements regarding public matters; and

**WHEREAS**, Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Village that local public officials are prohibited from entering nondisclosure agreements regarding public matters; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That, the Village of Perry Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village of Perry to express and declare its full support, urging the Ohio General Assembly to pass Ohio House Bill 695.

**Section 2.** That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be and is passed as an emergency measure, the emergency being the need to properly inform the Ohio General Assembly of support of Perry Village, Ohio prior to Ohio House Bill 695 General Assembly floor debate.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor James A. Gessic**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer**

# VILLAGE OF PERRY

## ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.01 AND 121.03(1)(a) STANDING RULES OF ORDER FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE START TIME FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry established the Rules of Order for Village Council Meeting in Ordinance 2006-22, adopted on December 14, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry amended the Standard Rules of Order for Council Meetings on April 12, 2018, in Ordinance 2018-05 and on November 20, 2025 in Ordinance 2025-13 establishing the date and time for meetings (Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and also on the Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as necessary); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry desires to amend the Standard Rules of Order for Council and the start time of Council Meetings to move the start time for Regular meetings to 6:00 p.m.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Perry, County of Lake, and State of Ohio that:

**Section 1.** Ordinance 121.01 – Meetings so that it shall be amended as follows:

#### **ORDINANCE 121.01 MEETINGS.**

Regular meetings of Council shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Council shall reserve the right to hold an additional regular meeting as business warrants on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; such additional meetings shall be announced at the first regular meeting of the month. All regular meeting times are posted on the Village website [perryvillageohio.com](http://perryvillageohio.com), and in the News-Herald Agenda.

#### **ORDINANCES 121.03 RULES OF COUNCIL; COUNCIL ORDER AND RULES OF BUSINESS.**

#### **RULE 1. MEETINGS.**

**(a) Regular Meetings:** Regular Meetings of Council shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Council shall reserve the right to hold an additional regular meeting as business

warrants on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; such additional meetings shall be announced at the first regular meeting of the month.

**Section 2.** That all found actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting, and all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to provide for the prudent and efficient administration of Village government and shall be incorporated into the Village's official Public Records Policy at the earliest period permitted by law.

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**JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR**

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MEMBERS OF VILLAGE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR FROM ENTERING INTO NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC MATTERS, CREATING SECTIONS 731.142 AND 733.241 OF THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Perry deliberates and reviews all public matters in accordance with Ohio Sunshine Laws; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the residents of Perry Village to maintain transparency in public matters; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Perry Village, County of Lake and State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That sections 731.142 and 733.241 be created to read as follows in the municipal ordinances of the Village of Perry.

**SEC. 731.142.** (A) As used in this section, “nondisclosure agreement” means an agreement or contract that includes a provision or clause that prohibits a member of the Perry Village Council from disclosing, discussing, describing, or commenting on village matters related to the member’s official duties.

(B) No member of Perry Village Council shall knowingly enter into a nondisclosure agreement.

(C) A member who violates this section is subject to a civil fine of no more than one thousand dollars. A joint resolution by Perry Village Council and the Mayor may bring an action to collect the fine.

(D) An agreement or contract entered into in violation of this section is void and unenforceable.

**SEC. 733.241.** (A) As used in this section, “nondisclosure agreement” means an agreement or contract that includes a provision or clause that prohibits the Mayor of the Village of Perry from disclosing, discussing, describing, or commenting on village matters related to the Mayor’s official duties.

(B) No Mayor of the Village of Perry shall knowingly enter into a nondisclosure agreement.

(C) A Mayor of the Village of Perry who violates this section is subject to a civil fine of no more than one thousand dollars. A resolution by Perry Village Council may bring an action to collect the fine.

(D) An agreement or contract entered into in violation of this section is void and unenforceable.

**SECTION 2.** Sections 731.142, and 733.241 as enacted by this ordinance apply to a nondisclosure agreement that is entered into, amended, extended, or renewed on or after the effective date of this ordinance.

**WHEREFORE**, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

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**JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR**

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 121 OF THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Perry has determined that it is necessary to amend meeting rules, and the standing committees of Council to better serve the needs of the Village; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Perry is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**CHAPTER 121  
Council**

**121.01 MEETINGS.**

Regular meetings of Council shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Council shall reserve the right to hold an additional regular meeting as business warrants on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; such additional meetings shall be announced at the first regular meeting of the month. All regular meeting times are posted on the Village website perryvillageohio.com, and in the News Herald Agenda.

