

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

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

The regular meeting of the Village of Falconer Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Firemen's Exempt Hall with Mayor James Jaroszynski presiding.

Roll:

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

Visitors

Nina Gustafson Linda Mee

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

- Linda Mee, E. Main Street Ext. resident expressed concern regarding the traffic light at the intersection of S. Work Street and Allen Street Extension. This is a very busy intersection and the light has not been working for over a month. Mayor Jaroszynski explained that the traffic light is in the Town of Ellicott, not the village and gave Linda Mee the contact information at the town to take her concern to.

Minutes

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Mayors Remarks

- Mayor Jaroszynski asked for a moment of silence in honor of a past village employee Chris Palermo. Chris worked in the dispatch center that was in the lobby of the Community Building as well as a Falconer Reserve Police Officer with the Falconer Police Department.
- Attended a Chautauqua County Conference of Mayors meeting in Mayville this past month.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's February report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 23 EMS calls, 10 cancelled in route, 1 gas leak, 1 alarm due to malfunction, 1 public service, 1 smoke detector

unintentional, 1 motor vehicle/pedestrian accident, 1 building fire, 1 vehicle fire, 1 smoke detector activation malfunction, 41 total incidents.

Mutual Aid Breakdown – February 2026

Given: Kennedy-1, Gerry-3, total 4.

Received: Alstar-14, Medic 74-2, Kennedy-7, Gerry-1, Frewsburg-1, Kiantone-1, total 26.

- **Ambulance update** – The new ambulance is up and ready to respond to calls.

Code Enforcement

The Code Officer report for February 2026 was reviewed. There was 6 building permits issued this past month totaling \$150.00 for a year-to-date total of \$275.

Highlights:

- Dunkin – remodel permit is on hold pending financing.
- Fire inspection scheduled at West Main Street Mercantile and PersNikkity Pies.
- Sent out violation letters for property maintenance at 13 North Dow.
- Closed Dollar General for unsafe conditions due to severe roof leaks.
- Contacted Robo regarding snow removal being pushed against the mural wall.

It was suggested by Trustee Gustafson to review/update the Building/Zoning Department Schedule of Fees when the budget work session is scheduled.

Department of Public Works

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

Highlights:

- Snow removal as needed, cold patching potholes, branch removal and sign repairs on streets.
- New flag, flag string and topper for flagpole at Fireman Exempt Hall.
- Sidewalk plow repairs and miscellaneous equipment repairs.
- Installation of the generator and transfer switch started at the Fire Hall.
- Requesting approval for the sale of the old generator and transfer switch.

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson for approval of the sale of the old generator and transfer switch and that the money received for the sale be put into the Fire Department maintenance account. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Library

The February 10, 2025 – March 9, 2026 Library report was reviewed.

Highlights:

- The Kindness Crew, an organization promoting adaptive services in honor of Annika Vanstrom and Lexi Madonia, will be in this month to discuss creating a cozy sensory corner within the library. They will provide the materials needed to establish the space.
- The Summer Reading Program theme for this year will be “The 1970’s” tying into the time capsule opening that will conclude the program. Sign-ups will begin on June 22.
- Martz Observatory visited on March 2 to provide a refresher course on using the telescopes that are available for checkout to library cardholders. They will return this summer to present a larger family program.
- Vox Books, that were purchased using a CCLS grant, are now available. Vox Books read aloud to children and are available in both English and Spanish.
- The next library board meeting will be on Thursday, March 12th, 2026 at 8:00 am.

Finance:

• ***Sales Tax Analysis***

The board received the 3rd Quarter Sales Tax Analysis for review.

• ***Resolution #3-2026 Budget Modification***

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to approve Resolution #3-2026 Budget Modification to authorize the village treasurer to transfer \$33,400 from NYCLASS Fire Hall Maintenance to purchase a new generator for the fire hall.

REVENUES

INCREASE: A202.2	NYCLASS Fire Hall Maintenance Generator – VFIRE Infrastructure Grant – reimbursement based	\$33,400
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APPROPRIATIONS

INCREASE 3410.48	Fire Department Contractual	\$33,400
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Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

• ***FY 26/27 Proposed Budget Presentation***

The proposed 2026-2027 budget reflects a real property tax rate of \$8.796/\$1000 of assessment, which is a proposed tax increase of \$0.1845. Last years' tax rate was \$8.6115/\$1000. This proposed increase is within the limits of the NYS Property Tax Cap Law.

