

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall

Regular Meeting
June 18, 2026

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Elias Coss, who conducted roll call.

Curtis Curd
Brian Farley
Mike Glover
Pam Jenkins
Elias Coss

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lee Glover, Alex Russo, Linda Ash, Trina O'Dell, Brandon Nash, Laura Wolkersdorfer, Bonnie Nau, John Nicely, Kathy Bates, Maria Rusnak, Dave Trobenter, Elizabeth Trobenter, Tina Haas, Toni Gianfagna, Bob Clifford, Jim Sheesley, Franco Gianfagna, Dora Wiemann, Jim Jablonski, Jennifer Adams, Hope Gessic, Mykala Shook, Aleena McGuier, Matthew Giotagna, Sharon Adams, Jim Walker, Carl Setzer, Jean Schonauer, Rich Leimbach. Others may have been present but did not sign in.

GOOD & WELFARE

(Agenda item occurring prior to public Comment at Mayor's direction)

Mayor Coss announced a deviation from the printed agenda order to conduct two swearing-in ceremonies before Public Comment. Mayor Coss invited Police Chief Daniel Shook along with the new appointee's families to come forward.

Swearing-In of Daniel Shook as Police Chief. Mayor Coss administered the oath of office to Daniel Shook, who repeated: "I, Daniel Shook, do hereby swear and affirm that I shall support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the ordinances and resolutions of the Village of Perry, Ohio, and that I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Police Chief for the Village of Perry Police Department, Lake County, Ohio." Mayor Coss introduced Chief Shook and his family to those in attendance, welcoming him to his new role.

Swearing-In of Officer Matthew Moore as Patrolman. Mayor Coss then administered the oath of office to Officer Matthew Moore, who repeated: "I, Matthew Moore, do hereby swear and affirm that I shall support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the ordinances and resolutions of the Village of Perry, Ohio, and I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of police officer for the Village of Perry Police

Department, Lake County, Ohio." Mayor Coss introduced Officer Moore, stating he would serve as a full-time officer bringing twelve years of experience with him, with a first official start date of Monday, June 21, 2026, working the night shift under the training of Sergeant Orf. Solicitor O'Leary noted that those attending solely for the swearing-in were welcome to stay or to excuse themselves, acknowledging it could be a long meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Solicitor O'Leary opened the floor to public comment, reminding attendees that comments are limited to three minutes, the session is not a question-and-answer period, all comments should be directed to Mayor Coss, speakers should state their name and address clearly for the record. No members of the public came forward. Solicitor O'Leary closed first public comment period.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

Mayor Coss presented the following minutes for approval, with Fiscal Officer John Roskos conducting roll call votes on each.

- **Special Council Meeting 5/06/2026 (emailed 6/09/2026): Motion to approve** made by Mike Glover; seconded by Becky Shimko. During roll call, Solicitor O'Leary noted that Council Member Pam Jenkins had not been present at that meeting and reminded all members they should abstain from approving minutes for meetings they did not attend. Jenkins corrected her vote to abstain. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes; Pam Jenkins — abstain. Motion approved 5-0
- **Special Council Meeting 5/07/2026 (emailed 6/09/2026): Motion to approve** made by Curtis Curd; seconded by Brian Farley. During roll call it was noted that this meeting involved police chief interviews; both Mike Glover and Pam Jenkins confirmed they had not been present. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Curtis Curd — yes; Mike Glover — abstain; Pam Jenkins — abstain. Motion approved 4-0.
- **Public Hearing of Council 5/14/2026 (emailed 6/09/2026): Motion to approve** made by Mike Glover; seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Regular Council Meeting 5/14/2026 (emailed 6/12/2026): Motion to approve** made by Mike Glover; seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Special Council Meeting 5/19/2026 (emailed 6/09/2026): Motion to approve** made by Curtis Curd; seconded Brian Farley. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Curtis Curd — yes; Mike Glover — abstain (not present). Motion approved.

- **Special Council Meeting 5/26/2026 (emailed 6/09/2026): Motion to approve** made by Curtis Curd; seconded by Brian Farley. Several members initially indicated they had not been present and stated abstentions. Solicitor O'Leary confirmed that a quorum of four had been present at that meeting and therefore Pam Jenkins must have been in attendance. Jenkins confirmed her presence and changed her vote from abstain to yes. Roll call as corrected: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Curtis Curd — yes; Becky Shimko — abstain; Mike Glover — abstain. Motion approved.
- **Special Council Meeting 6/8/2026 (emailed 6/09/2026): Motion to approve** made by Brian Farley; seconded by Curtis Curd. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. 20-2026 (Third 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

Fiscal Officer Roskos noted the grant amount is \$1,000 and that council still needed to identify the specific purpose, as the resolution contained a blank for that field. Roskos explained that the grant had previously been used to purchase body armor, and that eligible uses include playground safety materials, safety signage, cones, AEDs, fire extinguishers, warning signs, reflective materials, security cameras, driver's training, police training, and similar items.

