

**MAYOR JAMES M. JAROSZYNSKI-absent**  
**TRUSTEE ANTHONY CAVALLARO**  
**TRUSTEE TIMOTHY DUNN-absent**  
**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-absent**  
**AVERY FAULKNER, DPW SUPERINTENDENT**

The regular meeting of the Village of Falconer Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Firemen's Exempt Hall with Deputy Mayor Anthony Cavallaro presiding.

**Pledge of Allegiance & Roll:**

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

**Visitors**

Nina Gustafson            Amy Fitzpatrick

**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 Pierce made a motion, seconded by Gustafson to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Cavallaro: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

**Mayors Remarks**

- Nothing to report in the mayor's absence.

**Fire Chief**

The Fire Chief's April report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 25 EMS calls, 16 cancelled in route, 1 smoke detector activation-unintentional, 1 building fire, 1 smoke odor scare, 2 alarm system activation-unintentional, 1 cooking fire confined to container, 1 outside rubbish fire-other, 2 motor vehicle accident with injuries, 1 alarm system sounded due to malfunction, 1 outside rubbish trash or waste fire, 1 motor vehicle accident with no injuries, 1 fire in structure other than in a building, 54 total incidents.

**Mutual Aid Breakdown – April 2026**

**Given:** Kennedy-3, Jamestown-4, Frewsburg-1, Gerry-1, total 9.

**Received:** Alstar-6, Kennedy-2, Gerry-2, CCEMS-8, Kiantone-1, East-1, County Fire Police-1, total 21.

- Fire Chief Babcock was given permission from the board for Assistant Chief Yager to take 401 down to the Fire Expo in Harrisburg, PA on May 16 with a few other fire fighters.

### **Code Enforcement**

The Code Officer report for April 2026 was reviewed. There was 10 building permits issued this past month totaling \$255 for a year-to-date total of \$1,986.

#### **Highlights:**

- Dunkin – remodel permit is on hold
- Dollar General roof has been replaced, waiting for interior to be completed.
- A meeting has been scheduled with the Budget Inn and the health department for May 13.

### **Department of Public Works**

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

#### ***Report Highlights:***

- Hot patching potholes, street sweeping, branch/tree removal, sign repairs, lawn rolling, plow damage repairs and completed landscaping at all village property locations.
- Working on getting the park restrooms ready, cleaning bleachers and dugouts.
- New gas line and generator installation is complete for the Fire Hall. An inspection from Cummins has been scheduled.

#### ***2026 Collection & Disposal of Municipal Waste and Recyclables - bid results***

- The board reviewed the bid results for the Collection & Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Services. Bids were received from Casella Waste and Beichner Waste Services. Casella Waste was the lowest bid with 2 options. Superintendent Faulkner is recommending Option 2-Deferred Adjustment that includes a 0% base rate increase in year 1, with an added Energy & Environmental (E&E) fee. Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to accept Casella option 2 as presented for the 2026-2029 Waste Collection and Disposal Services. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Cavallaro: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

#### ***Finance options for Cat 420 Backhoe for review & discussion***

- Superintendent Faulkner provided the board with a government quote and option to finance a new Cat 420 backhoe. The terms include a \$40,000 trade allowance (with the potential for an additional \$7,500) for our 2009 backhoe that can be applied to the first annual payment, with 4 additional annual payments of \$30,131.12. Treasurer Spunaugle reported that if we moved ahead with the purchase the current annual amount going into the equipment reserve would cover the payments but there would be no extra money going into the reserve account unless future budget adjustments are made.
- Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to accept the sales agreement from Southworth-Milton, Inc. in the amount of \$146,869.06 with a quote date of April 14, 2026 with a set payment structure which includes financing from Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation. The first annual payment would be covered with the trade of our current equipment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Cavallaro: Aye, Nays: none. Carried
- Superintendent Faulkner asked the board to consider reallocating the \$35k in the security camera sub category under the streets department to street equipment. The current budgeted amount going into the equipment reserve is not sufficient with the increasing equipment costs. Deputy Mayor Cavallaro asked that Treasurer Spunaugle bring a resolution to the board for vote at the next board meeting.

### **Library**

Highlights from The April 14, 2026 – May 10, 2026 Library report.

- Summer band concerts are scheduled in Davis Park from 6:30 – 8:30 pm on July 9-Kallie Williams, July 16-Razz & Friends, July 23-Pearl City Band and 30-New Horizons Band.
- The Summer Reading program begins on June 29th.
- The Annual Book Sale has been scheduled for August 6-8, 2026.

**Finance:**

- ***Resolution #5-2026 Budget Modifications***

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Resolution #5-2026 Budget Modifications to authorize the village treasurer to make the following amendments to the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget.

