

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

**GREGORY PETERSON, ATTORNEY
CINDY CAPESTRANI, VILLAGE CLERK
PAULA SPUNAUGLE, TREASURER
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, December 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Firemen's Exempt Hall with Deputy Mayor Anthony Cavallaro presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll:

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

Visitors

Nina Gustafson Owen Reed-Post Journal

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

- No visitor comments

Minutes

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunn to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Mayors Remarks

- Mayor Jaroszynski thanked Alan Gustafson Sr. and the Falconer Rotary for the great job on the Falconer Santa Parade held on Saturday, November 22 and to the Falconer Auxiliary for organizing the craft show held earlier on that day.
- Met again with Chautauqua County DSS Commissioner along with Falconer Schools and the Town of Ellicott to discuss the on-going issues with the homeless at the Quality Inn, Clarion Pointe and Budget Inn. These meetings will continue and residents can reach out to Chautauqua County Executive P.J. Wendel or Legislature Lisa Vanstrom directly with additional concerns.
- County Executive P.J. Wendel conducted a zoom meeting attended by area mayors and town supervisors. The meeting was held to discuss money that is available in the county budget to assist with consolidation of services between towns, villages and schools.
- Dunkin informed us that they will be at the site this week to meet with the construction company.
- A Greater Jamestown Zone Capitol Corporation meeting is being planned for January.

- Resident Ron Caldwell, with the Village of Falconer Christmas Association, has many upcoming holiday events planned in the village.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's November report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 29 EMS calls, 15 cancelled in route, 4 alarm transmission unintentional, 3 motor vehicle with no injuries, 2 alarm sounded due to malfunction, 2 assist invalid, 1 false alarm call, 1 passenger vehicle fire, , 1 motor vehicle with injuries, 1 emergency medical incident, 1 smoke detector malfunction, 1 building fire, 1 steam mistaken for smoke, 62 total incidents.

Mutual Aid Breakdown – November 2025

Given: Fluvanna-1, Kennedy-1, Jamestown-1, Gerry-1, total 4

Received: Medic 74-5, Kiantone-1, Kennedy-4, Alstar-7, total 17

- ***Approval of 2026 Fire Department Officers***

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunn to approve the 2026 Line Officers for the Fire Department:

Chief	Keith Babcock
1 st Assistant Chief	Avery Faulkner
2 nd Assistant Chief	Brenton Yager
3 rd Assistant Chief	Ryan Delahoy

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

- The Fire Department's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 13th for members starting at 6:00pm at the Fireman's Exempt Hall.

Code Enforcement

The code officer report for November was reviewed. There were 2 building permits issued this past month totaling \$55.00 for a year-to-date total of \$4,274.50.

Highlights:

- Dunkin - still waiting for work to start.
- 27-29 E. Main Street has been reportedly sold.
- 230 Lister Avenue garage fire cleaned up and new garage built.
- 20 Anderson Avenue shed fire has been cleaned up.
- 35 E. Main Street – New location for Smile Ink Tattoo.

Department of Public Works

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

Highlights:

- Decorated the Community Building, Davis and Coleson Park for Christmas.
- Leaf pickup concluded, streets were swept.
- Snow removal on village streets, sidewalks and the Community Building and Library.

Library

The November 10, 2025 – December 8, 2025 Library report was reviewed.

Highlights:

- The Falconer Public Library Board met on November 13th and began the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of long-time board member and library volunteer, Carol Peterson. The board also accepted the resignation of library manager, Laurie Becker.
- "Holiday Fun Day" was held on December 6th and featured Christmas stories, crafts, fun activities

and live music.

- Historian Brenda Cavallaro has decorated the Community Building Christmas tree located in the lobby. This year the tree features Paint CHQ themed ornaments and photos.
- Story Hour Director Ashley Nelson will be presenting two Story Hour events at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute on Saturday, December 6th and 13th for their “Holidays at the Lodge” program.
- The Knitting/Crochet Group will be meeting on December 5th and 18th, at 1:30pm, and the Book Club on December 16th at 1:30pm.
- The library will be closed December 25th-28th and January 1st-4th for the holidays.
- The next library board meeting will be on Thursday, January 8th, 2026 at 8:00 am.

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Library Director, Laurie Becker to be effective on February 14th, 2026. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried. Mayor Jaroszynski commented that Laurie will be greatly missed and wished her well on her future endeavors.

