

**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-excused  
AVERY FAULKNER, DPW SUPERINTENDENT-excused  
LAURIE BECKER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

The regular meeting of the Village of Falconer Mayor and Board of Trustees was called to order following the Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:08 pm in the Firemen's Exempt Hall with Mayor James Jaroszynski presiding.

**Roll:**

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

**Visitors**

Nina Gustafson      Kevin Pierce

**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 Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

**Mayors Remarks**

- Nothing to report this month.

**Fire Chief**

The Fire Chief's December report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 31 EMS calls, 18 cancelled in route, 2 motor vehicle with injuries, 2 building fires, 1 medical assist, 1 alarm sounded due to malfunction, 1 EMS incident-other, 1 smoke detector unintentional, 1 alarm transmission unintentional, 1 assist invalid, 1 unintentional transmission of alarm-other, 1 motor vehicle with no injuries, 61 total incidents.

**Mutual Aid Breakdown – December 2025**

**Given:** Frewsburg-3, Kennedy-1, Gerry-2, Kennedy-6, total 11

**Received:** Alstar-15, Medic 74-4, Kennedy-5, Gerry-3, Fluvanna-1, Kiantone-1, total 29

The annual report for 2025 was also reviewed and showed the department responded to 134 fire incidents and 624 rescue/EMS incidents this past year.

**Discussion:**

- Ambulance accident update – The ambulance was hit on Route 60 in the Town of Gerry responding to a mutual aid call on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The insurance adjuster has looked at the vehicle, but since it is a specialized vehicle, they are not able to give an estimate on the damages. We are now waiting for a representative from the ambulance manufacturer to come down from Syracuse.
- Our area will be covered by our surrounding mutual aid departments. We can still respond to calls using the former chief's vehicle and treat patients, we just are not able to transport.

**Code Enforcement**

The code officer report for December was reviewed. There was 1 building permit issued this past month totaling \$25.00 for a year-to-date total of \$4,274.50. (the permit listed was reported on the November report, but it was actually issued in December).

**Highlights:**

- Dunkin - still waiting for work to start.
- Fire inspection scheduled at Budget Inn for last week in January
- 27-29 E. Main Street – in process of new owner

**Department of Public Works**

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

**Highlights:**

- Removed Christmas decorations from the Community Building, Davis and Coleson Park.
- Busy with snow removal on village streets, sidewalks, the Community Building and Library.

**Library**

The December 8, 2025 – January 12, 2026 Library report was reviewed.

**Highlights:**

- The Falconer Public Library Board met on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Oaths were administered to Pam Vanstrom, Lisa Conti and Jennifer Janocha, extending their term through 2031. The board will be interviewing candidates for the Library Director position in the upcoming weeks.
- The library received a Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System Outreach Mini-Grant in the amount of \$714. The grant will be used to purchase 23 bilingual Vox (print book meets audio book) books. The books will be beneficial to both English and Spanish speaking children, immersing them in bilingual languages while enjoying a story.
- There will be an art display for the month of February featuring students in Lauren Kimball's art classes at Fenner Elementary School. An open house will be held on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Knitting Group will be meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22nd, and the Book Club is scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to the DPW for snow removal around the library, especially the curb/parking area in front of the building.
- The next library board meeting will be on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 8:00 am.

**Finance:**

- Nothing to report.

**Legal:**

- Have not received anything yet from the attorney on the E. James property.

**Committees:****Public Safety:*****Dog Control Officer Report***

- The December dog officer report was reviewed, there were 2 incidents reported.
- The Fire Advisory Board will be meeting soon with the Fire Chief to start working on the upcoming budget and long-term planning.

**Downtown Development:**

- Chautauqua Soap Company has moved into West Main Mercantile from their former location on Third Street in Jamestown.

**Farmers Market:**

- The Farmers Market will be held on Sundays this year from 11am – 2pm. Tentative dates are: June 14, 28, July 12,26, August 9,23 and September 6, 20 (FALLconerFest). Will be reaching out to potential vendors and the Jamestown market manager in the upcoming weeks.

**Parks:**

- Nothing to report.

**Pine Hill Cemetery:**

- There was a recent burial that had to be moved to a new location as the original plot that was sold back in 1999 was not large enough as it appeared on the map. Everything worked out, the family was understanding, the stone will be moved in the spring when a new foundation can be poured.

**Planning/Zoning Board**

- The Planning Board met on January 8<sup>th</sup> and are continuing to work on updating the village's current sign law.

**Historian News**

- Village Historian, Brenda Cavallaro shared her “Story of Two Buckets”. She had with her an original leather Falconer Fire Department bucket that was used in early firefighting days, hence the term “Bucket Brigade”. Before sprinkler systems were installed into buildings, businesses and factories would keep various types of buckets throughout their building strategically placed by water sources to use in case of a fire. Brenda also had with her a bucket donated from Regal Lumber, a former local business, that is very unique. Back in the early days when the business had a need to have buckets on hand in case of a fire, the owner kept noticing that the buckets were disappearing. To alleviate this issue, he came up with an idea and designed a unique bucket that had a rounded bottom. The rounded bottom buckets would tip over when placed on the floor thus solving the problem of them disappearing for other purposes.

**Old Business:*****• 2026 Garbage/Recycling Calendar***

Thank you to Trustee Gustafson for his work on the garbage/recycling calendar.

***• Update – Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant - Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project***

Consultant Peter Fuller reported that there will be a meeting this week with Matt Zarbo from Square Engineering to go over our next steps in pursuing funding for the sanitary sewer improvement project.

**New Business:**

- *Updated Village of Falconer Contact List*
- *Motion to appoint Treasurer Paula Spunaugle as Village Tax Collector and Clerk Cindy Capestrani as Deputy Village Tax Collector*

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to appoint Treasurer Paula Spunaugle as Village Tax Collector and Clerk Cindy Capestrani as Deputy Village Tax Collector. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

**Correspondence:**

- *Abstract Audit – Trustee Gustafson*

Trustee Gustafson's letter, dated January 12, 2026, which acknowledged his review on January 11, 2026 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #8 (FY 25/26) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of November 2025 was placed into record.

**Abstracts**

**Motion:** It is moved by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Gustafson that Abstract #8, General Fund in the amount of \$36,648.95 be approved for payment. Discussion: there was one correction noted on page 2 to M & T and it was clarified that payment to the fire department was for the Annual May inspection dinner and not for the Christmas dinner as noted. 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 #8, Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$1,270.81 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 #8, Library Fund in the amount of \$1,707.93 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 Gustafson that Abstract #8, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$8,011.34 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 Dunn to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:47 p.m. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Carried.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*