Council Member Mike Glover suggested using funds for traffic cones and road blockades needed at the Fall Festival and noted the police department's supply of flares was depleted, recommending approximately \$200–\$250 be earmarked for that purpose. Council Member Pam Jenkins noted she had previously indicated she would obtain quotes for a park gate and had distributed three quotes from fence companies prior to the meeting. She summarized the need: with the new pickleball court being installed at Lee Lydic Park, there was a need to prevent golf carts from entering and address concerns from neighbors (the Chabots) about people in the parking lot late at night. The pond is also an open water safety concern. The least expensive qualifying quote came from Shannon Fence at \$1,945, which includes a black vinyl-coated swing gate with poles for daytime securing. Glover noted this exceeded the \$1,000 grant amount but questioned whether capital improvement funds were already budgeted for the gate. Fiscal Officer Roskos confirmed there may be funds available in a land and land improvements or capital improvements line item.

Solicitor O'Leary suggested that since both Glover's and Jenkins's proposals pertained to Lee Lydic Park, the purpose could simply be designated as " Lee Lydic Park safety," allowing the specific allocation to be sorted at a later time. Mayor Coss agreed and directed a motion accordingly. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-2026** with the purpose designated for Lee Lydic Park safety made by Curtis Curd; seconded by Pam Jenkins. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes;

Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 21-2026 (Third Reading)

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

Motion to approve made by Becky Shimko; seconded by Curtis Curd. Curtis Curd clarified that HB 695 is currently in committee and that passage of this resolution would result in a letter of support and a copy of the resolution being sent to the Ohio House. Council Member Mike Glover confirmed this was not a limiting resolution but a letter of support only. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Curtis Curd — yes; Mike Glover — no. Glover stated for the record that he voted no because the bill limits local officials without placing corresponding limitations on state officials. Motion approved 5-1.

Resolution No. 22-2026 (Second Reading; due to Statutory Requirements, recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

Fiscal Officer Roskos explained the annual requirement to submit to the Lake County Budget Commission requesting property tax authority for the next taxable year. The deadline for submission to the Lake County Auditor is July 15, 2026, which would be too late to pass at the next regularly scheduled meeting even if one were held. **Motion to suspend the three-reading rule** made by Becky Shimko; seconded Mike Glover. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. Motion approved unanimously. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-2026** made by Pam Jenkins; seconded Becky Shimko. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 23-2026 (Second Reading; Recommendation to Suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution by the Council of the Village of Perry, Lake County, Ohio, to levy assessments for the improvement of various streets in the Village of Perry by supplying said streets with Electric Street Lighting and Sidewalks and declaring an emergency

Fiscal Officer Roskos explained the deadline of September 8, 2026, for submitting finalized assessments to the Lake County Auditor, and that two additional ordinances to levy the assessments must follow this resolution. Adequate time is required for newspaper notices, certified notices, and other required notifications. Council Member Curd asked whether this was related to ensuring the sidewalk and lighting assessment was correctly processed. Roskos confirmed this was the annual street lighting assessment resolution. Council requested discussion before the suspension vote. Roskos explained the September 8th deadline in greater detail.

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule made by Mike Glover; seconded by Becky Shimko. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes;

Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-2026** made by Becky Shimko; seconded by Mike Farley. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 28-2026 (Second Reading; Recommendation to Suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract for construction administration services with SBJ Consulting, Inc., for the Green Street Waterline Replacement and Roadway Improvements Project, and declaring an emergency.

Roskos noted the water line project is slated to start on Green Street in mid-July and the construction administration contract needs to be in place beforehand. A pre-construction meeting was referenced as having occurred the day prior. **Motion to suspend the three-reading rule** made by Becky Shimko; seconded by Mike Glover. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 28-2026** made Brian Farley; seconded by Curtis Curd. No discussion. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 30-2026 (First Reading; Recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution for the employment of Daniel Shook as Chief of the Village of Perry, Ohio, Police Department and declaring an emergency

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule made Curtis Curd; seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 30-2026** made by Brian Farley; seconded by Curtis Curd. No discussion. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 31-2026 (First Reading; Recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to hire Officer Matthew Moore as a Patrolman for the Perry Village Police Department and declaring an emergency

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule made by Brian Farley; seconded Mike Glover. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 31-2026** made by Brian Farley; seconded by Curtis Curd. No discussion. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins —

yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2026-03 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 522.2.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Perry to increase Vacant Structure Registration Fees and declaring an emergency

Ordinance No. 2026-03 was presented for Second Reading.

