

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

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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, February 9, 2026 at 6:00 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 Sue (Karr) Martorell Amanda Bajdo

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 January 12, 2026 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Annual Organizational Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Mayors Remarks

- The Greater Jamestown Zone Capitol Corporation meetings started up again and will be meeting quarterly. The group can assist area businesses with low interest loans.
- The village will be applying for a Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) Grant to enhance Davis Park with a larger bandshell.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's January report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 22 EMS calls, 19 cancelled in route, 2 carbon monoxide incident, 1 electrical wiring problem, 1 public service, 1 motor vehicle with injuries, 1 assist invalid, 1 power line down, 1 chimney fire, 1 gas leak, 1 unintentional transmission of alarm-other, 51 total incidents.

Mutual Aid Breakdown – January 2026

Given: Kennedy-2, Gerry-2, Fluvana-1, total 5.

Received: Alstar-23 Medic 74-2, Kennedy-9, Gerry-3, Kiantone-2, total 39.

Discussion:

- **Ambulance update** – The village has opened an insurance claim with our insurance company for the ambulance. The Fire Advisory Board met and is recommending purchasing a new demo ambulance that the dealer has located, since the timeframe to either repair or replace the ambulance is between 6 months to 2 years. There is money in the EMS ambulance fund and the difference will be paid by the Fire Department Association (which will be repaid once the ambulance is back in service and generating revenue or a claim is paid out by the insurance company).
- **Resolution #2-2026 to declare Emergency Need to Replace Fire Department Ambulance**
Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunne to approve Resolution #2-2026 to declare an emergency need to replace the Fire Department Ambulance which is out of service as a result of an accident that occurred on December 20th, 2025. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.
Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunn to authorize the mayor to enter into an MOU agreement with the Fire Association regarding the purchase and repayment terms for the ambulance. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.
- **Review/Approval of 2 Membership Applications**
Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Lillian Webster into the Falconer Jr. Company. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.
Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve Elliana Webster into the Falconer Jr. Company. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Code Enforcement

The Code Officer report for January 2026 was reviewed. There was 2 building permits issued this past month totaling \$125.00 for a year-to-date total of \$125.

Highlights:

- Dunkin – remodel permit is on hold pending financing.
- Fire inspection rescheduled at Budget Inn for 2nd week in February.
- Sent out 7 violation letters for unregistered vehicles.

Department of Public Works

The DPW report was submitted for the month of January 2026.

Highlights:

- This has been one of the busiest winters in several years with snow removal and plowing the village streets, sidewalks and parking lots.
- There is a county wide salt shortage – the Town of Poland has agreed to help out if needed.
- Sidewalk plow equipment repairs and maintenance on miscellaneous equipment.
- Thank you to the Falconer Rotary for the new bathroom toilets they had installed at the Fireman's Exempt Hall.
- New generator and transfer switch were delivered for the Fire Hall. The electrician will be reviewing the plans and will start on the installation soon.
- Christmas decorations were taken down and Christmas trees picked up.

Library

The January 12, 2025 – February 9, 2026 Library report was reviewed.

Highlights:

- The Falconer Public Library Board is recommending to the Village Board to consider Amanda Bajdo for the position of Library Director. Amanda was present at the meeting and introduced to the village board. The position will be provisional, pending the completion of the Civil Service exam.
- The Library Board is also recommending the library move forward with getting internet through the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. This should be a savings to the library from current pricing. Thank you to Trustee Gustafson for his assistance going over the process with Mike Jones, IT specialist with the library system.
- Students in Lauren Kimball’s art classes at Fenner Elementary School are displaying their artwork at the library for the month of February. There were 146 visitors that attended the open house on Wednesday, February 4th.
- The Knitting Group will be meeting on February 12th and 26th, and the Book Club on February 17th.
- The next library board meeting will be on Thursday, March 12th, 2026 at 8:00 am.

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to approve Amanda Bajdo as the Falconer Public Library Director provisionally, based on a civil service test to be given at a later date. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to authorize the library director to pursue E-Rate pricing through the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Finance:

• ***Resolution #1-2026 Budget Modification***

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Resolution #1-2026 Budget Modification to authorize the village treasurer to transfer \$192,000 from NYCLASS Ambulance/EMS account to purchase a new ambulance.

