

**MAYOR JAMES M. JAROSZYNSKI
TRUSTEE ANTHONY CAVALLARO
TRUSTEE TIMOTHY DUNN-excused
TRUSTEE ALAN GUSTAFSON JR.
TRUSTEE NIKKI PIERCE**

**GREGORY PETERSON, ATTORNEY-absent
CINDY CAPESTRANI, VILLAGE CLERK
PAULA SPUNAUGLE, TREASURER-absent
KEITH BABCOCK, FIRE CHIEF
PAUL CAPITANO, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
AVERY FAULKNER, DPW SUPERINTENDENT
LAURIE BECKER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

The regular meeting of the Village of Falconer Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Firemen's Exempt Hall with Mayor James Jaroszynski presiding

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll:

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

Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Abigail Rexroad:

Mayor Jaroszynski presented a Certificate of Recognition to Abigail Rexroad for being named Western Regional Youth Advocate of the Year for her work in Reality Check, which focuses on the issues of tobacco use, marketing, litter and exposure to second-hand smoke and aerosol from e-cigarettes. Abigail has been involved with Reality Check for the past 4 years and was recognized at a recent ceremony in the State Capitol where she met with Senator Borrello and Assemblyman Molitor. Falconer Central School principal Jeff Jordan was in attendance to recognize Abigail's accomplishment. Congratulations Abigail!

Visitors

Jeff Jordan Abigail Rexroad Joseph Taylor Keith Beckerink Chris Blakeslee-Post Journal
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 REVIEWED AT A LATER TIME.

Visitor Comments

- Joe Taylor – Falconer resident - would like to see more police presence in the village. Has had late night visitors in his neighborhood and his daughter's car was recently broken into during the day.
- Keith Beckerink – Falconer resident – has caught people in his garage and shed and is tired of seeing all of the people laying all over the sidewalk by the village plaza on the corner. He expressed his concern and asked what can the village do to stop them from being sent here to the village.

Mayor Jaroszynski noted that he will be reaching out to Police Chief Ingrao and the county regarding the concerns brought up. He will also invite Ellicott Police to attend the next board meeting to address the residents' concerns. He encouraged the residents to continue to call the police to report any unlawful incidents so that it can be documented.

Minutes

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2025 Budget Workshop Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Mayors Remarks

- Mayor Jaroszynski made mention of the recent and upcoming events in the village. The village Beautification Day was held on Saturday, May 10th. Dumpsters were provided for residents and there was a good turnout for the event.
- Der Kobbler's Car Club Auto Show will be held on May 24th from 8am – 3pm in Davis Park.
- Village-wide Garage Sales will be held on May 30 – 31st.
- The Farmers' and Artisans' Market will be on May 31st from 10am – 4pm in Davis Park and continue every Saturday through early fall.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's April report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 26 EMS calls, 17 cancelled in route, 1 motor vehicle accident with injuries, 1 HazMat release investigation, 3 assist invalid, 3 alarm system malfunction, 1 shorted electrical equipment, 1 smoke detector unintentional, 1 power line down, 2 flood assessment, 1 motor vehicle/pedestrian accident, 1 contained cooking fire, 58 total incidents.

Mutual Aid Breakdown - April 2025

Given: Frewsburg-5, Kennedy-3, total 8

Received: Medic 74-10, Alstar-13, Kennedy-3, total 26

Highlights:

- There will be a mock DWI drill on May 14th at Falconer School.
- Fire Chief Babcock was given permission from the board for Assistant Chief Yager to take 401 down to a Fire Show in Harrisburg, PA this upcoming weekend with three other fire fighters.
- Fire Chief Babcock would like the boards' permission to research pricing for an ambulance power loader. Many of the rescue calls are being handled by the older volunteers and it is becoming very difficult to manually lift patients into the ambulance. He will look into the pricing and bring to the next board meeting for review.

Code Enforcement

The April code officer report was reviewed. There were 8 building permits issued this past month totaling \$557 for a year-to-date total of \$1630.

Highlights:

- 8 N. Dow Street was taken over by mortgage company. The property has been cleaned up and all locks changed out.
- Working with Dunkin to obtain the paperwork and questions needed to submit to the Planning Board.
- Sent door hanger notice to 13 N. Dow for couch on curb violation.