**121.02 COMMITTEES/APPOINTEES**

**(a) Standing Committees and Appointed Boards.**

The Village shall have twenty-two (22) standing committees and appointed board representatives of Council, plus an administrative Mayor's Leadership Planning Team. These committees are established to support the Village's legislative, fiscal, planning, and community functions in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 705.11 and 705.12. Each committee shall operate subject to Council oversight, the Ohio Sunshine Law (R.C. 121.22), and the Village's Public Records Policy (R.C. 149.43).

**(b) Enumerated Committees and Appointees.**

The following standing committees and appointed bodies are hereby established and defined:

1. **Finance / Budget Committee** — Oversees the Village's financial planning, budgeting, and fiscal policy development.
2. **Safety / Police Committee** — Reviews public safety policies, police operations, SRO contract / communication, and emergency response planning.
3. **Streets, Grounds and Maintenance Committee** — Supervises maintenance and improvements of Village infrastructure, park and public spaces.
4. **Strategic Planning / Economic Development Committee** — Develops long-range plans for community growth and municipal services.

5. **Park Committee** — Recommend park planning, including the use of recreational areas, the community garden, dog parks, playground and initiatives to promote community involvement in the park.
6. **Communications Committee** — Coordinates ALL official Village communications, newsletters, press releases, website, social-media updates, TextMyGov, and public information consistent with Sunshine Law and the Village Communication Policy.
7. **TextMyGov Responsibilities** — Coordinate the TextMyGov system to support clear and efficient communication between the community and local government. Ensure questions are answered accurately and direct residents to reliable approved information. Encourage community members to report issues so they can be addressed promptly by the appropriate department. Keep keywords and information updated for easy access, send alerts and important notices when needed, and promote the system to maintain an up-to-date contact list of residents.
  - a. **Public Transparency and Records Committee** — Oversees the retention, storage, and lawful destruction of public records in accordance with state and federal requirements. Develops and recommends policies for livestreaming and/or recording public meetings to promote open access and public engagement. Reviews compliance with open meetings and public records laws, advises the Council on digital accessibility and archiving of meeting materials, and recommends technology or policy improvements that enhance transparency. Coordinate and develop processes to ensure timely responses to information requests and maintain best practices for managing public information. The Committee meets regularly to assess current procedures, provide guidance on recordkeeping and communication standards, and prepare reports for the Council on transparency initiatives and recommendations.
8. **Revive and Thrive Committee** — Oversees Village landscaping, aesthetic overview, celebrations, seasonal decorations, signage, tree planting, memorials, and property aesthetics. Reviews and advises the Village Council on vacant, unsafe, or neglected properties. Recommends actions to address zoning, property maintenance, and housing code issues. Works with experts to evaluate problem properties and suggests appropriate measures such as repair, demolition, or cleanup. Promotes programs that support property upkeep and community pride. Review and develop standards and enforcement strategies to maintain safe, attractive neighborhoods consistent with the Village's zoning and land-use plans, in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and all Village ordinances. Any permanent improvements or modifications to Village property must have prior written authorization from the Committee Chair and the Mayor. Projects requiring zoning or construction permits must also obtain Zoning and Council approval before commencement.
  - (a) **Thrive Provision** — Neighbors helping neighbors through the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Receives, evaluates, and administers community requests for volunteer assistance. Cultivates community collaboration to ensure appropriate volunteer base for incoming assistance requests. All

volunteers must complete all required forms, have a current liability waiver on file, and maintain a current background check.

9. **Workforce Development Committee** — Collaborates with regional employers, schools, and training partners to develop job-training pipelines and promote resident participation in local economic-development projects.
10. **Planning Commission** (5 appointed members) — Responsible for land use planning and development approvals.
11. **Zoning Board of Appeals (BZA)** (5 appointed members) — Hears zoning variances and appeals.
12. **Board of Tax Review** (3 appointed members) — Reviews property tax assessments and appeals.
13. **Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council** — Advises on housing incentives and community reinvestment projects.
14. **Mayor's Leadership Council** (consisting of the Mayor, Village Administrator, Council President Pro Temp, Chief of Police, Road Supervisor, Chief Fiscal Officer, and Solicitor) — Coordinates executive planning and policy implementation.
15. **Administrative Mayor's Planning Team** (defined by Mayor) — Provides administrative support and operational planning as designated by the Mayor.