INCREASE: 3410	Fire Department Contractual	\$192,000
	Total cost for ambulance	\$277,984

NYCLASS Ambulance/EMS	\$192,000
Falconer Volunteer Association	\$85,984

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

Legal:

- Falconer Night at the Tarp Skunk ballgame is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th at 5pm.
- Attorney Peterson shared with the board correspondence he received from Falconer Central School Superintendent Steven Penhollow with regards to a Falconer Central School (FCS) 2026 capital improvement project in which they will be the lead agency for SEQRA. They are required to obtain consent to be the lead agency from all of the affected jurisdictions. Attorney Peterson is recommending passing a resolution to consent to the designation.

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunn authorizing the Falconer Central School District Capital Improvement Project 2026 designating Falconer Central School as the lead agent.

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

Committees:

Public Safety:

- ***Dog Control Officer Report – no incidents to report***
- The Fire Advisory Board met on February 2nd to start working on the upcoming budget.

Downtown Development:

- Recently met with county planning department to discuss some forward looking economic development ideas for the village.
- There was an announcement in the Post-Journal that the Belle-View East in Falconer is up for sale.

Farmers Market:

- ***2026 Farmers Market application/rules – draft***
The Farmers Market will be held on Sundays this year from 11am – 2pm in Davis Park. Dates will be: June 14, 28, July 12, 26, August 9, 23 and September 6, 20 (FALLconerFest). An email was sent with this information to last years' vendors, trying to line up more produce vendors. Met with Jamestown market manager, Nick White, and he shared information on the importance of forming a non-profit arm for the market to be able to obtain sponsorships and grants. August 2nd kicks off National Farmer's Market week and they are looking into planning a county-wide farm festival.
- Tentative date for Falconer Community Movie Night has been set for August 28th.

Parks:

- Nothing to report.

Pine Hill Cemetery:

- Nothing new to report.

Planning/Zoning Board

- The Planning Board met on February 5th and are continuing to work on updating the village's current sign law.

Historian News

- Village Historian, Brenda Cavallaro shared with the group a few marketing strategy items that small businesses used to use in the past to promote their business.
 - Small bank from the First National Bank possibly given out when a new account was opened up.
 - Coin/token for a \$1 off any tire or battery purchase at Craig Johnson Auto Supply, Falconer, NY.
 - Wooden Nickel for 10% off the next purchase of gift or card at the Village Pharmacy in Falconer.
 - Yardsticks were very popular in the 1970's and her oldest one was from the Ben Franklin store.
 - Tool apron from Regal Lumber
 - Buccola's Service Station in Falconer gives out calendars to their customers as do other current day businesses.
- Time Capsule update
 - There will be a ceremony on Saturday, July 25th at 2 pm. The 50-year-old time capsule will be opened and they will be putting new items back into the time capsule for opening in 2076.
 - The committee is hoping to get more of the community involved with ideas should be put back into the time capsule. A Gmail account will be set up for the community to send over ideas.
 - Funds will be needed for advertising and preservation materials.

Old Business:

- ***Resolution#2-2026 to declare Emergency Need to Replace Fire Department Ambulance***
This was addressed under Fire Chief section.

New Business:

- ***Annual Easter Egg Hunt – discussion***
The Falconer Rotary has agreed to take the lead for raising the funding to support the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The date was for March 28th at 10:00 am.
- ***Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth Fund – upcoming grant application***
This was addressed under Mayors Remarks.

Correspondence:

- ***Abstract Audit – Trustee Gustafson***
Trustee Gustafson's letter, dated February 9, 2026, which acknowledged his review on February 8-9, 2026 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #9 (FY 25/26) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of December 2025 was placed into record.
- ***Tasta Pizza LLC – notification of NYS Liquor Authority Class Change application***
- ***Chautauqua Lake Rowing – request for use of Community Building upstairs hall***
Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to accept the request from the Chautauqua Lake Rowing Association to use the Community Building March 9-27th for practices pending upon receiving insurance. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Abstracts

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #9, General Fund in the amount of \$259,093.32 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 #9, Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$1,373.89 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 Dunn that Abstract #9, Library Fund in the amount of \$2,372.44 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 #9, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$9,007.27 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 7:17 p.m. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*