Ordinance No. 2026-04 — First Reading.

An ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Perry, Ohio by rezoning permanent parcel numbers 04-A-035-0-00-009-0 and 04-A-035-0-00-028-0 from PUD Planned Unit Development District to SF Single Family Residential District, and by rezoning permanent parcel number 04-A-035-0-00-029-0 from General Business District to PUD Planned Unit Development District. No vote taken at this reading.

Ordinance No. 2026-04 was presented for First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2026-05 (Third 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

Motion to approve made by Brian Farley; seconded by Curtis Curd. Significant discussion ensued.

Council Member Mike Glover asked how the ordinance would affect a village representative serving on the JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) if the JEDD board voted to authorize the chairman to sign a non-disclosure agreement. Solicitor O'Leary explained the ordinance applies to village officials, meaning they would be legally prohibited from voting to authorize such an agreement. Curd, who drafted the legislation, stated the purpose was to "tie our own hands" and set an example, noting that the village lacks authority to pass legislation binding other entities such as the township or JEDD. He noted that if the village's JEDD representative voted no and did not personally sign any NDA, there would be no legal repercussion to them. Glover expressed concern that the village should not put its representatives in a situation where they could face legal jeopardy and asked for certainty on that point. Curd confirmed: if the representative votes no and does not sign the NDA personally, they are not in violation of this ordinance. O'Leary noted that even if the remaining JEDD members voted to authorize the chairman to sign, that is the JEDD's action, not the villages. O'Leary personally stated he would not have enacted such a prohibition, believing there are times when non-disclosure is necessary. Glover expressed comfort with the ordinance provided the village's representatives clearly understood their obligations. Mayor Coss similarly raised the question of whether the village being represented on a board that approved an NDA could bind the village to that NDA;

O'Leary and Curd clarified it would not. The discussion also noted that this concern could extend beyond the JEDD to other boards such as the PDC and the Fire Board.

Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2026-06 (Third Reading)

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

Motion to approve made by Becky Shimko; seconded by Curtis Curd. Council Member Pam Jenkins requested discussion, stating this ordinance first came before the council in April with only brief discussion about the Revive and Thrive committee, followed by no substantive discussion at the subsequent meeting. She stated she was not comfortable passing the ordinance at this time as it is approximately ten pages long and she was not completely clear on what was changing. Specific concerns she raised included: the Workforce Development Committee (described as a new committee that had never been discussed), the Text My Gov section (no discussion of who would be responsible), and a general lack of council discussion of the committee structures and changes being made. She also noted she had reviewed the American Legal Publishing codified ordinances online and found them to be current only through 2023; Roskos and O'Leary confirmed that the publisher has all ordinances through the end of 2025 but has not yet updated the public-facing website.

Solicitor O'Leary advised that since the ordinance was on third reading with a motion and second already recorded, Pam Jenkins's only option to avoid voting on it that evening was to make a motion to table. Jenkins moved to table Ordinance No. 2026-06 for further discussion regarding its details and the committees involved; Mike Glover seconded. O'Leary confirmed there is no discussion on a motion to table. Roll call on the motion table: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. Motion to table approved unanimously. Ordinance No. 2026-06 is tabled.

Ordinance No. 2026-07 (Second Reading; recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

An Ordinance regulating the use of consumer fireworks within the Village of Perry, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

O'Leary reported that, following consultation with Council Member Brian Farley (the author of this legislation), it was agreed to leave the ordinance on second reading rather than suspend the three-reading rule. O'Leary explained that the current village ordinance contains dates for permissible fireworks use but does not include times. The Ohio Revised Code does contain specific times. Since the village can restrict further than the ORC, but currently lacks the times in its local ordinance, the ORC times will govern by default in the interim. He noted this means the 4th of July weekend will pass before the ordinance is enacted, but there is minimal practical difference between the village's current dates and the ORC's provisions. Farley

elaborated that the new legislation would specify specific dates and times when fireworks may be discharged in the village throughout the year, rather than solely for three days as in the past (e.g., July 3rd, 4th, and 5th). The legislation also includes provisions such as an age requirement (over 18), permission of property owners, and other restrictions. The intent is to establish a permanent annual fireworks ordinance for the village. The ordinance remains on second reading; no vote was taken.

Ordinance No. 2026-08 (Second Reading; due to Statutory Requirements, recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

An Ordinance adopting a cybersecurity program for the Village of Perry, Ohio, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 9.64 and declaring an emergency.

