

**MAYOR JAMES M. JAROSZYNSKI**  
**TRUSTEE ANTHONY CAVALLARO**  
**TRUSTEE TIMOTHY DUNN – (arrived at 6:00pm)**  
**TRUSTEE ALAN GUSTAFSON, JR.**  
**TRUSTEE NIKKI PIERCE**

**CINDY CAPESTRANI, VILLAGE CLERK**  
**PAULA SPUNAUGLE, TREASURER**  
**AVERY, DPW SUPERINTENDENT**

The Budget Workshop of the Village of Falconer Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 31, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the Community Building Board Room with Mayor James Jaroszynski presiding.

**Pledge of Allegiance & Roll:**

Trustee Gustafson, Trustee Cavallaro, Trustee Pierce and Mayor Jaroszynski were all present.

**Visitors**

Nina Gustafson

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

VISITORS ARE ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. THIS IS **NOT** THE TIME OR PLACE FOR A DEBATE. IT IS A MEETING FOR THE BOARD TO CONDUCT VILLAGE BUSINESS. **ALL** COMPLAINTS/REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND REVIEWD AT A LATER TIME.

**2025/2026 Budget Workshop**

The proposed FY 25/26 budget reflects a real property tax rate of \$8.61/\$1000 of assessment, which is a proposed tax increase of \$0.03. Last years' tax rate was \$8.58/\$1000. This proposed increase is within the limits of the NYS Property Tax Cap Law.

***Proposed Budget 2025-2026 as presented***

<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>\$1,704,438</i>
<i>Revenues</i>	<i><u>\$1,704,438</u></i>
<i>Balanced Budget</i>	<i>(\$ 0)</i>

**Highlights:**

Key points brought up in the discussion:

**Animal Control**

- Includes funds for the feral cat program and the buildings monthly pest control spraying.
- Mayor Jaroszynski wanted the board to know that even though Falconer has had a dog control officer for many years, the Village of Celoron has not had a dog control officer for the past several years. Since the Town collects the licensing fees, the responsibility of stray dogs and nuisance calls falls onto the Town of Ellicott law enforcement.

**Building & Grounds**

- Treasurer Spunaugle met with Superintendent Faulker and felt that there was a need to increase the budget for this fund as our building is older and has requires more upkeep.
- Trustee Cavallaro suggested the board move forward on a feasibility study for the Community Building and address the findings. The repair needs for the outside of the building as well as better utilizing the space were discussed. The community room upstairs is not used at all and could be used to expand the Historian. At one time in the past, it was considered to partition the room and rent out office space.
- Trustee Gustafson noted that the village has money in the unrestricted fund balance that can be used to address some of the issues.

### **DPW**

- The new truck that is on order for arrival in 2026 will take most of the equipment reserve fund. The equipment reserve fund contribution has been doubled from last year. There are several other pieces of older equipment that need to be replaced.

### **Parks & Recreation**

- Park security in the amount of \$12k was left in the budget. There may be no available officers to take the shifts at the park this year, so we may use some of the money to improve camera security in the park. If internet is installed in the park, we could have better access to the view the cameras. A monitor could possibly be installed at the Town of Ellicott police station with a live stream of the park activity. Trustee Gustafson and Trustee Pierce will take the lead along with DPW Superintendent to come up with ideas to improve the park security system.
- Trustee Cavallaro mentioned that the waterline to the recreation building in the park still needs to be addressed. The cost to run the water line was estimated to be around \$12k-\$15k. There are no restrooms in the recreation building anymore, so is water really needed? Water and restrooms are available from the main park restroom. Superintendent Faulkner was asked to contact the BPU to see if they would be willing to run water through the line to see where the break in the line is.
- The current pavilions are starting to need repairs to the posts and cement pads.
- The contractual line was increased to cover repairs for the dugouts at the little league field.
- Park personal service line includes seasonal staff, three for the summer recreation program and two DPW/Park workers.

### **Beautification Fund**

- Fund was increased to \$15k to be used for items such as additional planters, benches, banners, flags and trash cans.
- Some areas of the village could use new trees planted.
- Can we look into getting large tree planters for the commercial section of Main Street?

### **Revenues**

- Treasurer Spunaugle will verify with the assessor to make sure the decrease in the property value on the Dow Substation was accounted for.

### **Transfers**

- Treasurer Spunaugle noted that the library contribution was the same as last year, but transfers to the Community Building, Fire Truck & Maintenance, and Street Equipment reserves were all increased.

There will be a Budget Public Hearing on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Falconer Public Library.

Trustee Gustafson wanted the board to be aware that there is a new requirement starting in June that municipalities need to have their local laws (code book) available on the website. We do not have that availability right now. The current village code book was done 22 years ago so we should plan to start the update process this year to conform to the new requirement.

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to adjourn the budget workshop at 6:45 pm. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*