**(JOINT BOARDS / COMMITTEES)**

16. **Perry Area Joint Recreation District Board** (1 appointed representative) — Advises on youth recreational programs and facilities, as well as matters related to the Perry Senior Center.
17. **Joint Fire District Board** (2 appointed representatives) — Oversees fire department policies and budgeting. Mission: Proudly serving the community through our dedication and commitment to preserve life and property.
18. **Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Board** (1 appointed member) — Oversees regional economic development cooperation.
19. **Perry Economic Development Council (PEDC)** (2 appointed members) — Supports local economic growth initiatives.

**(c) Committee Membership and Appointments.**

- (1) Each standing committee shall include at least one (1); Council Member, Mayor, or a Mayor's designee, which shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Council. This individual shall serve as the Committee Chairperson.
- (2) All Committee Chairperson appointments shall be for a term of one (1) year, unless otherwise required by law or ordinance. Committee Chairperson appointments shall be approved at the January regular meeting and may be reappointed by the Mayor.
- (3) Council may remove any committee chairperson or member for cause by a majority vote, or as otherwise consistent with R.C. 705.12.

(4) The Mayor may appoint members to committees. Each appointment shall be for a one (1) year term and will expire each January unless stated by ORC.

(5) All other committee member appointments shall be approved at the January regular meeting of Council by adoption of a single committee membership resolution presented by the Mayor or in the case of a resignation or vacancy, at the next Regular or Special Council Meeting.

(6) The Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees to coordinate administrative support and ensure consistent policy implementation.

(7) Council Members must serve on at least one (1) Committee.

(8) Committee appointments shall be distributed in a manner that prevents overcommitment. A Council Member may serve as a voting member on multiple committees provided that such service does not interfere with the faithful discharge of their duties or attendance requirements on any other committee.

**(d) Activation and Deactivation of Committees.**

The Mayor and/or Council may, by majority vote, activate or deactivate any standing committee, board, or appointed body established under this section, or elect not to appoint members or chairs to such committees, whenever it is determined that doing so serves the best interests and administrative efficiency of the Village. Only those committees or appointments expressly required by the Ohio Revised Code or other applicable law shall remain continuously active and filled in accordance with statutory requirements.

**(e) Meetings and Procedures.**

(1) All committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act (R.C. 121.22) and shall be publicly noticed in advance.

(2) A majority of appointed members constitutes a quorum.

(3) Minutes shall be recorded and retained in accordance with the Village Public Records and Retention Schedule (R.C. 149.43).

(4) Committee Chairperson may recommend policies or expenditures to Council but shall not obligate Village funds except as authorized by ordinance or appropriation.

(5) Citizen members may serve in an advisory capacity only and shall not possess voting authority on appropriations or legislation.

**(f) Attendance and Participation.**

(1) Members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings.

(2) Any absence must be communicated in advance to the Chairperson. More than two (2) unexcused absences in a calendar year will result in removal or as in accordance with Ohio Law.

(3) Members must be present for the full discussion of an agenda item in order to vote on that item. (no voting by proxy, all voting must be in person)

**(g) Public Communication and Representation.**

- (1) Only the Committee Chair or appointed Council Member may issue or authorize any public statement, social-media post, press release, or written communication on behalf of the committee.
- (2) All official communication must align with the Village's adopted Communication Policy and be shared with the Mayor and Council prior to publication.
- (3) Personal or unofficial social-media posts by committee members shall not represent the Village or any committee position. Such communications are subject to the Village Ethics Policy and Social Media Policy may be grounds for removal from appointment.

**(h) Standards for Official Communication (Universal Committee Rules).**

1. Authorized Sources: Only the Mayor (or Mayor designee), Fiscal Officer, Village Administrator (if applicable), Council Pro Temp or designated spokesperson (for legislative matters), and Communication Committee Chair may issue official communications on behalf of the Village.
2. Definition: "Official communications" include press releases, public notices, Village website updates, social-media posts, and responses to media inquiries.
3. Official Channels:
  - a. Village Website is the authoritative source for all Village communications.
  - b. Meeting announcements must be posted at least 24 hours before each meeting or as required by ORC (R.C. 121.22).
  - c. Minutes, ordinances, and resolutions shall be posted after adoption or approval.
  - d. Village social-media accounts shall operate strictly as "information-only" platforms:
    - No comment sections or interactive forums shall be enabled.
    - All posts must first appear on the Village website before sharing to social media.
    - Each account shall display the following disclaimer:

"This account is maintained by Perry Village for informational purposes only. It is not monitored for comments or messages. For official records, visit [www.perryvillageohio.com](http://www.perryvillageohio.com). All official communications are subject to Ohio's Sunshine Laws and the Ohio Revised Code."
4. Standards of Tone and Content: All communications shall be factual, neutral, professional, and non-partisan.
5. Departmental Review: Before release, department heads or committee chairs shall submit any proposed communication (press release, flyer, public notice, etc.) to at least one member of the Communication Committee for review for accuracy and compliance; the Committee shall respond within 48 business hours.