Department of Public Works

The DPW report was submitted for the month of April 2025.

Highlights:

- The DPW crew landscaped the Community Building and Fire Hall (trimmed, weeded, edged and new mulch).

- A Veterans group that cleaned up the memorial at Davis Park and it looks very nice. Trustee Pierce will acknowledge the work by sending a thank you note from the village. It was also mentioned by Trustee Gustafson that Tom Stuart at Colecraft should be acknowledged for replacing, free of charge, a few clips that broke holding the wood panel in the village office.
- There was an emergency repair done to the DPW electrical box after a breaker in the panel overheated. The panel had to be replaced, it was original with the building – Ahlstrom Schaeffer Electric responded immediately and did an excellent job taking care of the issue.
- Superintendent Faulkner informed the board that he will be attending highway school training in June.
- Penni Johnston from the Kindness Crew Organization would like to donate an adaptive swing to Falconer Park. The adaptive swing is designed to provide a safe, supportive, and enjoyable experience for children with special needs. The board discussed the need to make sure the swing meets the proper safety standards. The donation of this swing will be a nice addition and goes along with our long-term goal to improve the playground equipment. Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to accept the adaptive swing from the Kindness Crew pending review of applicable safety and accessibility standards. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.
- Any lawns dug up by National Fuel as a result of the replacing the gas lines in the village, will be repaired by a contracted company.

Curb, Gutter, Driveway Approach & Sidewalk Bid Opening Results

- Superintendent Faulkner is recommending R. Patti Concrete Excavating for the W. James Street project as they were the lowest responsible bidder. The other bidding companies were J. Coffin Concrete and Millennium Construction. Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to accept the bid from R. Patti Excavating. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Library

The April 7, 2024 – May 12, 2025 Library report was reviewed.

Highlights:

- The book club met on April 15th and will be meeting again on May 20th. Readers were asked to pick a book that a movie was made for the next month's discussion.
- The kitting group will be meeting on May 8th and 22nd. Many scarves have been donated by friends of the library for our "Color our World" summer yarn bombing of the trees in front of the library.
- The Grange celebrated their 150th Anniversary with an Open House at the library on April 30th with 55 people attending. Historian, Brenda Cavallaro assisted the Grange members with their display.
- The "Birdhouse & Basket Raffle" drawing will be held on May 30th. The wooden birdhouse was handcrafted and donated by Jerry Pischera with all the proceeds going to the Falconer Public Library.
- The next library board meeting will be on Thursday, May 8th at 8:00 am.
- The library board agreed to purchase four new chairs for the downstairs computer area. The old desk style chairs are in the Community Building garage and are available for any other village department that needs them.

Committees:

Finance:

- ***Budget Modifications***

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Resolution #10-2025 Budget Modifications to the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget as shown:

REVENUES

INCREASE: A3990	Sewer Grant	\$25,000
A2665	Sale of Unused Equipment	\$2,855
A2710	Miscellaneous Income-from Fire Association	\$645.91

APPROPRIATIONS

INCREASE: 8120.4	Sanitary Grant	\$25,000
3410.4	Fire Department Contractual	\$2,855
1325.4	Clerk/Treasurer Contractual- Easter Egg Hunt supplies	\$645.91

Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

- ***Sales Tax Analysis***

The board received an updated sales tax analysis report for review.

Legal:

- Nothing to report.

Public Safety:

- ***Dog Officer Report***

There were no calls to report from the Dog Control Officer.

- ***Fire Chief Resignation – Assistant Chief re-assignments***

The Fire Association accepted the resignation of Fire Chief Bryce Webster on May 5th. It was decided at a fire department meeting to move all current assistant chiefs up one spot and leave vacant the third assistant chief until the election in December. The new Fire Chief will be Keith Babcock, 1st Assistant-Avery Faulkner, 2nd Assistant-Brenton Yager, 3rd Assistant-Vacant.

- Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to accept the resignation of Chief Bryce Webster. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.
- Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to accept the new line officers as stated: C401-Keith Babcock, C402-Avery Faulkner, C403-Brenton Yager, C404-Vacant until next election. Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.
- The Fire Department truck committee has met 5 times so far, 3 of the meetings with representatives from different manufacturers of fire apparatus. Once they have done all the research, they will present their recommendation to the village board.