Fiscal Officer Roskos explained the State of Ohio requires a cybersecurity program to be in place by July 1, 2026. **Motion to suspend the three-reading rule** made by Mike Glover; seconded by Curtis Curd. Roll call on suspension: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-08** made by Brian Farley; seconded by Curtis Curd. No discussion. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. all six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2026-09 (First Reading; recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2025-11, documenting and recording the compensation of certain officials and employees of the Village of Perry, Ohio during Fiscal Year 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Fiscal Officer Roskos explained the ordinance includes three provisions: (1) establishes a wage for the new administrative assistant position; (2) adds a wage for Sergeant Orf; and (3) adds a provision allowing the Mayor to provide bonuses to police officers when merited, capped at \$4,000 per instance. **Motion to suspend the three-reading rule** made by Brian Farley; seconded by Pam Jenkins. Roll call on suspension: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-09** made by Curtis Curd; seconded by Becky Shimko. Discussion: Glover asked the Mayor to explain the bonuses provision. Mayor Coss explained the intent with a specific example: Lieutenant Collins served as acting police chief for five months during the search for and hiring of Chief Shook and performed a great deal of additional work; the Mayor wanted the ability to provide a bonus as compensation for that extraordinary service. Glover confirmed the \$4,000-per-instance cap and stated he was comfortable with it. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Coss opened his report by expressing appreciation to all of council for making themselves available for the numerous meetings held during the preceding weeks. He reported the following items:

Lake County IT Services Visit. Lake County IT came in on Monday, June 8, 2026, and performed updates to the police department equipment and the administrative side. Two new computers and new servers have been installed. The village, council, and police department now have new .gov email addresses, providing enhanced IT security and making police casework easier.

Door-to-Door Solicitors. Mayor Coss reported he has personally identified and confronted at least three unpermitted door-to-door salesmen in the past two weeks: two pest control companies and one window company. He informed them of the \$25 permit requirement and provided the contact number. He noted that earlier that day (approximately two hours before the meeting) he found a solicitor in Dugan Farms on an electric scooter who told him his company's policy was to simply absorb the fines rather than wait for the permit turnaround from municipalities. Coss stated he would be meeting with the new police chief and the solicitor to explore additional enforcement options. He encouraged both council members and residents watching at home to contact the village if they see unpermitted solicitors.

New Personnel. New Police Chief Dan Shook officially started on Monday, June 15, 2026. Officer Matthew Moore's first official date will be Monday, June 21, 2026, working the night shift. New Administrative Assistant Sebrina Gama started part-time on June 4, 2026. The Mayor thanked all council members and Fiscal Officer Roskos for their availability and assistance throughout the interview and hiring process.

New Plow Truck. The village has identified and ordered a new plow truck. The truck itself has been secured; however, the outfitting timeline is uncertain. The Mayor expressed hope that it will be completed by November in preparation for winter.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Jim O'Leary noted that this was his final meeting with the Village of Perry after more than six years of service. He offered remarks of gratitude, recognizing: the late Buddy Semple, a retired East Cleveland police officer and council member who, O'Leary said, "loved this community" and was as hardworking as anyone; former Mayor Jim Gessic, who hired O'Leary without knowing him; and current and former council members including Phil Casella, Jean Schonauer, Elias Coss, Ashley, Becky Shimko, Rick Walker, and Mike Glover. O'Leary offered a piece of advice to those who had only recently begun working with him: "Listen. Be about what you can do and not what you can necessarily prevent from happening." He cautioned against becoming too focused on championing causes at the expense of the community's broader needs. He praised Fiscal Officer John Roskos as "a gem," stating Roskos was "by far the most

knowledgeable" fiscal officer he had worked with, with deep knowledge and extraordinary dedication, urging the Mayor and council to take good care of him. O'Leary reflected on the strategic plan, expressing pride in the village's commitment to it, and urged council to resume working on it. He closed by expressing deep gratitude, confidence in the village's continued success, and wishing all well.

Engineer's Report

Bob Parker submitted a written report and presented it verbally:

Pickleball Court. As of the previous Friday, asphalt has been laid on the pickleball court. The asphalt must cure before the coating can be applied. The next steps will be to bid the coating, nets, and fencing. Parker stated, "The end is near."

Drainage Project at Green and Thompson. The project is advancing. Utility conflicts were encountered but resolved. Parker estimated the project should be wrapped up within two to three weeks.

Green Street Water Line Replacement. A pre-construction meeting was held the previous day (Wednesday). Contractor Bentley intends to begin the work in July. Parker noted that while construction is underway, the road will remain closed to traffic but open to local traffic. At a certain point, an area near a culvert will be completely impassable because the water lines will be directionally drilled under the culvert, creating too large a road opening for any traffic. Both police and fire have been coordinated with and are aware of the closure. The project deadline for completing the water line installation is October, with the hope to be done before the start of the school year.

Manchester Road Bridge. Parker reported he had inspected the site immediately before the meeting and observed that the buttresses are now in place, which means the next phase will be beams. This indicates the project is ahead of schedule, and the bridge should open sooner than originally published.

