

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

**GREGORY PETERSON, ATTORNEY-absent
CINDY CAPESTRANI, VILLAGE CLERK-absent
PAULA SPUNAUGLE, TREASURER
KEITH BABCOCK, FIRE CHIEF-absent
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, August 10, 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.

Visitors

Nina Gustafson	Danielle Marra	Brenda Weiler	Sue (Karr) Martorell	Becky Dewey
Ron Dewey	Alan Gustafson			

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

- Dainelle Marra – village resident – presented the board with a summary of a community housing survey that reflects concerns about public safety, quality of life, impacts on businesses and pressure on emergency services as a result of the use of local hotels for emergency temporary housing. She also expressed concern on losing parking in the back of her building to the Peak Development project.
- Becky Dewey – village resident – expressed concern in using the local hotels for emergency temporary housing which deters visitors from staying there and visiting our restaurants and businesses.
- Alan Gustafson Sr. – village resident – concerns over the length of time that has passed since the initial contract was signed with Peak Development with no movement. Should we step back and make sure this the right move for the village before extending the contract. There are also concerns about the empty building on West Main Street next to the potential new development. The building is not very attractive and has had nothing done to it for a long time. Is there an eminent domain possibility?
- Nina Gustafson – village resident – also agrees that there are a lot of questions regarding the Main Street project with Peak Development such as, what other projects are they working on now, what projects have they pulled out of and is this project financially viable for them.

Minutes

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting with a few minor corrections as noted. 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 July 30, 2026 Special Board of Trustee Meeting Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Mayors Remarks

- Thank you to Historian Brenda Cavallaro and the Time Capsule Committee for the excellent Time Capsule event.
- Recently met with the Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities in regards to Millrace Park improvements as it was included in the NY Forward application.
- There is an upcoming meeting with the Department of Social Services Commissioner to continue discussions on the homeless transitional housing issues.
- Thank you to Amanda Badjo and the library staff for another season of band concerts in Davis Park and a successful book sale.
- Main and Merchants Place located at 27-29 East Main Street has started advertising for 1- and 2-bedroom rental units.
- Attended Greater Jamestown Zone Capital Corporation meeting. There were discussions to possibly adjust borders of the zone.
- Presented Gary Visosky at The Belle-View East with a proclamation recognizing him for his many years in business on his last day in business before retiring.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's July report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 29 EMS calls, 25 cancelled in route, 3 power line down, 2 motor vehicle accident with injuries, 1 CO detector activation due to malfunction, 1 alarm system activation-unintentional, 1 motor vehicle accident with no injuries, 1 cover assignment, 1 smoke or odor removal, 1 assist invalid, 1 good intent call, 66 total incidents.

Mutual Aid Breakdown – July 2026

Given: Kennedy-3, Gerry-2, Frewsburg-2, Jamestown-4, total 11.

Received: Alstar-12, Kennedy-6, Coroner-1, CCEMS-9, total 28.

Discussion:

- ***Review/Approval of 2 Membership Applications***

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Brady John Clark into the Falconer Jr. Company. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Trustee Cavallaro made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Charlynn Rae Ulmer into the Falconer Hook and Ladder Company. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Code Enforcement

The Code Officer report for July 2026 was reviewed. There were 9 building permits issued this past month totaling \$452 for a year-to-date total of \$8,992.

Highlights:

- Dunkin (donuts) work in progress.
- 27-29 E. Main Street – finishing up on apartments.
- 17 Work Street apartment #1 was condemned.
- 235 West Main Street is being worked on.
- Working on Quality-of-Life Violation ticket process.

Department of Public Works

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

Report Highlights:

- Streets – hot patching, tree removal, sign repairs, street sweeping.
- Great progress on W. James Street project.
- Sewer truck is undergoing some major repairs.
- The new single axle truck is at the dealer.

Library

Highlights from the July 2026 Library report.

- The Summer Reading program had 137 participants with 76 participants recording reading minutes.
- Our very own Emily Stepanky, a self-published poet, will be featured in an art exhibit showcasing work from her book, Life Beyond the Human Soul. On Saturday, August 15, Emily will host an author event at the library. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing.
- On Wednesday, August 12 at 3:30pm, the American Red Cross will present “Prepared with Pedro”, a program for children in grades K-3. This program teaches children how to prepare for emergencies and how to respond safely when they occur.
- Thank you to the DPW for all of their help with setting up for band concerts and the book sale.

Finance:

- ***Resolution #12-2026 Budget Modifications***

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Resolution #12-2026 Budget Modifications as outlined by Treasurer Spunaugle listed below. Discussion: Trustee Gustafson has an immediate family member that works for CCB so he will be abstaining.

