

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

**GREGORY PETERSON, ATTORNEY
CINDY CAPESTRANI, VILLAGE CLERK
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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 Tuesday, September 8, 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 renewal of the cable television franchise held by Spectrum Northeast, LLC.

Attorney Peterson passed along information regarding the agreement extension:

- The public hearing is for Spectrum Northeast LLC. (Charter Communications) request for an extension of the existing franchise agreement for another fifteen years.
- The agreement is not exclusive; another franchise company can be granted permission if they go through the same procedure.
- Fees are based on a 3% of a gross revenue and is consistent with past practice.

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

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

Visitors

Alan Gustafson	Michael Wilcox	Police Chief Dan Ingrao	Susan Martorell	Steve Garvy
Pat Bellardo	Colleen & Skylar Carlson	Chris Blakslee – Post Journal		

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

- Mike Wilcox – village resident – was one of many village residents that had their tires slashed over the weekend. He feels the Town of Ellicott police do a great job. He suggested they check into funding opportunities offered through Homeland Security for cameras that could be installed as another resource to assist in their jobs.
- Alan Gustafson Sr. – village resident – had a question for Police Chief as to what happens next to the individual that was apprehended for the tire slashing. He also passed along information that the Village of Falconer Santa Parade will take place on Saturday, November 21st at 5:00 pm. More information will follow.

Highlights of Police Chief Ingrao's response to the concerns:

- The Town of Ellicott police office has applied through grant services for a law enforcement technology grant but will continue to look into other avenues to protect the citizens.
- An individual was charged with a Class C felony, was released with an appearance ticket and will go through the court process.
- Residents and victims can seek restitution through the court process.

Trustee Pierce added that victims can find out when the court date is by calling the Town of Ellicott court. She suggested for all victims send a letter to the court, prior to the first appearance, detailing the date, what happened, and the monetary damages were caused by the individual. She also noted that it is not safe for residents to go out at night policing the streets as was mentioned on a social media page. If you see something, make a call to the Town of Ellicott police department to handle the situation.

Attorney Peterson noted for the record that Alan Sr., Alan Jr. and Nina Gustafson were all recently recognized by Congressmen Langworthy as local recipients of the America 250 Community Heroes Award.

Minutes

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunn to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026 Work Session Board of Trustee Meeting. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Mayors Remarks

- Thank you to the Town of Ellicott police department for their quick response to the tire slashing incident that occurred in the village recently in apprehending the individual. Residents should continue to call the police whenever they see something so it can be addressed and go on record.
- The issue with transitional code blue housing is still being discussed in meetings with the county and the Department of Social Services.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief's August report was reviewed and reported that the department responded to 27 EMS calls, 23 cancelled in route, 7 cover assignment, 5 assist invalid, 2 motor vehicle accident with injuries, 2 rescue or EMS standby, 1 building fire, 1 good intent call, 1 unintentional transmission of alarm, 1 heat detector activation due to malfunction, 1 alarm system activation-unintentional, 1 smoke scare, 1 power line down, 73 total incidents.

Mutual Aid Breakdown – August 2026

Given: Kennedy-5, Gerry-4, Frewsburg-3, Fluvanna-3, Jamestown-1, total 16.

Received: Alstar-12, Kennedy-3, Gerry-1, CCEMS-7, total 23.

Code Enforcement

The Code Officer report for August 2026 was reviewed. There were 9 building permits issued this past month totaling \$254 for a year-to-date total of \$9,246.

Highlights:

- Dunkin (donuts) work is progressing with projected opening in December.
- 27-29 E. Main Street – finishing up on apartments.

- 17 Work Street apartment #4 was condemned.
- 235 West Main Street is being worked on.
- Violation letter sent to 17 Mason for property maintenance.

Quality of Life Violation Ticket – discussion

- The Town of Ellicott is in the process of changing their code to implement the Quality-of-Life violation ticket. The board was given information on the City of Jamestown Quality-of-Life Ticket.
- The actual legislation would need to be reviewed by the Planning Board and then written into our local code.

Department of Public Works

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

Report Highlights:

- Streets – tree removal, sign repairs, street sweeping, W. James Street project is complete
- Cameras installed at the Community Building
- Surplus Equipment – 2004-7600 dump truck and push behind cutting saw
Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cavallaro to approve the surplus equipment as listed so that it can be sold/disposed of. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.
- Superintendent Faulkner will follow up with Peter Fuller on the damaged monument at the park and the removal of the lettering on the old ambulance so that it can be sold.
- The blinking school zone light is very old and it will eventually have to be replaced once we cannot get replacement parts. A new blinking light would be very costly. Superintendent Faulkner wanted the board to be aware of the issue so that we can plan for the replacement cost or consider replacing the light with bright school zone signs that other school districts are using.

Library

Highlights from the August 2026 Library report.

- The Annual Book Sale was a tremendous success with more than 300 people attending and many volunteers helping.
- The 30-week Story Hour program will begin on Wednesday, September 16th for 3- and 4-year-olds.
- On Wednesday, September 9th the American Red Cross will provide training in Hands-Only CPR.
- A beautiful clock was donated by the Lutheran Home in honor of Kevin Saff and will be mounted in the upcoming month.

Consideration for approval of Library Surplus Inventory for release to another library:

DVD Spinner and two CD Shelves

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve the library surplus equipment as listed for release to another library. Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Finance:

• ***Resolution #14-2026 Budget Modification***

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve Resolution #14-2026 Budget Modifications as outlined by Treasurer Spunaugle listed below.