Catch Basin and Sidewalk Project. Contractor Bentley is replacing a number of sidewalks and rehabbing two catch basins. This work will begin as soon as the drainage project at Green and Thompson is complete.

Catch Basin at AmVets. AmVets reported no water was draining into the catch basin. Stormwater staff investigated and discovered the pipes under Main Street had become disconnected. Bentley has been engaged by Stormwater to dig up the area, determine the cause, and fix it. While on-site, Stormwater will continue televising and cleaning the rest of the line to ensure no additional issues. Parker clarified in response to a question from Glover that this is the village's responsibility, but Stormwater is performing the work using the village's allocation to Stormwater.

OPWC Grant. Parker confirmed that confirmation was received that the village has been awarded the OPWC grant for Maple Street resurfacing. An agreement should be forthcoming.

Parker noted Mayor Coss's email may need to be updated in the system to ensure the agreement arrives correctly.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Fiscal Officer John Roskos reported that the auditors (for the 2023–2024 audit) contacted him on Wednesday and indicated that all materials will be ready by early July, though Roskos expressed some skepticism about holding them to that timeline.

Police Department Report

Mayor Coss presented the police department report in the absence of a formal police chief report, noting that Chief Shook would assume responsibility for these reports beginning at the next meeting.

Booth Farms Traffic Enforcement. Coss reported receiving at least a half-dozen videos of drivers running stop signs in Booth Farms, in some cases actually accelerating through the stops, particularly near the playground area. The department has increased its focus on that area, resulting in an increase in citations.

Speeding Enforcement. Coss stated he has stressed to the department that officers should be less lenient and issue actual citations rather than warnings for speeding, and there has been an uptick in citations issued.

Ride-Along Incident. During a ride-along approximately two weeks prior, Coss witnessed an officer on Main Street pull over a driver doing 40 mph who was found to have a suspended license and expired plates and received three citations. The driver's sister, who had knowingly lent the vehicle, also received a citation. Coss noted the stop quickly drew five additional family vehicles to the scene in a manner he described as "a little bit crazy."

OVI Enforcement. Coss reported two to three OVI arrests over the preceding weeks, noting Main Street appears to attract drivers attempting to avoid police activity on Routes 84 and 20.

Overall Focus. Coss stated the department's focus is on safety, particularly in and around Dugan Farms given ongoing construction and increased traffic, and on Main Street.

Zoning Report

No items to report.

Economic Development / JEDD Report

Mayor Coss reported that a vacant JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) board seat for the village required filling. He had recently learned that there is a seat the mayor is expected to fill. To allow himself time to review all of the boards and committees he currently serves on, he moved to appoint Council Member Pam Jenkins to the JEDD seat on a temporary basis through the end of 2026, after which the appointment would be revisited for the 2027 year. He noted Jenkins was available for the meetings, which he believed were held at 7:30 a.m. Motion to appoint Pam Jenkins to the JEDD seat made by Mayor Coss; seconded by Becky Shimko. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike

Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously. Solicitor O'Leary, before adjournment, asked for clarification on the term — through the end of 2026 or through the end of the open term. The Mayor confirmed it was through the end of 2026, with a potential review thereafter.

PEDC (Perry Economic Development Council) Inquiry. Council Member Glover raised a concern that the Perry Economic Development Council, which is supposed to meet quarterly and comprises two representatives each from the village, the school district, Perry Township, and North Perry, had not held a meeting since approximately March to May of 2025 — over a year. Jenkins noted she was told the village had no representatives when she previously inquired. Mayor Coss stated he would follow up the next day.

Planning Commission Report

Council Member Becky Shimko reported that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for that week was canceled due to a lack of quorum following a member's departure. Mayor Coss stated he had just learned that the Mayor's position requires him to sit on the Planning Commission, and his participation would restore the quorum. He asked Shimko to send him the schedule (the third Wednesday of each month) so he could add it to his calendar. Coss also stated he would seek to fill the vacant Planning Commission seat and noted there are also vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Council Member Reports

Curtis Curd. Curd thanked the community for the turnout at the Memorial Day parade and expressed appreciation for the privilege of riding in the "village chariot" and distributing candy. He reported that he has taken over responsibility for updating the employee handbook from Mayor Coss. He met with the attorney engaged for that project on the preceding Wednesday and characterized the progress as good, with an anticipated delivery to council for review and vote in the fall. Once finalized, he noted the intent to meet with Chief Shook to incorporate changes applicable to the police department. He also noted the Revive and Thrive Committee is pending finalization of Ordinance No. 2026-06, after which he will begin recruiting members.

