

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

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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, July 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Firemen's Exempt Hall with Mayor James Jaroszynski presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll:

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

Public Hearing

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to open the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant application.

Clerk Capestrani read the following:

"The purpose of this public hearing is to hear public comments regarding the Village of Falconer's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of a CDBG Public Infrastructure and Public Facilities grant. The funds will be used to complete the Village of Falconer sanitary sewer system improvements including replacement of sewer main and manholes and upgrades to a pump station. The CDBG grant application is being submitted to secure funding that will lessen the financial burden on the Village and its residents."

Mayor Jaroszynski opened the floor to public comments. No comments made by visitors.

Trustee Pierce made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunn to close the public hearing.

Visitors

Nina Gustafson Jonathan Dubinski Mike Regas Sue (Karr) Martorell Charles Reed
Renee Abbott

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

- Jonathan Dubinski gave a brief overview of his renovation project currently underway at 23-29 East Main Street. Plans include 19 one-bedroom and 8 two-bedroom apartments with tenant amenities on the ground floor which tentatively will include a fitness center, tenant storage, laundry, secure package room and lobby area.

- Nina Gustafson would like to clarify that the Falconer Santa Parade will continue to be held on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving as it has always been in the past. There have been some questions concerning the date of the Santa Parade as a result of a recent article in the Post Journal referencing plans to consolidate the Falconer Christmas Association events, organized by Ron Caldwell, into a one-day Christmas Festival. The Santa Parade is sponsored by the Falconer Rotary Club and is not a Falconer Christmas Association event.

Minutes

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Mayors Remarks

- The Village of Falconer was awarded the NY Forward grant in the amount of \$4.5 million dollars. There will be more information to follow as the process begins.
- There will be an informational session for Falconer Business Owners/Operators highlighting the Greater Jamestown Zone Capitol Corporation, which the Village of Falconer is a part of, on Wednesday, July 15th at 3pm in the Falconer Library.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's June report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 24 EMS calls, 15 cancelled in route, 1 gas leak, 1 combustible liquid spill, 1 dumpster fire, 1 passenger vehicle fire, 1 smoke detector activation-unintentional, 2 motor vehicle accident with no injuries, 1 sprinkler activation due to malfunction, 1 water evacuation, 1 cooking fire, 1 cover assignment, 1 outside rubbish fire, 1 smoke scare, 1 assist invalid, 53 total incidents.

Mutual Aid Breakdown – June 2026

Given: Kennedy-3, Gerry-1, EPD-2, Frewsburg-1, Jamestown-3, Sinclairville-1, total 11.

Received: Alstar-5, Kennedy-1, Gerry-1, CCEMS-6, total 13.

Code Enforcement

The Code Officer report for June 2026 was reviewed. There were 11 building permits issued this past month totaling \$2,373 for a year-to-date total of \$8,540.

Highlights:

- Dunkin – remodel is in progress.
- 27-29 E. Main Street – work has restarted on apartments
- Violation letters for tall grass were sent out to 3 residents.
- Appearance tickets sent out for property maintenance violations on 20 Anderson and 11 & 13 N. Dow.

Department of Public Works

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

Report Highlights:

- Streets – hot patching, tree removal, sign repairs, street sweeping and repaving on Homestead between Mosher and West Falconer, a small patch on West. Everett and starting on a section of West James.
- New backhoe was delivered.
- A/C repaired on Highway Garage roof.
- Inspected new single axle truck which is being built and should be ready soon.
- It was noted that only one dumpster is needed for next year Beautification Day instead of two.

Library

Highlights from the June 2026 Library report.

- The Summer Reading program is underway with over 130 readers signed up for the reading challenge.
- A Disco Party is scheduled for Thursday, July 23 from 5:00-6:00pm. There will be a dance instruction session conducted by Star from Infinity Arts Studio, light refreshments and a costume contest.
- Grab & Go Binders will take place on Tuesday, July 14 at 10:00 am. Patrons will learn how to create a grab-and-go emergency binder. Participants will receive a binder, protective sheet protectors and an informational packet to help them get started.
- A Toniebox and Tonies have been added to the library collection. Patrons must complete a usage agreement for the Toniebox and can be borrowed on an adult library card for a one-week period.
- Grants have been awarded from the following groups and will be used to support the library programs: Chautauqua United Arts Appeal Grant, Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, CCLS Summer Reading Program Mini Grant, and the Anderson Rosch Trust.

Finance:

- ***Fy 25/26 Year End Financial Review***

Treasurer Spunaugle reported a total Fund Net Income of \$156,883.99 from the FY 25/26 budget as follows:

Cemetery Fund	\$13,292.50
Library Fund	(\$21,666.33)
General Fund	\$148,510.16
Total Fund Net Income	\$156,883.99

The Budgeted Contractual Lines that were not spent were transferred to the reserve accounts:

DPW Contractual	\$26,092.26
Fire Department Contractual	\$47,092.21

Additional Transfer from the General Fund account:

\$48,510.16 will be transferred to the street Equipment with the remaining net income of \$100,000 will be moved to the Unrestricted Fund Balance account.

Legal:

- Reminder: Falconer Night at the Ballpark will be on July 15th starting at 5pm honoring Bill Race.