Finance:

- ***Budget Modification***

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Resolution #28-2025 Budget Modifications to the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget as listed:

REVENUES

INCREASE: A1710	Public Works	\$413.86
	(received from Falconer School – manhole repair)	
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	(received from Town of Carroll for stumper repairs)	

APPROPRIATIONS

INCREASE: 5110.4	DPW Contractual	\$413.86
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Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Legal:

- Have not received anything from the attorney for the draft contract.

Committees:

Public Safety:

- ***Dog Control Officer Report***

There were no incidents reported this month.

- ***Special Dog Permit Request***

The board revisited the special dog permit request from the last meeting since the full board was not present. The request is from the resident on 17 Mason Street to house 4 dogs, 3 being less than 12 lbs. and a 70 lb. golden retriever.

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve the special dog permit request. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Nay, Cavallaro: Nay, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: 2. Ayes: 3. Motion carried.

Downtown Development:

- Mayor Jaroszynski, Trustee Gustafson, Nina Gustafson and Angelo Marra participated in an interview as part of the NY Forward/DRI application process. The interview went well and there were a lot of productive questions asked by the committee. The grant awardees will be announced sometime after March 2026.
- There was a CHQ Chamber ribbon cutting just outside the village at 5Z Sports cards located at 1975 East Main Street on Friday, December 5th.

Farmers Market:

- The Farmers' and Artisans' Market, along with the Village of Falconer Christmas Association, will be hosting a Christmas movie night on Friday, December 12th at PersNikkity Pies at 5:30pm.

Parks:

- Nothing to report.

Pine Hill Cemetery:

- Wreaths across America will take place on Saturday, December 13th at the cemetery. To honor and remember our veterans, wreaths will be placed on the graves of our country's military members.

Planning/Zoning Board

- The Planning Board did not meet in December but will resume in January to continue to work on updating the village's current sign law.

Historian News

- Village Historian, Brenda Cavallaro brought 2 of her unique items to share with the board tonight. The first one, donated by the Ross Grange, is a wooden box with a small hole in the top and two drawers below. Inside the bottom drawer are white balls and black cubes. The box is a very early "voting machine", probably going back to the early 1700's. The social clubs used this as a way to accept or reject new members into the club. The box would be placed in a discreet area and members would secretly "cast their ballot" by placing either a white ball, to accept the new member, or a "black cube", to reject the member, into the hole at the top of the box. Once all the votes were cast, the top drawer would be opened. If only white balls were in the drawer, the person would be accepted into the club. Social clubs, depending on their size, set the number of "black balls" allowed before a person would be rejected (the term "black balled" was derived from this practice). The Ross Grange used to allow three (3) "black balls" before a person would be rejected. The reason why the "black ball" is a cube versus a ball was to allow a blind person the ability to vote.
- The second unique item is a wedding dress from 1945 that was recently donated. Included with the dress was a wedding photo of the bride and groom with details written on the back of the photo. The wedding couple were Robert and Laurene (Sprague) Rice, married on July 8, 1945 at the Sprague Hill Farm. Mrs. Wiler (who lived further up Sprague Hill) made the wedding dress. Also, in the box with the dress was a hand written family tree.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New Business:

- ***Resolution #27-2025 Undertaking with NYS DOT***
- Attorney Peterson explained that when a municipality uses a state right-of-way, they agree that if something goes wrong, they are responsible. It is called an “undertaking” and is it satisfies insurance requirements and makes obtaining permits to use the NYS highways easier.
Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to approve Resolution # 27-2025 to authorize the Village of Falconer to sign an undertaking for the benefit of NYS DOT in connection with work affecting state highways. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.
- ***Planning Board Resignation***
Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunn to accept the resignation of Planning Board member Stephanie Nicks. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.
- ***2026 Garbage/Recycling Calendar – review for any recommended changes***
- ***Reminder – Organizational meeting will be on January 12, 2026***

Correspondence:

- ***Abstract Audit – Trustee Gustafson***
Trustee Gustafson’s letter, dated December 8, 2025, which acknowledged his review on December 8, 2025 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #7 (FY 25/26) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of October 2025 was placed into record.
- ***Public Notice Annual Agriculture District Inclusion Period January 2 – 31, 2026***
The board was given correspondence informing them of the Chautauqua County Agricultural District Inclusion period of January 2 – 31, 2026. During this time, landowners may submit requests to include predominantly viable agricultural land into an existing certified agricultural district.

Abstracts

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #7, General Fund in the amount of \$127,989.39 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Gustafson and seconded by Trustee Dunn that Abstract #7, Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$1,107.88 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: 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 #7, Library Fund in the amount of \$18,938.61 be approved for payment Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: 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 #7, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$4,979.55 be approved for payment Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:52 p.m. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*