Brian Farley. Farley reported on the Communication Committee. He stated he is still seeking a few more members and nominated two volunteers for council's approval: Brandon Nash (present at the meeting) and Nick McNamee (not present). **Motion to appoint** Brandon Nash and Nick McNamee to the Communications Committee made by Brian Farley; seconded by Curtis Curd. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously. Farley welcomed both to the committee and thanked all community members for attending.

Mike Glover. Glover stated he had no Finance Committee items to report. He then addressed Solicitor O'Leary directly, stating: "I would like to thank you for your years of dedicated service to the village. You've handled yourself in a very professional manner. You had the utmost integrity, and you were always there whenever I needed anything, and I appreciate that. Not only were you there when I needed things, but sometimes you reached out to me proactively knowing

I was gonna need things, such as the garden application and other things. Your leaving will be sorely missed here in the village, and we appreciate, I appreciate you. Thank you.

Pamela Jenkins (Park Committee / Other Items). Jenkins reported on the upcoming Fishing Derby at Lee Lydic Park on June 27th, with Council Member Becky Shimko providing details. Shimko reported the derby will be open to children up to age 8 in the first session and up to age 14 in the second session. Hot dogs and snacks will be provided. Loaner fishing poles are available. Parents are required to be present with children and must sign a waiver. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with fishing sessions from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Fiscal Officer Roskos confirmed he had contacted Willow Valley Fish Farm, which has stocked the pond for approximately 20 years, and they are scheduled to stock the pond by the middle of the following week (before the derby). Roskos will receive a confirmed date. Jenkins noted all necessary supplies (clipboards, registration forms, etc.) are already available in the park garage. Prizes will be gift certificates. The Mayor asked Jenkins to obtain the fish farm's contact information and requested that gift certificates be from local businesses (e.g., King Cone, Dairy Queen, Village Market) to support local commerce. Jenkins asked for volunteers from council and noted the road crew would be asked to assist with measuring fish. Gift certificates would cover categories for largest fish, most fish, and smallest fish.

Jenkins then reported on a planned Summer Family Fun Day, scheduled for Sunday, July 12, 2026, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. She described plans to rent a large slip-and-slide bounce house at a cost of \$300 (the company delivers, sets up, and takes down). Additionally, a small water bounce house for young children (approximately age four) will be provided. The theme is luau with water activities, bubbles, food, and crafts. Pam Jenkins noted \$150 remained in the event fund from the underspent Earth Day event and would be used to cover remaining expenses beyond the \$300 slip-and-slide rental, with the total drawing from the \$300 summer family fun day budget plus the \$150 carryover. O'Leary raised the issue of liability waivers; Curtis Curd and Elias Coss agreed the village should have its own waiver rather than relying on the rental company. Mayor Coss offered to obtain a waiver template. Jenkins confirmed wristbands or another system would be used to ensure signatures are collected.

Jenkins reported that resident Rich Sundy (husband of Karen Sundy) donated three handmade wooden benches, which have already been installed at the village meadow. She recommended the village send him a formal thank-you.

Jenkins noted that signs for the meadow are being fabricated and requested the use of a saw capable of cutting a four-by-four post.

Jenkins reported that the community garden is full, with all plot holders actively maintaining their plots.

Jenkins raised the matter of the village website, noting that resident Nikki Trefzger had previously raised concerns about outdated information, particularly information related to the data center that had been posted approximately in 2024 and was no longer accurate. She recommended the website be reviewed and updated.

Jenkins raised the matter of the Perry Township newsletter as a vehicle for village news, noting the park section is written by her and encouraging whoever is responsible for the broader village article to ensure content is submitted in time.

Jenkins raised the absence of road crew reports since the former chief resigned and asked how that would be handled going forward. Mayor Coss stated he would provide road crew reports through the end of the year now that he was able to delegate the police chief function.

Jenkins relayed an inquiry from a resident, who contacted Jenkins requesting permission to hold a community sharing event at the park — an informal swap-meet-style gathering where families could share children's toys and clothing at no or minimal cost, with children playing in the park. Jenkins told the resident to gather information and bring it to the July meeting. Jenkins noted Roskos confirmed a full park rental requires a one-page application, a small fee (\$25 for pavilion or stage; \$50 for full park rental), and proof of insurance from the organizer. Jenkins and Coss agreed to speak with the organizer together.

Jenkins reported on the battery collection program: the village battery collection tube had been relocated from the park to the area near the village hall driveway due to coordination with the Before-You-Dig process. The signage was lost in a recent storm. She plans to repaint and re-sticker the unit once it is permanently installed. Roskos confirmed the stickers have been received.