Amendments to the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget**TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS**

A917	Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$48,510.16
A202.4	Street Equipment Reserve	\$48,510.16

Amendments to the 2026-27 General Fund Budget**REVENUES**

INCREASE:	A2705	Gifts and donations	\$750
		CCB Bank	\$300
		Falconer Class Reunion Committee	\$450

APPROPRIATIONS

INCREASE:	8510.4	Beautification	\$750
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REVENUES

INCREASE:	A5031	Interfund Transfers	\$151,900
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APPROPRIATIONS

INCREASE:	5110.2	Street Equipment	\$151,900
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Roll: Gustafson: Abstain, Dunn: Aye, and Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

- ***Sales Tax Distribution FY 26/27***

Treasurer Spunaugle reported the first quarter sales tax revenue was \$13,413 over budget for the 1st Quarter for FY 26/27.

Legal:

- ***Set Public Hearing date for Renewal of the Spectrum Television Franchise Agreement***

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to set the public hearing date for renewal of the Spectrum Television Franchise Agreement to next month's board meeting on September 8, 2026 at 6pm. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Committees:

Public Safety:

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

There has been an ongoing feral cat program in the Park Street and Mapleshade area. There is a program that is available from the SPCA as well as with Finn's Rescue. Mayor Jaroszynski will check into both programs and report back to the board with the costs.

Downtown Development:

- The first NY Forward Local Planning Committee meeting went well with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 5pm in the Village Fire Hall Training Center, 115 Davis Street.
- Information about upcoming meetings, a public survey, open call for projects and anything else regarding the process will be shared via social media and the local newspaper.

Farmers Market:

- There are so many competing Farmer's Markets in the area Trustee Pierce suggested that the village reconsider having a market next year. She suggested possibly using the funding next year to collaborate with the library and have vendors be a part of the Thursday night Summer Band Concerts or offer other family-oriented events. She also noted that Bemus Point has moved up their Fall Festival this year to the same weekend as the FALLconerFest on September 20. Bemus has a huge customer draw so she feels that vendors may be opting out of our market to participate in the larger Bemus Fall Festival.

Parks:

- Summer Recreation Director Chris Schrader provided the board with attendance records for this years' Summer Recreation Program. The numbers showed that families and kids are involved in our community and we need to keep them involved by continuing with the program.

Pine Hill Cemetery:

- Nothing new to report.

Planning/Zoning Board

- The Planning board did not meet in August but will meet in September to continue to work on the new sign code.

Historian News

Historian Brenda Cavallaro talked about the “Adventures of the Time Capsule Opening”.

- A lot of people expressed their enjoyment of the history videos that Brenda posted on Facebook (with the help of Trustee Gustafson) leading up to the Time Capsule Opening, which encourages her to plan on producing more.
- There were approximately 30 people that participated in the History Walk that took place on Friday prior to the Time Capsule Opening.
- The actual digging of the Time Capsule took place on Friday morning and provided the committee with a few obstacles. The capsule was filled with water, had to be drained and then objects that were salvaged (which ended up filling 3 large tables) were set out to dry. The plan is to display the objects again in the Community Building truck bay sometime by the end of October for those people that were not able to see them the day of the opening.
- The new time capsule objects collected so far have been packed up, but the committee will be collecting objects until September 30th.
- There were a lot of photos taken of the event and thank you to Peter Fuller and the crew he arranged to dig and lift up the vault.

Old Business:

- ***Consideration for Approval of Peak Development Extension-Second Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement***

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to table the approval of Peak Development extension. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

- ***Update on Purchase of 211 East James Property***

The person that was interested in purchasing the 211 East James Street property to build a house has opted out of the proposal. The board agreed to post a for sale by owner sign on the property again.

- ***Update on Davis Park Gazebo***

Mayor Jaroszynski will be meeting with the Davis Park Gazebo committee this upcoming week. After meeting with Kiwanis, the donor and Superintendent Faulker it was decided to remove the existing gazebo and construct a new bandshell.

New Business:

- ***Village Lots on E. Everett – resident interest in purchasing***

There is a storm sewer drainage system and sanitary sewer system that goes through the village owned properties the resident is wanting to purchase. The board was in agreement to retain the properties so that they could maintain and have access to the drainage and sanitary sewer systems.

Correspondence:

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

Trustee Gustafson’s letter, dated August 10, 2026, which acknowledged his review on August 10, 2026 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #3 (FY 26/27) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of June 2026 was placed into record.

- ***Card from Sue Seamans to the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees***

The card congratulated the village and time capsule committee, chaired by Brenda Cavallaro, for the wonderful job on the Time Capsule 2026 event.

Abstracts

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Motion: It is moved by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Cavallaro that Abstract #3, General Fund in the amount of \$261,591.59 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 #3, Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$153.29 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 #3, Library Fund in the amount of \$1,547.72 be approved for payment Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Abstain, Pierce: Abstain, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Cavallaro and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #3, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$9,094.91 be approved for payment. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried

*Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*