6. Emergency Communications: In an emergency, only the Mayor or designated individual may issue public statements on behalf of the Village; all others shall refrain from media commentary to avoid conflicting information. Reference Village of Perry Interim Disaster Recovery Plan for additional information.
7. Record Retention: All official communications are public records subject to R.C. 149.43 and shall be retained per the Village Records Retention Schedule.
8. Annual Review: The Communication Committee shall annually review these standards and recommend updates to Council as needed.

#### **(I) Permanent Improvements to Village Property**

- (1) No committee chairperson, committee, or committee member may undertake, authorize, or commit to permanent improvements, modifications, or alterations to Village-owned property without prior Council approval and/or written authorization from the Mayor.
- (2) Approval must be obtained through formal Council action in a public meeting.
- (3) Unauthorized commitments to permanent improvements are void and may result in removal.

#### **(j) Budget and Spending**

- (1) Committee Chairperson and Committee members may not incur expenses or obligate Village funds without prior authorization.
- (2) Proposed expenditures require written pre-authorization from both the Committee Chairperson and the Village Fiscal Officer per the purchasing policy.
- (3) Reimbursements will only be issued with original receipts and proof of prior authorization.
- (4) Unauthorized spending may result in removal from the committee and personal financial liability.

#### **(k) Ethics and Conduct**

Committee chairperson and members are expected to:

- (1) Conduct themselves with professionalism, civility, and respect.
- (2) Avoid conflicts of interest and comply with all applicable ethics laws.
- (3) Support the mission, vision, and goals of the Village.
- (4) Refrain from disruptive or harmful conduct.

#### **(l) Reporting and Oversight**

- (1) Committee Chairs shall provide regular updates to Council at public meetings or in writing to the Mayor and Council President Pro Tempore.
- (2) Committees proposing any recommendations or project involving Village property, public funds, public property, or policy changes shall submit a written recommendation to Council by Committee Chairperson(s) for approval before execution.

(3) The Mayor may convene the Mayor's Leadership Council to coordinate planning efforts, cross-committee communication, and policy implementation.

**(m) Waivers and Background Checks**

All persons serving as volunteers on or assisting any committee of the Village shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Village may require that a volunteer complete all necessary forms as established by the Village.
- (2) The volunteer must provide a current liability waiver executed in a form approved by the Village.
- (3) The volunteer must also provide a current Village approved background check, or submit to a background check, in accordance with Village policy and applicable state law.
- (4) Failure to comply with any of the above conditions shall render the individual ineligible to serve as a volunteer on or assist a committee.
- (5) All volunteers shall be subject to these requirements and the Village may, at its discretion, request completion of the foregoing at any time.

**(n) Compliance and Governance**

All committees and appointees shall comply with the Sunshine Law (R.C. 121.22), the Public Records Act (R.C. 149.43), and all Village administrative policies.

**121.03 RULES OF COUNCIL; COUNCIL ORDER AND RULES OF BUSINESS. RULE 1. MEETINGS.**

- (a) **Regular meetings:** Regular Meetings of Council shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Council shall reserve the right to hold an additional regular meeting as business warrants on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; such additional meetings shall be announced at the first regular meeting of the month.
- (b) **Special Meetings:** Special meetings may be called by a vote of Council (taken at any regular or special meeting thereof), by the Clerk of Council upon the request of the Mayor, or three members of Council. Any such request shall state the date and the specific subject(s) to be considered. All special meetings shall begin precisely at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
- (c) **Emergency Meetings:** Emergency meetings shall be called pursuant to ORC 121.22 (F) which requires that "A public body shall not hold a special meeting unless it gives at least twenty-four hours' advance notice to the news media that have requested notification, except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. In the event of an emergency, the member or members calling the meeting shall notify the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting." There is a limited exception provided for this notification under a declared emergency pursuant to ORC 5502.24.
- (d) **Work Sessions:** Monthly work sessions may be called by the Mayor or three or more members of Council, as may be needed at the Village Hall or other location that Council shall deem appropriate to conduct such business.