Jenkins raised the issue of two large dead trees on Harper Street near power lines, noting concern about falling risk. She reported she attempted to contact First Energy, but they were unavailable due to an outage that day. Mike Glover suggested having the homeowners contact First Energy directly to request a hazard assessment, noting First Energy will remove trees that threaten their lines. Mayor Coss stated he was personally aware of these trees from the prior year and would follow up with the Harper Street homeowners personally.

Becky Shimko. Shimko reported she had no additional items beyond the fishing derby details already discussed. She noted, in relation to the Mayor's earlier police report, that she is the resident on Harper Street who stands on her porch and yells at speeding drivers. She stated: "It's 25 on Harper Street, we have kids, we have dogs, and I just have a problem with somebody going over 30 miles an hour. It's 25, but they come down some mornings at 50."

PURCHASES AND APPROVALS

Fiscal Officer Roskos presented the approval of purchases for the period of May 8 through June 11, 2026. Motion to approve made; seconded. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Solicitor O'Leary opened the second public comment period, reminding attendees of the three-minute limit and that comments during this session are restricted to items discussed during the meeting. All comments are to be directed to the Mayor.

Laura Wolkersdorfer, Green Street resident. Wolkersdorfer stated she supported the concerns raised by Becky Shimko regarding speeding. She specifically raised three issues: (1) children on e-bikes riding unsafely — two to three abreast, without helmets, not paying attention; (2) construction equipment drivers on Green Street exceeding the 25 mph speed limit, and she reported a neighbor was met with inappropriate language when she yelled at a driver to slow down; (3) the school buses also exceed 25 mph, and she noted four young children recently moved in next door. She concluded: "If we're not going to enforce it, then take the damn signs down."

Jean Schonauer, Thompson Street resident and former council member. Schonauer expressed respect and gratitude to Solicitor O'Leary on behalf of herself and acknowledged it was an honor to serve with him. She then raised a concern about the Green and Thompson drainage project: two days prior, the end of Thompson Street was closed with heavy equipment, but no notification was sent via the TextMyGov platform. She stated she was appearing on behalf of herself, and her Thompson Street neighbors, all of whom had experienced multiple vehicles turning around in their driveways due to the road closure. She noted she was outside with her granddaughter that day and had to move her out of the driveway to prevent her from being struck by a turning vehicle. Schonauer requested that whenever roads are closed for construction, advance notifications be sent through TextMyGov. She also noted that a "road closed" sign exists at the corner of Thompson and Main Street but is not positioned in the road or in the lane in a manner that clearly prevents vehicles from proceeding. She further stated that construction workers and their equipment are not respecting the posted speed limits and are not being respectful of adjacent property.

Bill DeBus stated he was planning to write a story about Chief Shook's appointment, likely the following day, and requested that someone email him Shook's cover letter and resume. He also asked Mayor Coss if he could text follow-up questions (e.g., number of applicants, number of qualified candidates). Coss agreed. He also asked Jenkins for a copy of the fence quote sheet she had distributed. He thanked O'Leary for six years of service and asked the Mayor about plans for hiring a new solicitor, whether by advertising or from a shortlist. Coss stated it would be "a little bit of both," approached collectively with council. Bill also asked for clarification on the fireworks ordinance status, confirming it received only a second reading and would not be acted on before the Fourth of July but asked whether it would be ready for the balance of the year. O'Leary and Farley confirmed the ordinance addresses dates, times, age requirements, property owner permission, and other regulations, and the plan is to pass it at the next meeting for effect through the remainder of the year and annually thereafter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held. Solicitor O'Leary confirmed one was not needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Vacancy — Mike Glover announced his resignation, reading the following letter:. The full text of his statement is as follows:

"On December 3rd, 2009, I was sworn in as the appointee to replace the Honorable Ron Burkholder. In the 17 years since, I am proud to say I have served honorably, faithfully, and