Proposed Budget 2026-2027 as presented

Appropriations \$1,829,282

Revenues \$1,829,282

(\$ 0) Balanced Budget

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to table the villages 2026-2027 fiscal year budget until the next regular board meeting as written. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

- The board scheduled a budget workshop for Monday, March 23 at 6:00 pm in the Community Building Board Room, 101 W. Main Street.
- Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to set the Public Hearing for the 2026/2027 Budget as April 13th, 2026 at 6:00pm. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Legal:

- Attorney Peterson noted that the mayor signed a notice of claim earlier today as the Chairman of the Fire Commission for the Fire Department as well as the mayor on behalf of the village which will be served upon the Town of Gerry and the Gerry Fire Department pertaining to the ambulance accident.

Committees:

Public Safety:

• ***Dog Control Officer Report***

There were 3 issues reported and addressed by DCO Matt Abbey at 117 E. Elmwood Avenue.

Downtown Development:

- The state started announcing the recipients for the NY Forward and DRI grant applications.

Farmers Market:

- August 2nd kicks off National Farmer's Market week. Working with Nick Weith, Jamestown Farmers Market manager, to plan a county-wide farm festival, possibly to be held in Celoron Park.

Parks:

- Nothing to report.

Pine Hill Cemetery:

- Nothing new to report.

Planning/Zoning Board

- The Planning Board did not meet in March, the next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm and they will continue to work on updating the village's current sign law.

Historian News

- Village Historian, Brenda Cavallaro, with rising gas prices in the news recently, thought it would be appropriate to share a story about when gasoline first came to Falconer.
- She shared an old photo of the first gas pump, located curbside in front of 13-21 E. Main Street. The photo was not dated, but Brenda has a historical record book that lists October 1912 as the date gasoline came to Falconer. Leonard Asker operated the station which originally started out as a hardware store. In the background of the photo, you could see a tall wooden barber pole that they used to have back in that time period.
- Time Capsule update: The committee is hoping to get the community involved with ideas of what should be put back into the time capsule. Ideas can be sent in through April 12, 2026 via email to: falconerhistory@gmail.com or dropped off at the Falconer Public Library.

Old Business:

- ***Annual Easter Egg Hunt***

The Falconer Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026 starting at 10:00 am at Falconer Park headed up by the Falconer Rotary Club. The event is supported by the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Falconer, Ellicott Police Benevolent Association, the Village of Falconer and local organizations and businesses.

- ***Application for Peddling, Vending, Soliciting and Mobile Food Vendor Permit***

A copy of the application for Peddling, Vending, Soliciting and Mobile Food Vendor Permits was given to the board members as requested from the last board meeting.

New Business:

- ***Beautification Day – discuss/set date***

The board set the Beautification Day as May 16th, 2026.

- ***Memorial Day – discussion***

Mayor Jaroszynski will contact the American Legion to see if they plan on organizing the parade this year as they had done for many years in the past.

- ***Motion to dispose of village surplus inventory from library***

- Two wall mirrors and small computer desk

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve to dispose of village surplus inventory in the library as listed above. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Correspondence:

- ***Abstract Audit – Trustee Gustafson***

Trustee Gustafson’s letter, dated March 9, 2026, which acknowledged his review on March 8-9, 2026 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #10 (FY 25/26) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of January 2026 was placed into record.

- ***Thank you note***

A thank you note from recently retired Library Director, Laurie Becker, to the Mayor, Board of Trustees and Village of Falconer staff was read thanking everyone for the flowers and well wishes that she received on her last day, February 16, 2026.

Abstracts

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Cavallaro and seconded by Trustee Gustafson that Abstract #10, General Fund in the amount of \$98,166.02 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Gustafson and seconded by Trustee Cavallaro that Abstract #10, Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$425.11 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Gustafson and seconded by Mayor Jaroszynski that Abstract #10, Library Fund in the amount of \$2,573.53 be approved for payment Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Abstain, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Motion tabled, no majority vote.

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Cavallaro and seconded by Trustee Gustafson that Abstract #10, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$8,844.01 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*