

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

**GREGORY PETERSON, ATTORNEY-absent
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, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Firemen's Exempt Hall with Mayor James Jaroszynski presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll:

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

2026-2027 Budget Presentation Hearing

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, to open the 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing.

The proposed FY 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

There were no questions or comments from the public on the budget as presented.

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro, to close the 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing.

Visitors

Nina Gustafson Joseph Taylor

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

- Joseph Taylor a village of Falconer resident was concerned about several issues:
 - The blind on the fence around the county's salt area, which is next to his residence, is falling down and blowing and creating dust. He has called several times with no response. Mayor Jaroszynski will reach out to Tim Card to have this addressed.
 - There are many vagrants running around the village late at night. He has contacted the sheriff and Town of Ellicott dispatch but does not feel we have seen regular patrols to address this.
 - The stop sign at West Avenue and Falconer Street has become a no-stop zone, with cars going through the stop sign regularly.

Minutes

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

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026 Budget Workshop Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Mayors Remarks

- The village was awarded a grant from Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Development to construct a new bandshell in Davis Park. Village representatives will be meeting with members of the Community Foundation to request additional grant money needed for this project.
- Mayor Jaroszynski thanked all that made the recent Easter Egg Hunt a huge success.
- Upcoming events in the village include, Beautification Day on May 16, Memorial Day on May 25, Village-Wide Garage Sales on June 5-6, and Farmers Market starting Sunday, June 14.
- Mayor Jaroszynski addressed the serious public safety event that occurred this past weekend involving an individual temporarily housed at the Budget Inn.

Key points made in the statement:

- The village is actively working with county officials and law enforcement to prevent similar incidents in the future.
- In the near future another meeting will be scheduled with Chautauqua County DSS Commissioner along with Falconer Schools and the Town of Ellicott to continue to look for a better solution to the temporary housing and cold blue issues.
- Concerned residents should continue to voice concerns to County Executive P.J. Wendel, Legislator Lisa Vanstrom, County Commissioner Carmello Hernandez, the NYS Governors' office, NYS Senator Borrello and NYS Assemblyman Andrew Molitor.

Trustee Cavallaro asked if we could look into modifying the existing gazebo in Davis Park versus constructing a new structure.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's March report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 28 EMS calls, 10 cancelled in route, 3 smoke detector activation due to malfunction, 3 alarm system due to malfunction, 2 cover assignment, 2 power line down, 2 outside trash fire, 1 motor vehicle accident with injuries, 1 heat detector activation due to malfunction, 1 HazMat release investigation, 1 smoke detector activation, no fire-unintentional, 1 building fire, 1 motor vehicle accident with no injuries, 1 no incident found on arrival at dispatch address, 1 smoke odor scare, 1 gas leak, 1 sprinkler activation due to malfunction, 60 total incidents.

Mutual Aid Breakdown – March 2026

Given: Kennedy-1, Ellington-1, Kennedy-, Jamestown-3, Frewsburg-2, Gerry-1, EPD-1, total 9.

Received: Alstar-3, Kennedy-2, Gerry-1, CCEMS-3, Kiantone-2, total 11.

- There will be a Recruitment Open House on Sunday, April 19th from 10am – 2pm.
- Kiwanis is holding a Bike Rodeo at the Fire Hall parking lot on May 9th from 9am – noon.
- Received the bridge washing contract from the county. Bridge washing starts on April 15 and must be completed by June 15.
- Falconer Central School has given the Fire Department permission to hang recruitment banners that were purchased with the Safer grant on the school fence facing Main Street.

Code Enforcement

The Code Officer report for March 2026 was reviewed. There was 18 building permits issued this past month totaling \$1,201 for a year-to-date total of \$1,476.

Highlights:

- Dunkin – remodel permit is on hold pending financing.
- Sent out violation letter for unregistered vehicle and completed a FOIL request for Truck-Lite property.
- Conducted walk through with contractors at 27-29 East Main for final phase of construction and water hook up for building. It has been decided to connect water to the building from the line on Main Street.

Trustee Cavallaro requested that Code Officer Capitano provide an updated list of any condemned buildings in the village to the Fire Chief.

Department of Public Works

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

Report Highlights:

- Snow plowing and removal as needed, cold patching potholes, branch removal, sign repairs on streets and street sweeping
- Sidewalk plow repairs and miscellaneous equipment repairs.
- Clerk/Treasurer office door window modification completed and a lockbox was installed.
- A new gas line is needed for the generator that was installed at the Fire Hall. The additional cost was approved and will be funded from the V-Fire grant that was awarded.
- A new eyewash station has been installed in the highway garage. Our contract with Cintas will expire at the end of 2026 and will not be renewed.