Committees:**Public Safety:**

- ***Dog Control Officer Report*** – No incidents were reported.
- The Fire Department Truck Committee will be meeting on Saturday, July 18 to review the first set of drawings on the new ladder truck.

Downtown Development:

- Information and next steps regarding the NY Forward \$4.5 Million Dollar Grant
 - The grant money has not been given to the village; the state holds the money.

- Projects that were submitted with the application are not automatically awarded the money; there will be a new “call for projects”. A flyer with additional information and any updates on the NY Forward process will be available on our Facebook page
- A local planning committee will be formed to review the projects submitted, then they are sent to the state and the state decides on what projects will be funded. There is a 25% match on projects awarded and the grant award is reimbursement based once the project is completed.

Farmers Market:

- The Farmers Market took place on Sunday, July 12th and will continue every other Sunday ending with FALLconerFest on Sunday, September 20th.

Parks:

- Nothing new to report.

Pine Hill Cemetery:

- Nothing new to report

Planning/Zoning Board

- The Planning board met on July 9th and is still working on the new sign code.

Historian News

Historian Brenda Cavallaro shared a story on street sign names.

- In January of 1891, the village was incorporated and held their first election in February and elected the first “president”, now called a mayor. In March the village officials named the streets.
- The first group of streets named were after prominent people in the village: Work (Edward Work), Falconer (Patrick Falconer), Davis (Gilbert Davis, who built the Davis block and Davis Hall), Everett (a prominent businessman), Phetteplace (John Phetteplace the first president of Falconer), Homestead (the original Falconer family house that had a sign out front for years that read “The Old Homestead”), Mosher (store owner), Merriam (prominent businessman), Dow (Charles Dow, involved in a resolution to bring a water plant to the village).
- In another part of the village, streets were also named after people: Mason, Morgan and Hough Hill, Karen Lane (World Game gold medal winner in Javelin), Coleson Drive and Harrison (originally called Plumb). There was some confusion with Harrison because Jamestown also had a street with the same name, so the village decided to change the name again and it is now known as Elmwood Avenue.
- Time Capsule Update
The Time Capsule event will start on Friday, July 24th with a History Walk starting at the Community Building at 6pm. A Picnic in Davis Park starts at noon on Saturday, July 25th with concessions provided by the Falconer Kiwanis Club. There will be music starting at 1pm with public viewing of the items for the new time capsule and the Formal Time Capsule Ceremony will begin at 2pm.

Old Business:

- ***Resolution #10-2026 to Amend the Peddling, Vending, Soliciting & Mobile Food Vendor Permit Fee***
Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve Resolution #10-2026 regarding the fee schedule for Peddling, Vending, and Soliciting Licenses. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

- ***Motion to declare old ambulance as surplus inventory and to approve to list for sale***
 - Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunn to declare the old ambulance as surplus inventory and to approve to list it for sale and also that all existing lettering comes off the vehicle before it is sold. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, and Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

New Business:

- ***Resolution #9-2026 to Designate the Mayor as the Fair Housing Officer for the CDBG Grant***
 - Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Resolution #9-2026 to designate the mayor as the fair housing officer for the Village of Falconer. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, and Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.
- ***Midget Football Helmet Drive Request***
 - The board approved the helmet drive requested by the Jr. Falcon Football and Cheer league if conducted on East Avenue as long as the adults collecting the money wear safety vests and there is signage so that it is clear as to what the fund raiser is for. According to Attorney Peterson, the village cannot grant permission for the usage of the right-of-way on East Main Street since it is a NYS road, the state would need to be contacted for permission.

Correspondence:

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

Trustee Gustafson's letter, dated July 13, 2026, which acknowledged his review on July 13, 2026 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #2 (FY 26/27) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of May 2026 was placed into record.
- ***Thank you note to Mayor & Village Board***

Mayor Jaroszynski read the note as follows from resident Sue and Doug Seaman: "The wonderful news of the \$4.5 million grant brings tears to my eyes! Various committees have worked with you for several years since the disastrous fires. This is now an unbelievable reality for the village. Thanks to your continued efforts. My mantra has been: Patience, Perseverance, Purpose & Prayer. Congratulations! Let the dreams come true!"
- Correspondence was also received from a resident on East Pearl concerning the eye sore conditions on the lot at 221 E. Pearl Street that have been on-going for the past two years. The code officer will be issuing an appearance ticket to the lot owner for action in rectifying the conditions.

Abstracts

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #2, General Fund in the amount of \$72,159.10 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 #2, Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$1,323.61 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 #2, Library Fund in the amount of \$3,539.18 be approved for payment Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Abstain, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

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Motion: It is moved by Trustee Cavallaro and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #2, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$13,790.81 be approved for payment. 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 move into executive session for the purpose of a personnel policy matter at 7:09 p.m. Roll: Gustafson: Nay, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: one. Carried.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Trustee Pierce and seconded by Trustee Dunn at 8:02 p.m. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

No formal action was taken during executive session.

Mayor Jaroszynski followed up regarding a message regarding the National Night Out from Amanda Meabon, the head of the Falconer Neighborhood Watch. The event will take place at the Falconer Fire Hall on Saturday, August 4, 2026.

A motion to end the regular meeting was made by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Piece at 8:03 p.m. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried

*Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*