without regard to personal benefit. With much reflection, I've come to the decision that my time on council has come to an end. I'll be retiring from my position on council effective midnight tonight. When the length of my workday has increased over the last year, as well as my hour-long drive time to work and from work, I attempted to make it work. But with recent extended hours at work, it has made me rethink what I'm able to accomplish. A council member's responsibility goes far beyond the monthly council meetings, and I can no longer feel that I am able to put in the time required to properly perform the duties of council. These reasons, along with the recent passing of former Mayor Gessic's mother and his focus on family, has made a profound impact on me personally and has helped make my decision easier. I'm not the type of person to show up at a council meeting, collect a paycheck, and not feel guilty about it. My wife Lee has been with me every step of the way for the past 17 years. She's been attending council meetings even longer than those 17 years. She has likewise attended every single council meeting possible since then, participated on numerous committees, and volunteered in countless events since 2009 in an effort to make Perry a better place to live for everyone. She has been the behind-the-scenes person making events such as the Santa at the Park event, which dates back to previous administrations, and I want to thank her for her support and being there, as her service has truly been one of dedication to the community. Throughout my years of service, I am proud to say I've been both the police and road department liaison. As police department liaison, I saw firsthand the difficulties the police department runs into by trying to maintain a 24-by-7-by-365 police force while trying to stay within budget constraints. While going through extreme budget issues from 2012 to 2014, they went without raises and still performed their duties honorably and being the representatives to the village residents. As a road department liaison, I found out how truly important our road crew employees are. A lot of times they are overlooked because they are not as visible in the community, but I feel they are every bit as important to our village residents as any other department. Without our road crew, you wouldn't have maintained roads, such a beautiful village park, and most importantly during the winter, drivable streets. Without streets that can be traversed, police and fire would not be able to respond quickly, or even if at all, during the long, snowy storms we frequently experience in Northeast Ohio. Our road crew has my utmost respect. With recent additions of Fiscal Officer John Roskos, Zoning Inspector Christian Gray, and Engineer Bob Parker, I feel those three areas of our business are in great hands, and council needs to ensure they stay in their positions for many years to come. John is by far the most knowledgeable and hardest working fiscal officer since 2009 when I came on council and is the best addition to our full-time staff. He has found areas where neglect and mistakes have been made by previous CFOs, thus ensuring we're in compliance with state laws. Christian has put in many hours working hard to promptly and correctly verify permit requests, update the zoning handbook, and run public zoning meetings like none we've had before. Likewise, Bob has also performed in a manner as engineer that we've never experienced. He has diligently pursued grants and OPWC zero-interest loans. We also now have a new police chief in Chief Shook, that I wish the best and the hope for many years of success. Council will now be tasked with hiring a new solicitor, as we found out tonight. This will not be easy, as Mr. O'Leary has done a phenomenal job in his tenure here. He has always been available to me and quick to respond for requests of assistance. I will be sorry to see him retire but wish him the best to enjoy the additional time he gets to spend with his large, close family. The village government has been left for the current council and mayor in a financially sound position, but that will not last forever. Rising costs are outpacing income, so commercial development is essential to prevent the financial burden from being shifted to the backs of the residents. You all will need to work

diligently towards promoting commercial development, so our village does not backslide into the deficit spending of the years 2006 through 2009. I wish you all the best in performing your council and mayor roles. The future of our village is in your hands. Thank you."

Following Glover's resignation announcement, Solicitor O'Leary advised council that under Ohio law, when a vacancy occurs on a village's legislative authority, the legislative authority has 30 days to fill it by election (internal vote). If council fails to act within 30 days, the Mayor makes the appointment. O'Leary noted the process requires coordination with the Board of Elections, as their records must be updated; the appointed individual would serve through the end of the unexpired term (through the end of 2027, as Glover's position was up for election in 2027). O'Leary recommended that council accept applications, with a deadline of no later than July 10, 2026, to allow time for review before the July 16 meeting. Fiscal Officer stated he would prepare a legal advertisement for the opening. Curtis Curd made a motion to open applications for the vacant council seat; seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd, All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously. "

Next Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Coss stated he wanted to schedule a July meeting even though the village typically does not hold one, in case business requires it. If not needed, it can be canceled. The meeting was set for Thursday, July 16, 2026. Motion made by Elias Coss; seconded by Becky Shimko. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd. All six members — yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Acting Mayor Designation During Mayor's Absence. Solicitor O'Leary raised the matter of designating an acting mayor for situations when Mayor Coss is unavailable. He noted that the President Pro Tem of council normally steps in but suggested formally designating a backup. Mayor Coss nominated Council Member Brian Farley; seconded by Pam Jenkins. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — abstain; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — abstain (stated he did not feel it appropriate to vote given his imminent departure from council); Curtis Curd — yes. Motion approved.

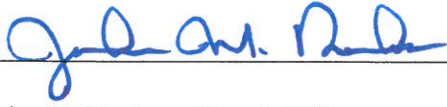
Solicitor Hiring Process. O'Leary confirmed the posting for a new solicitor had already been authorized at the prior meeting, so no additional motion was required on this matter.

Response to Province Group: O'Leary noted a previously discussed item regarding whether council wished to take a vote on a response to Province Group's PILOT offer. Mayor Coss indicated the village is awaiting a response from the school before proceeding.

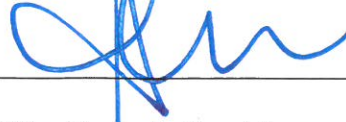
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made; seconded. Roll call: Elias Coss — yes; Brian Farley — yes; Pam Jenkins — yes; Becky Shimko — yes; Mike Glover — yes; Curtis Curd — yes. Motion to adjourn approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

The Next Regular Council Meeting will be July 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Village Hall

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John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

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Elias Coss, Acting Mayor

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