2026 Curb, Driveway Approaches & Sidewalk bid results

- Two bids were received for the requested work on West James Street between Hickory and N. Work Street, J. Coffin Concrete and Winning Tree. Based on the prices submitted, J. Coffin had the lowest bid. Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to accept the J. Coffin Concrete bid. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

DPW Equipment Replacement Schedule

- Superintendent Faulkner provided the board with an updated equipment schedule. From previous equipment discussions, he is recommending to replace the 2009 backhoe next and provided the board with a quote to review. The money in the equipment reserve will be depleted to pay for the dump/plow truck that is on order. There is municipal funding available through Milton Cat as an option.
- Trustee Cavallaro asked Treasurer Spunaugle to get information for the board to review if they decide to borrow money to purchase the backhoe; how much do we need to borrow, what the payments would be and how can we generate the money to make the payment. We can't keep falling further behind on the replacement schedule, we need to look at all our options and do something to move forward.

Library

Highlights from The March 9, 2026 – April 13, 2026 Library report.

- Artwork from Falconer HS students will be displayed in April with a reception on Tuesday, April 14 from 4:00-5:00pm.
- Library Patron Appreciation is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 to recognize and thank our patrons.
- On May 9th, Environmental Educator Craig Thompson will present "It's for the Birds", a program on the history of backyard birds and how to support them. A local patrol has generously made six birdhouses to give to participating families. There will be bird-themed activities, children's games and reading challenges for adults throughout May.
- The Annual Book Sale has been scheduled for August 6-8, 2026.

Finance:

• ***Resolution #4-2026 Budget Modification***

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Resolution #4-2026 Budget Modification to authorize the village treasurer to transfer \$27,528.06 from NYCLASS Fire Hall Maintenance for the Fire Hall generator installation and gas line.

REVENUES

INCREASE: A202.2	NYCLASS Fire Hall Maintenance Generator – VFIRE Infrastructure Grant – reimbursement based	\$27,528.06
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APPROPRIATIONS

INCREASE 3410.48	Fire Department Contractual	\$27,528.06
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Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Legal:

- Nothing to report.

Committees:

Public Safety:

- ***Dog Control Officer Report*** – No incidents were reported.
- ***Municipal Shelter Inspection Report***
The Municipal Shelter Inspection Report was reviewed and shows a satisfactory rating after an inspection was conducted on 3/09/2026.
- The Fire Advisory Board met and are still negotiating with the insurance companies on the replacement value for the damaged ambulance.

Downtown Development:

- Met the owner of the new book store that will be opening soon on E. Main Street after renovations are completed.

Farmers Market:

- There are 2 produce vendors and 2 artisan vendors signed for this season so far. Will be creating a post reaching out for additional vendors.

Parks:

- Created an attendance worksheet for the summer recreation program. This is to be filled out weekly by the summer recreation staff with the number of children and ages in attendance each day. A meeting will be scheduled with the summer recreation staff and this will be one of the topics to discuss.

Pine Hill Cemetery:

- The cemetery seasonal worker started on April 1st and there have been several burials in recent weeks.

Planning/Zoning Board

- Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Joe Cusimano to the Planning Board. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Old Business:

• ***Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget as presented:***

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve the 2026-2027 Budget as presented. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

- *Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 25 at 10:15 am*
- *Beautification Day – Saturday, May 16 at 9am*

New Business:

- ***September 14th Board Meeting – will be moved to Tuesday, September 8th***
Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to move the September 14th board meeting to Tuesday, September 8th. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.
- ***Considerations for approval – Jr. Falcons Cheer Fund Raiser Bake Sale in Davis Park***
Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to give the Jr. Falcons Cheer Fund Raiser Bake Sale approval to be in Davis Park on requested dates. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.
- ***Consideration for approval – Fire Department Boot Drive Fund Raiser – May 9, 2026***
Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve the Fire Department Boot Drive Fund Raiser on May 9, 2026. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Correspondence:

- ***Abstract Audit – Trustee Gustafson***
Trustee Gustafson's letter, dated April 13, 2026, which acknowledged his review on April 12-13, 2026 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #11 (FY 25/26) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of February 2026 was placed into record.
- ***Fire Department Annual Inspection Dinner and Awards Banquet – May 2, 6pm at The Grandview.***

Abstracts

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Cavallaro and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #11, General Fund in the amount of \$60,433.31 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Gustafson and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #11, Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$1,227.49 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: 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 #11, Library Fund in the amount of \$1,281.90 be approved for payment Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Cavallaro: Abstain, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Gustafson and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #11, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$18,110.10 be approved for payment Roll: Gustafson: 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 7:26p.m. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*