**REVENUES**

INCREASE: A4089	CDBG Grant	\$106,000
	CHRIC Grant	
INCREASE: A2770	Misc. Income	\$7,472.79
	Falconer Central School Shared Services	
INCREASE: A2770	Misc. Income	\$15,000
	BPU Sanitary Grant – Surveys	
INCREASE: A1710	Public Works	\$2,334.03
	Repairs on Bucket Truck (shared with towns)	
INCREASE: A2680	Insurance Recoveries	\$4,144.90

**APPROPRIATIONS**

INCREASE: 8668	CDBG Expenses	\$106,000
INCREASE: 1910.44	Tax Expense	\$7,472.79
INCREASE: 8120.4	Sanitary	\$15,000
INCREASE: 5110.4	Street Contractual	\$2,334.03
INCREASE: 5110.4	Street Contractual	\$4,144.90

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

- ***Sales Tax Update***

The board received the 4th Quarter Sales Tax Analysis for review showing sales tax receipts in the amount of \$96,939, which is \$3,439 over the budgeted amount for the quarter.

**Legal:**

- Falconer Night at the Ballpark will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm honoring Bill Race.

**Committees:**

**Public Safety:**

- ***Dog Control Officer Report*** – No incidents were reported.

**Downtown Development:**

- Still no announcement on the NY Forward Grant application for our region.

**Farmers Market:**

- Trustee Pierce met with Ron Caldwell, organizer of the Falconer Christmas Association, to talk about planning a Christmas Festival. This would incorporate all the activities he has planned in the past into a one-day event tentatively scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

**Parks:**

- A meeting will be scheduled with the summer recreation staff in the upcoming weeks.
- Trustee Pierce was given grant information to research for playground equipment and pickleball courts.

**Pine Hill Cemetery:**

- Busy mowing and trimming to get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.

### **Planning/Zoning Board**

- Nothing new to report.

### **Historian News**

- Historian Brenda Cavallaro shared a Hugh Carpenter Bedient scrapbook that she compiled for the 100-year celebration in 2012. Some of the articles and photos included in the scrapbook include:
  - When Hugh came home after the Boston Red Sox won the world series, he arrived in Falconer on the train, and was honored at a parade held in Jamestown. There was a dinner celebration later that evening in Falconer.
  - After Hugh retired from baseball, he came back to Falconer to live and owned a gas station on East Main Street.
  - The second section in the scrapbook labeled “100 Years Later” has information from the 2012 celebration including a proclamation, the parade, dedication of the ball field by Falconer School, exhibit displays in the Falconer Public Library, and a program from the dinner celebration held at the Jackson Center.
  - Brenda also shared a few team photos that included Hugh Bedient and, in each photo, if you looked closely there was something different about Hugh from the others. In the 1912 World Series team photo he was the only one that did not have his arms crossed and, in another photo, he was the only one looking in a different direction.

### **Old Business:**

- ***Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 25 at 10:15 am***
- ***Beautification Day – Saturday, May 16 from 9am – noon***
- ***DSS meeting update***

Trustee Pierce reported on a recent meeting that she participated in with the Department of Social Services Commissioner and various other county officials. In the meeting the group was assured that the County is working on a plan to procure a new space to house homeless males. The county is working with the state to get other certifications so that services can be provided at the site for these individuals. Another meeting is being planned for June to continue the conversation.
- Peter Fuller, who volunteers at the Falconer food pantry, noted that the feeding of the homeless population in our area also needs to be addressed, stating that they have provided approximately 6,500 meals for the first four months of 2026.

### **New Business:**

- ***Motion to approve Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth grant***

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the Davis Park Live Project. Discussion: there were questions regarding the matching fund component since there is nothing budgeted for this project and also knowing what is being planned and the timeline for the project. The grant deadline for completion is the end of December 2026. Deputy Mayor Cavallaro asked that it be added to next months’ agenda so that the board can be provided with more information and to have further discussions. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Cavallaro: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

- **Fire Advisory Board (FAB) – update provided by Peter Fuller**
- **Ambulance Insurance Settlement**

The Village/Fire Department insurance company has issued a check in the amount of \$36K for the repair of the damaged ambulance. The FAB feels that once repaired, they would not be able to sell the ambulance for that amount, so they feel we should use the money towards the new ambulance and deem the old ambulance as surplus and sell it at the auction. Attorney Peterson would like to look into the insurance settlement further before the check is cashed.
- **Declare old ambulance as surplus**

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to table declaring the old ambulance as surplus until the next meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Cavallaro: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.
- **Village Yard Sale Days – June 5 & 6, 2026**

Pay \$5.00 to register the sale at the Falconer Vac Shop until June 3rd.  
Maps will be available at the Falconer Vac Shop, PersNikkity Pies, West Main Mercantile and the Clerk's Office (Friday only).
- **Tiffany Wakeley Dance Academy**

The mayor has authorized the dance academy use of the Community Building upstairs room on Saturday, May 16 and 23.

**Correspondence:**

- **Abstract Audit – Trustee Gustafson**

Trustee Gustafson's letter, dated May 11, 2026, which acknowledged his review on May 10-11, 2026 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #12 (FY 25/26) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of March 2026 was placed into record.

**Abstracts**

**Motion:** It is moved by Trustee Gustafson and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #12, General Fund in the amount of \$103,037.51 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Cavallaro: 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 \$1,119.92 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Cavallaro: 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 \$1,028.54 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Cavallaro: Abstain. Nays: none. Motion tabled, no majority vote.

**Motion:** It is moved by Trustee Gustafson and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #12, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$9,256.53 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Cavallaro: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:34 p.m. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Carried.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*