- (e) **Council Committee and Subcommittee Meetings:** Council Committee and Subcommittee meetings may be called by the Mayor or the Committee's/**Subcommittee's** respective Chair, and same shall be held at the Village Hall or other location that may be deemed appropriate to conduct such business.
- (f) Council members are to keep the Fourth Thursday open in order to be available for an additional Regular Meeting, Work Session or Committee Meeting. Other dates may be considered if more convenient for members.
- (g) All meeting purposes, times and locations are posted on the Village website [perryvillageohio.com](http://perryvillageohio.com), in the News-Herald Agenda or other appropriate method as provided by the Ohio Revised Code.

## **RULE 2. PLACE OF MEETINGS.**

All regular, work session, committee meetings, special or emergency Council meetings shall normally be held at the Village Hall and shall be open to the public, unless emergency circumstances require the meeting to be held at another site. Such emergency circumstances and location shall be governed by ORC 5502.24 and the Village of Perry Interim Disaster Recovery Plan. Meetings may also be held offsite under normal circumstances for other appropriate reasons; such special location shall be provided in the meeting notice.

## **RULE 3. QUORUM AND ABSENCES.**

- (a) A majority of members elected to Council shall constitute a quorum to do business.
- (b) All duly elected members of Council will be required to attend all regular, work session, committee, special and emergency Council meetings.
- (c) Council members absent from a meeting shall be excused for the following reasons:
  - (1) Death in family (to cousin relationship).
  - (2) Personal illness (not to exceed twice a year).
  - (3) Vacation (not to exceed once a year), upon prior written notification of same to Mayor; if, however, Mayor is unavailable, then to President pro Tempore.
  - (4) Unexcused absence (not to exceed once a year).
  - (5) Excused absence (upon approval by majority of Council).
- (d) The Mayor, members of Council, or other Village official shall notify the Mayor, or the President Pro Tempore of Council as soon as possible when he/she anticipate he/she will be unable to attend any scheduled meeting, work session, committee or sub-committee meetings of Council. Failure to so notify the Mayor or Council President Pro Temp may result in the forfeiture of that month's pay upon approval of such forfeiture by a majority of the members of Council.
- (e) If the Mayor, any member of Council, or any other Village official or employee, anticipates being absent from the Village for three or more calendar days, then the Mayor, member of Council, Village official or employee shall notify the Mayor or President Pro Tempore, in writing, as soon as is reasonably possible, of the dates of such anticipated absence from the

Village, the anticipated date of return and phone number where the Mayor, member of Council, Village official, or employee may be reached during such absence; and thereafter the Mayor or President Pro Tempore shall notify all other members of Council of such reported absence.

#### **RULE 4. HOLIDAYS.**

In the event that a regular Council meeting should fall on or near a legal holiday, Council, by majority vote of its members, may reschedule such meeting date. The Clerk of Council shall give notice of the date, time and place of such rescheduled meeting to the media and all other interested parties.

#### **RULE 5. ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

The Mayor shall, subject to the approval of Council, determine the order of business to be placed upon the Council agenda, which shall include the following: Call to order; roll call, approvals, corrections, additions or deletions to previous meeting minutes; pre and post meeting time open to public with noted time limits (those having requested, in writing, prior to such meeting to be placed upon the agenda or in attendance at the meeting); reports and communications from the Mayor, Chief Fiscal officer's reports; Council, Council Committee and/or Council sub- committee reports, new motions, ordinances and/or resolutions; Village Road Superintendent's report; Village Chief of Police's report; Village Solicitor's report; introduction and/or consideration of legislation, Executive Sessions as may be needed; and, adjournment of the meeting to be approved by a majority of Council members present. The Chief Fiscal Officer may assist in the drafting of the order of business.

#### **RULE 6. LEGISLATION AND AGENDA.**

##### **(a) Agenda:**

- (1) Any matter to be considered for discussion, debate or review, is to be submitted to the
- (2) Chief Fiscal Officer no later than 12:00 noon of the Friday immediately preceding the regular Council meeting; however, such matter may still be discussed when introduced by any Council member or the Mayor. When submitting a matter, the name of the person submitting the request, the date submitted, and if applicable, the appropriate committee (or subcommittee) to which such matter should be referred.
- (3) Any matter property placed upon Council's agenda and needing further consideration shall be referred to the appropriate Council Committee (or Sub-Committee) and considered at a public meeting of that committee within thirty (30) days of such referral.