Downtown Development:

- The committee for the PAINT CHQ mural project continues to meet monthly working on planning the mural festival to be held on September 13. The committee will need to meet separately to plan the events in the village on that day. Applications are being accepted through June 1 for the Artist Apprentice Program for local artists to shadow the muralist.
- The Planning Board meeting met recently and reviewed initial plans submitted for Dunkin. A representative from Dunkin will be attending the next meeting on Thursday, May 15th to answer questions from the Planning Board.

Farmers Market:

- Trustee Pierce reported that there are 8 vendors signed up to participate at the Farmers' Market. Music from Campfire Junkie will be performing in the Gazebo on the opening day, May 31st, from

10am – 1pm. There is a sign-up sheet at Falconer High School for students to read for a children's story hour at the event.

- Have been in contact with Town of Ellicott Police to schedule a car seat check at the event.

Parks:

- Met recently with Trustee Gustafson and Superintendent Faulkner regarding the need for Wi-Fi at the park so that the camera system can be more accessible for monitoring the activity for safety reasons. There may be grants available to assist with getting Wi-Fi at the park.

Pine Hill Cemetery:

- The cemetery crew is getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.

Planning/Zoning Board

- Update covered under Downtown Development

Old Business:

- ***Mobile Food Truck – set fees***

The recommendation from the Planning Board meeting held on March 10, 2025 is listed below:

Initial fee: \$50 to include one day, and a \$10 fee for each additional day with a \$300 per year max.

Annual fire inspection fee: \$50 (applies to mobile food vehicles required to have an annual inspection as required by the Fire Code of NYS).

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to establish the mobile food truck fees as recommended by the Planning Board. Discussion: Trustee Gustafson noted that the fees pertain to any soliciting and vending (excluding Farmers Market), not just for mobile food trucks. Secondly, he proposed reducing the fire inspection fee to \$25 instead of \$50. The board agreed to approve the motion with these two amendments. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

- ***Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 26 at 10:15am***

The parade will assemble on S. Dow Street and travel down W. Main Street to N. Work Street, continuing to Pine Hill Cemetery where a remembrance ceremony will be held. Any groups wishing to participate, can contact the village clerk at 716-665-4400.

- ***Village-wide Garage Sales will be May 30 – 31st***

Residents can sign up from May 1-27 at the Falconer Vac Shop, 30 W. Main Street. For a \$5 fee, they receive a yard sign and their address on a free yard sale map. Maps will be available starting May 30th on the Rotary Facebook page, at the Falconer Public Library, Falconer Vac Shop, PersNikkity Pies, W. Main Street Mercantile and at the Village Clerk's office (Friday only).

New Business:

- ***Fire Department Boot Drive Fund Raiser Request***

The fire department is asking permission from the board to hold a Boot Drive Fund Raiser event on May 31st at the four-corner intersection in the center of Falconer from 9am to noon. Members will be in high visibility attire collecting donations from vehicles at the traffic signal.

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve the Fire Department's Boot Fund Raiser on May 31st from 9am to noon. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

- ***Kindness Crew – Adaptive Swing Donation***
This was discussed previously under DPW.
- ***Updated Village of Falconer Contact List***

Correspondence:

- ***Abstract Audit – Trustee Gustafson***
Trustee Gustafson's letter, dated May 12, 2025, which acknowledged his review on May 12, 2025 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #12 (FY 24/25) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of March 2025 was placed into record.
- Thank you to Jerry Pischera for donating four handcrafted birdhouses for Falconer Park.

Abstracts

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Cavallaro and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #12, General Fund in the amount of \$92,719.57 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Gustafson and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #12, Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$445.22 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Pierce, and seconded by Trustee Gustafson that Abstract #12, Library Fund in the amount of \$1,859.70 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Abstain, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Cavallaro and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #12, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$4,979.55 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Mayor Jarszynski informed the board that he will be away at a NYCOM conference from May 27-30. Deputy Cavallaro will be available in his absence.

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to move into executive session to discuss the lease request of village property on W. Main Street at 7:08 p.m. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

There was no action taken during the executive session.

A motion to end the executive session was made at 7:32 p.m. by Trustee Cavallaro and seconded by Trustee Pierce. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Carried.

A motion to close the regular meeting was made at 7:33 p.m. by Trustee Pierce and seconded by Trustee Cavallaro. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*