Amendments to the 2026-27 General Fund Budget

REVENUES

INCREASE:	A5031	Interfund Transfer	\$3,506.24
		Cameras at the Community Building	

APPROPRIATIONS

INCREASE:	1620.4	Building Contractual	\$3,506.24
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Discussion: Trustee Gustafson noted that there is payment in the abstracts for the Main Street grant. There is not enough money in the line that the payment is coming out of to cover the payment. There is a budget line titled law economic development that we could transfer money from to cover the payment for the Main Street Grant.

- **Resolution #15-2026 Budget Modification**

Trustee Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunn to approve Resolution #15-2026 Budget Modifications as outlined by Treasurer Spunaugle listed below.

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

INCREASE:	1420.4	Law Economic Development	\$1,875.00
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APPROPRIATIONS

INCREASE:	6989.4	Economic Development	\$1,875.00
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Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, and Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye, Nays: none. Carried.

Legal:

- There are conversations occurring with the Town of Gerry insurance company working out the settlement balance from the ambulance accident.
- There was a recent event at the ballpark honoring Bill Race and for those that missed the event, there is a YouTube video online to watch.

Committees:**Public Safety:**

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

The Chautauqua County Humane Society has a “Community Cat Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return” program that is funded currently through a grant to combat community cat overpopulation. Residents can call the Humane Society to participate in the program. Forms are also available in the village clerk’s office with the information.

Downtown Development:

- The NY Forward Local Planning Committee (LPC) held a second meeting recently. An upcoming public workshop will take place on Thursday, September 17, from 5:30-7:30pm in the Village Fire Hall Training Center, 115 Davis Street.
- The public survey is currently live and available to residents that want to provide feedback. The Open call for Projects is also active until September 28th.
- All of the information about the NY Forward project is available at FalconerNYForward.com.
- Made in Falconer event will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 10am – 2pm with tours of local manufacturing in Falconer.

Farmers Market:

- The Farmer's Markets ended one week early and the FALLconer Fest was cancelled for this year.

Parks:

- Nothing new to report.

Pine Hill Cemetery:

- Nothing new to report.

Planning/Zoning Board

- The Planning board did not meet in September due to a scheduling conflict but will meet in October to continue to work on the new sign code.

Historian News

Historian Brenda Cavallaro is very thankful for the generosity of the community for the history donations.

- She recently did some research for Ed Sullivan from Hanson Sign Company. She shared with the group a beautiful wall size colored print of the old train station that was behind Fancher that Ed made from an old black and white photo.
- The train station was located behind Fancher Chair and the photo dates back to the 1920's. The train in the photo is the Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley and Pittsburgh (D.A.V & P.) Railroad Company.
- The train is what put Falconer, originally known as "Worksburg", on the map. It was named Worksburg for a short time and was changed to Falconer when Patrick Falconer gave the railroad a right-of-way through his property in the late 1860's.
- Brenda also shared with the board a photo showing the last D.A.V & P. passenger train to go through Falconer in July of 1937 with a copy of the last ticket that was purchased by Elmer Olson.

Old Business:

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

As requested from last month's work session, plans and information requested by the board was received from Peak Development for review by the board.

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to consider for approval of Peak Development extension, second amendment to purchase and sale agreement. Discussion: the board stated concerns about losing public parking, the need for 54 apartments, no forward progress in 2 years. Roll: Gustafson: Nay, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Nay, Pierce: Nay, and Jaroszynski: Nay, Nays: four, Ayes: one. Not Carried.

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

Mayor Jaroszynski is still meeting with the Davis Park Gazebo committee and they will be sending out an RFP for the new bandshell.

- ***NY Forward Village Projects***

Weekly meetings have been held to get the village projects ready to submit to the Local Planning Committee by the September 28th deadline. In response to an editorial that was published a few weeks ago in the local newspaper, Trustee Gustafson wanted to note that in the process of applying for the NY Forward over the past three years, there were several opportunities for residents to provide input through public workshops. He also recognized the local committee for all of their work and time that went into the application.

New Business:

- ***Motion to approve Resolution #13-2026 to grant the cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Village of Falconer for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission and confirms acceptance of the franchise renewal agreement.***

Trustee Dunn made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Resolution #13-2026.

Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Aye, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: None. Carried.

- ***Set Halloween Hours for Saturday, October 31, 2026***
The board set Halloween hours in the village from 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- ***Clerk & Treasurer – away at NYCOM Training – September 14-18***
- ***Reminder: October Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6pm in the Fire Exempt Hall.***

Correspondence:

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

Trustee Gustafson's letter, dated September 8, 2026, which acknowledged his review on September 8, 2026 of the unpaid vouchers for Abstract #4 (FY 26/27) and bank reconciliations from M&T Bank, Community Bank and NYCLASS for the month of July 2026 was placed into record.

Abstracts

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Pierce that Abstract #4, General Fund in the amount of \$142,349.89 be approved for payment. Discussion: Trustee Gustafson would like to keep a list of quotes received in accordance to our procurement policy in addition to the purchase order log. 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 #4, Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$621.48 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 #4, Library Fund in the amount of \$956.34 be approved for payment Roll: Gustafson: Aye, Dunn: Aye, Cavallaro: Abstain, Pierce: Aye, and Jaroszynski: Aye. Nays: none. Carried.

Motion: It is moved by Trustee Cavallaro and seconded by Trustee Dunn that Abstract #4, General Fund Hand Items in the amount of \$9,011.75 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 adjourn the regular meeting at 7:26 p.m. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Capestrani, Village Clerk*