##### **(b) Legislation:**

- (1) Legislation may be introduced only by a Council member, the Mayor, or through a Committee (or sub-committee) of Council.
- (2) To be placed before Council for its consideration, all proposed legislation is to be submitted in its final form with all necessary attachments and appendices to the Chief Fiscal Officer not later than 12:00 noon of the Friday immediately preceding the regular Council meeting.

- (3) Proposed legislation shall be read by title only by the Village Solicitor or Chief Fiscal Officer unless requested by the Council member or Council Committee (or Sub-Committee) Chairperson or Mayor who has submitted such legislation to read the entire legislation.
- (4) All requests for proposed legislation to be presented, in writing, upon the Council floor of the next meeting must be submitted to the Village Solicitor no later than 4:30 p.m. at least seven (7) business days preceding the Council meeting in which the legislation is to be presented.
- (5) In the event that any Council legislation is unable to be submitted by the deadlines set forth in this Rule, they shall still be permitted to introduce legislation at a Council meeting, and a first reading shall be held thereon upon the request of such Council member.

#### **RULE 7. COUNCIL VOTING**

- (a) All members present at a regular or special meeting of Council are required to vote either "yes" or "no" on all questions, motions, ordinances and resolutions properly presented before Council. All abstentions shall be credited to the majority vote when totaled. Any member of Council that wishes to be excused from voting may do so upon stating his reason for said abstention.
- (b) An amendment to a motion shall be properly proposed and read prior to voting upon the same.
- (c) Voting upon all questions, motions and resolutions shall be conducted by a voice vote to be called by the Chief Fiscal Officer with those voting in favor stating "yes" and those opposed stating "no."
- (d) Voting upon all ordinances shall be conducted by a "Roll-Call" voice vote to be called by the Chief Fiscal Officer with those voting in favor stating "yes" and those opposed stating "no."
- (e) Time shall be provided to "no" votes to explain their vote if they so choose to do so.
- (f) Required disclosure of relationships: any elected official, or appointed official, must disclose to the Mayor or Fiscal Officer any relationship that could create a conflict, including spouse, parent, child, sibling, in-laws (son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, et cetera), business partners, and financial partners. Residency is not a determining factor of a conflict. Officials must abstain from discussion, deliberation, voting, influencing, signing, or approving payments, if the matter would provide a financial or definite benefit to a family member or business associate.

#### **RULE 8. SPEAKING.**

No member of the public shall be permitted to speak unless such person shall first have been properly recognized by the chair, and thereafter, stand and state his/her name and address. No member of the public shall speak longer than three (3) minutes at any one time without leave, nor shall he/she speak more than once to the same issue until every other member of the public desiring to speak shall have first had a reasonable opportunity to speak and said person is, again, recognized by the chair.

**RULE 9. SUSPENSION OF RULES.**

These rules, or any of them, may be temporarily suspended at any meeting of Council by a vote of not less than five (5) of all members elected thereto, except when a greater number is required by law or by these rules. In case any rule herein shall not have been adhered to by Council, the same shall be regarded as having been suspended.

**RULE 10. ABSENCE OF RULES.**

In the absence of any rule upon a matter of business, Council shall be governed by "Roberts Rules of Order."

**RULE 11. ATTENDANCE.**

The following officials are required to attend all regular, work sessions, special or emergency meetings of Council: Village Solicitor, Zoning Inspector, Village Chief of Police, Village Chief Fiscal Officer, Village Road Commissioner, other Village staff/employees/appointed Board members and contracted consultants that are requested to be present. Officials or Employees may be excused by the Mayor or supervisor if their presence is not required.

**RULE 12. VILLAGE APPOINTMENTS: PROCEDURE.**

The Mayor, Council, or any member of Council, while proceeding under the statutory or inherent powers of appointment, shall, in addition to complying with the mandates of any statute, resolution, ordinance, or rule, make any such appointment at an open meeting, as described in ORC 121.22 and duly record such appointment in the minutes of such meeting as well as immediately providing written notice of such appointment to the Chief Fiscal Officer who shall make a permanent record of the same.

**SECTION 2.** That the existing Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Perry be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

**SECTION 3.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 4.** That for the reasons set forth in the preamble, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Village, and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**WHEREFORE,** this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

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**JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR**

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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**JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER**