Mm02232026 Public Hearing Fire dept exemption

Village of Lyons Falls Public Hearing

Local Law #2-2026 Fire Department exemption

February 23, 2026

4059 Cherry Street, Lyons Falls NY 13368

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor, Donna Dolhof.

Attending: Mayor – Donna Dolhof

Trustees – Jeff Hoskins, and Ashley Schaefer

Treasurer – Candy Akin

Clerk – Barbara Denslow

DPW Superintendent – Shawn Smith

Tug Hill Commission – Christine Healt

Absent: Trustee – Ron Dorrity and Gary Jock

Sign–in Sheet, attached.

The law was provided for examination by guests.

Questions and comments were heard from the public.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members, the public hearing ended at 6:30pm.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of the attending Board members, Local Law #2 was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Denslow

Barbara Denslow, Village Clerk

Mm02232026 Public Hearing for tax cap override

Village of Lyons Falls Public Hearing

Local Law #3-2026 Tax override for 2026/2027 budget

February 23, 2026

4059 Cherry Street, Lyons Falls NY 13368

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor, Donna Dolhof.

Attending: Mayor – Donna Dolhof

Trustees – Jeff Hoskins, and Ashley Schaefer

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Sign–in Sheet, attached.

The law was provided for examination by guests.

Questions and comments were heard from the public.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members, the public hearing ended at 6:30pm.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of the attending Board members, Local Law #3-2026 was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Denslow

Barbara Denslow, Village Clerk

MM02232026

Village of Lyons Falls Monthly Meeting

February 23, 2026

4059 Cherry Street, Lyons Falls NY 13368

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor, Donna Dolhof.

Mayor Dolhof started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

The meeting was held concurrently with two public hearings: Local Law #3, Overriding the tax cap for the 2026-2027 Village Budget and Local Law#2-2026, Firefighters tax exemption.

Attending: Mayor – Donna Dolhof

Trustees – Jeff Hoskins and Ashley Schaefer

Treasurer – Candy Akin

Clerk – Barbara Denslow

DPW Superintendent – Shawn Smith

Tug Hill Commission – Christine Healt

Absent: Trustee – Ron Dorrity and Gary Jock

Sign–in Sheet, attached.

Public comments:

Larry Williams presented a zoning application for 3936 Frankin Street to be changed from storage to Light manufacturing. The Board reviewed the submitted SEQR short form part one and completed SEQR parts II and III. On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and approval of attending Board members the Village application was deemed an unlisted action with a negative declaration for environmental significance and the zoning application was approved.

Christine Healt read the attached announcements from The Tug Hill Commission.

Old Business:

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members all three Public Hearing minutes for 1/26/2026 were approved.

December 22, 2025, minutes will be reviewed at the March meeting.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members the January Financial report was approved.

Treasurer: Report attached

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Gary Jock and approval of attending Board members the financial report was approved.

The January Reconciliation report was deemed satisfactory.

Bills, abstracts and aged reports form Flexibill were reviewed.

On motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members, all bills were approved for payment.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members the Public Hearings ended at 6;30pm.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members Local Law #2-2026 Firemen's tax exemption was approved.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members Local Law#3-2026 overriding the tax cap was approved.

Clerk Report: Lyonsdale customer in arrears paid in full.

DPW: water reports were given to the Mayor.

The snowblower repair was approved.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members an Ice Magikist water line thawer was approved for purchase.

Mayor:

1. No new information on the Marriott property
2. There will be a meeting March 3, 2026, at 5:30 at the Lyonsdale town hall to discuss the Lyonsdale water agreement
3. No new information on the West Turin water agreement.
4. Info from Shawna for BCA to advertise for sewer project bids.
5. The water project- we will still research available grants.
6. No new information on sidewalks.
7. A Dilapidated building at the park will be torn down in the Spring.
8. No new information on NY forward.
9. The Vehicle and traffic law was sent to the Village Attorney. .
10. A truck is the preferred purchase over a pole barn.

11. Mike Alteri is researching Natural gas on Continental Circle as part of the sewer project.
12. Black River Natural has proposed a grease interceptor idea that looks acceptable.
13. The Gene Bailey property zoning application was approved by the Village. Information is needed from County zoning.
14. No new information on the Turin Sewer project.
15. The price for Civally website goes up gradually for 5 years, then $2100/yr.
16. Intro to planning and zoning Board training is 3/11/2026.
17. There will be a budget meeting and executive session Monday March 2, 2026, at 5:30 at the Village Office.
18. Research will be done on Spectrum WIFI,

New Business:

Treasurer: Report submitted

Clerk:

Mayor:

1. On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members Dale Hawk may be hired as an on call DPW winter employee.
2. The massage business will be billed 1 ½ units for water/sewer. New accounts will be created for the Worczak and Smith new buildings.
3. Funding from Elise Stafanik for the sewer project.
4. EMS meeting will be held 2/25/2026 to consider a centralized service.
5. The Board approved a National Grid easement across Village property for new construction on South Street.
6. Mayor Dolhof will call Katie Liendecker about the Christmas tree still being lit.
7. Discussion about the placement of the refurbished cannon is ongoing.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members, the meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Denslow

Barbara Denslow, Village Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO.__6__ - 2026

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING

LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2026, Village of Lyons Falls

Introduced by Mayor Donna Dolhof

Whereas a resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board on January 26, 2026 directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on February 23, 2026 from 6:00p.m to 6:30pm. at the Village Office, 4059 Cherry Street to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled, "A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR Village of Lyons Falls 2026/2027 BUDGET"; and

Whereas notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the *Watertown Times,* the official newspaper designated by the Village, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lyons Falls Post Office, Village Office and Lyons Falls Library at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

Whereas said public hearing was duly held at such location at such time and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

Whereas the Lyons Falls Village Board wishes to make certain determinations based upon the information submitted to the Board as well as received during the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 3-2026), Village of Lyons Falls being "A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE Lyons Falls Village 2024/2025 BUDGET"; be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 3-2026, Village of Lyons Falls

Section 2. That Local Law No. 3-2026, Village of Lyons Falls, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Seconded by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

Member Communities

Towns of
Adams
Boylston
Florence
Harrisburg
Lewis
Leyden
Lorraine
Martinsburg
Montague
Osceola
Pinckney
Redfield
Rodman
Turin
West Turin
Williamstown
Worth

Villages of
Adams
Constableville
Lyons Falls
Port Leyden
Turin

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February 2026 Tug Hill Announcements

1) **REMINDER:** The NY Association of Towns (NYAOT) annual meeting and training school has been scheduled for **February 14-17th** at the NY Marriott Marquis in NY City. Online registration is available at www.nytowns.org. The registration cost for the conference has increased to the onsite registration cost. Rooms at the hotel must be reserved separately and are available at https://book.passkey.com/e/51084536 or by calling 877-303-0104. Room blocks at the conference rates have been released now. For a copy of a paper registration form click HERE. For more information visit NYAOT's conference webpage at https://nytowns.org/Towns/Towns/2026-Annual-Meeting---Training-School.aspx.

2) **REMINDER:** The V-FIRE grant program is a state-funded $25,000,000 competitive grant that provides critical funding to strengthen volunteer fire departments and districts statewide. Eligible applicants can apply for up to $1,000,000 if proposing projects for construction, renovation, or purchase costs for critical facilities (buildings, training facilities, etc.) that support fire operations, or up to $500,000 if proposing projects for allowable fire service equipment to upgrade and improve their response capabilities. Eligible applicants: volunteer fire companies, municipalities (including fire districts), and counties with municipal shared services projects that have not been funded in a previous round of V-FIRE. Click here for complete information, including details about e-grants, prequalification, and a very informative frequently asked questions document. The deadline to apply is **February 25, 2026.**

3) **REMINDER:** $10 million will be made available for the second round of the Municipal Parks and Recreation (MPR) grant program to fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites statewide for the public to enjoy. Funding for this program is provided by the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. The MPR grant funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks. Program guidelines, including how to apply, will be available beginning December 31, 2025, on the State Parks website. Eligible applicants include counties, cities, towns and villages within New York State that own the property where the proposed project will take place. Grants will primarily fund construction costs. Preconstruction activities, such as developing plans and design specifications, may be included in the project

budget, but the grant cannot fund projects that are solely for planning and design without a construction component. To maximize accessibility to funding, the MPR grant opportunity can fund up to 90 percent of the total eligible project costs, with a matching share requirement of 10 percent. The maximum grant award is $900,000. Grants are administered on a reimbursement basis. The applications must be submitted by **February 9, 2026**, at 4:00 p.m.

4) **REMINDER:** The New York Department of State's Division of Local Government is offering an $8 million opportunity for local governments. Take advantage of this opportunity to innovate, collaborate, and create a more efficient future for your residents by filing a Local Government Efficiency grant. The program has $7.2 million available for implementation grants (capped at $250,000 per participating municipality and $1.2 million total) and $800,000 for planning grants (capped at $20,000 per participating municipality and $100,000 total). The grants require a 10% match for implementation grants and a 50% match for planning grants. Priority points will be given to regional projects; regional or local projects being implemented after a prior LGE planning grant or as part of a county-wide shared service plan or for projects which address Information Technology Services including cybersecurity; emergency services; countywide code enforcement or municipal planning; water and/or wastewater management systems or clean energy initiatives. Deadline to apply is **February 4th**.

5) The Tug Hill Commission's Winter Wildlife webinar series has been scheduled for 2026. The webinars include Wolverines on February 26th, Pollinators and Native Flowers on March 26th and Owls on April 30th. The webinars all begin at 7 p.m. To sign up for one or all these webinars visit https://tinyurl.com/WWWRegistration2026.

6) The "Non-Profit Bootcamp", presented by Lewis County and the Northern NY Community Foundation, will have its fourth session on Thursday Feb. 5th from 12 to 1 p.m. The session is titled "Effective Board Meeting Management" and is focused on practical tools and best practices for running effective nonprofit board meetings. This virtual session will cover key topics such as setting clear meeting agendas, understanding and using Robert's Rules of Order, taking effective meeting minutes, and supporting thoughtful decision-making. Register HERE for the session.

7) Lewis County is also sponsoring an in-person training on "Preparing Your Municipality for Renewable Energy Applications" on March 30th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Croghan Fire Hall (6860 Fire Hall St., Croghan). Bridget O'Toole from the Heath and O'Toole law firm will be the presenter. The training is designed to give municipal officials, board members, and interested residents a clear overview of how municipalities can prepare before an application is submitted. The session will conclude with questions and answers so participants can ask questions specific to their municipality. Register for the session HERE.

8) Registration is open for the 36th Annual Planning Symposium, sponsored by the Onondaga County Planning Federation. Scheduled from 8:00 am - 4:15 pm on March 19, at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown. The daylong training includes numerous options for sessions, including Special Use Permits, Area Variances, Battery Energy Storage Systems, Changes in NYS Wetland

Regulations, and How Land Use Drives Local Government Revenue and Operation. Early registration is $85 per person, if received prior to February 13, and $100 if received after. Registration must be received by March 6. For more information, including the full program, sessions, presenter biographies, visit the Onondaga Planning Department's Planning Symposium webpage, or click here to register.

9) The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) has three grant programs open, with required pre-applications due February 27, 2026, and applications by invitation due April 17, 2026. The **Catalyst** program is NBRC's flagship competitive grant program, formerly known as the State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) program. Through Catalyst, NBRC invests in state economic development priorities to support a broad range of initiatives that modernize and expand the Northern Border region's basic infrastructure and revitalizes communities to support and attract the region's workforce. NBRC's **Forest Economy** program is designed to support state-identified development plans for the regional forest economy and to assist in the industry's evolution to include new technologies and viable business models. NBRC's **Timber for Transit** program advances the use of wood materials and composites through applied research and demonstration projects that showcase the suitability of such materials in transportation and transportation adjacent infrastructure.

10) Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust (THTLT) is inviting community members to share their thoughts on the future of the Tug Hill region and priorities for the land trust as they embark on a five-year strategic plan. This short, anonymous survey should take less than 10 minutes and asks about what lands, waters, and community programs matter most to the community, as well as individual experiences with THTLT's lands and programs. Community input will help guide conservation, recreation, and education priorities for the years ahead.

11) The New York State Department of Conservation (DEC) has announced that $5 million in funding is now available for the fifth round of the "Regenerate NY" Forestry Cost Share grant program. The grant program is designed to assist private landowners in growing the next generation of forests, which are crucial for mitigating the impacts of climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supporting green jobs and local economies. Funded projects will enhance efforts made through New York's 25 Million Trees Initiative to restore and sustain the state's natural landscapes. Private landowners planning to restore or establish five or more acres of forest land in New York State may apply for grant awards ranging from a minimum of $10,000 to a maximum of $1,000,000, with a required 10 percent match. A portion of the funding for projects in this round will be available upfront to assist with the high costs associated with these practices. **Eligible projects include: tree planting, creating young forest habitat, thinning to remove unhealthy or close growing trees to promote forest health or regrowth, and removing competing or invasive vegetation that would interfere with seedling establishment or growth and installing tree protection to prevent deer browsing of young tree seedlings.** Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project. Applications will be accepted through the Statewide Financial System and will be

accepted until **August 31, 2026**, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Round 5 of this grant opportunity, will meet DEC's goal is to support underserved landowners and **priority projects by reserving a portion of the grant funds until March 10, 2026**, for landowners and projects that are submitted by landowners who are active or veteran military landowners; first time landowners (owned property less than 10 years); or State or Federally recognized Indian Nations or Tribes or for projects dedicated to improving the health of significantly degraded forests due to an insect pest or disease outbreak or large scale planting projects (greater than 5 acres). For more information visit the DEC's website.

12) In case you missed the Newly Elected Officials training webinar held in late January, Sarah Brancatella and Lori Mithen-DeMasi, expert attorneys from the NY Association of Towns, delivered a very informative webinar. Topics covered included conflicts of interest, code of ethics and boards of ethics, financial disclosure requirements, typical town offices and their roles and oaths of office. A recording of the webinar and the slide deck are available at tughill.org/services/training/. This webinar was sponsored by the NYS Tug Hill Commission and the region's five councils of governments.

SAVE THE DATES:

- The January Tug Hill Commission meeting was rescheduled due to weather and has been rescheduled for Wednesday February 4th at the Town of Lowville's municipal building (5533 Bostwick St., Lowville). The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and anyone is welcome to attend.
- The Commission's 2026 Local Government Conference has been scheduled for Monday April 20th (afternoon session and reception) and Tuesday April 21st (full day session). The event will be held at Turning Stone Resort and Event Center again in 2026. Registration for the afternoon session is $25 the evening reception is $20 and the full-day session on 4/21 is $90 on or before March 20th. Late registration from March 21st through the 27th is $50 for the afternoon session, $40 for the reception and $180 for the full day session. You can register by mail with a check or online at https://events.humanitix.com/lgc-2026. For more information on sessions and for a paper registration form visit the Commission's website at https://tughill.org/localgovernmentconference/.

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Village of Lyons Falls

Monthly meeting

2/23/2026

Village Offices, 4059 Cherry Street

Lyons Falls NY 13368

Resolution # 05-2026

Resolution to approve Zoning application

Whereas the Lyons Falls Board of Trustees has reviewed a zoning application for 3936 Franklin Street;

Whereas the premises was used for personal storage and will now be used for manufacturing;

Whereas SEQR short form I, II, and III have been completed and a negative declaration for environmental significance was determined; and

Whereas a motion was made by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Seconded by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members to approve the Zoning application;

Therefore, let it be resolved that The Village Board of Trustees approves the Village application for 3936 Frankin Street.

This Resolution is effective immediately.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Barbara Denslow

Barbara S. Denslow, Village Clerk

Public Hearings:
fire Dept. Exemption
Local Law #3-2026 Overriding tax cap
2-23-26

Village of Lyons Falls

Meeting Sign-in sheet

Village Office, 4059 Cherry Street

Lyons Falls NY 13368

NAME	ADDRESS
[signature]	Lyons Falls
MIKE SKOTNIK	LYONS FALLS
LARRY WILLIAMS	TURIN N.Y.
JAMES TROMBLEY	Lyons Falls

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT ATTACHMENT
FEBRUARY 23, 2026 MEETING

A200 GENERAL CHECKING

DATE	NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
12/22/2025	7802	CRILL'S SERVICE & TIRES	-1,376.27
12/22/2025	7808	NYCOM	-727.00
12/29/2025	G2025-100	WEX BANK	-962.08
12/31/2025	ACH	CHRISTMAN FUEL SERVICE	-555.13
12/31/2025	ACH	Great America Financial Services	-77.04
12/31/2025	7814	JOHNSON NEWSPAPER CORPORATION	-51.05
01/11/2026	G2026-2	NATIONAL GRID	-1,393.76
01/11/2026	G2026-1	FRONTIER	-88.40
01/12/2026	EFT	TRUST AND AGENCY	-3,487.25
01/19/2026	G2026-4	NYSEG	-837.54
01/19/2026	G2026-6	WEX BANK	-680.81
01/19/2026	G2026-5	Spectrum Business	-280.60
01/19/2026	G2026-3	FIRST BANKCARD	-132.72
01/20/2026	EFT	TRUST AND AGENCY (Board Payroll)	-9,419.38
01/20/2026	ACH	CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC	-6,785.50
01/27/2026	EFT	TRUST AND AGENCY	-4,009.15
TOTAL A200 GENERAL CHECKING			**-$30,863.68**

FX200 WATER CHECKING

DATE	NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
01/11/2026	EFT	VILLAGE OF LYONS FALLS	-1,622.80
01/11/2026	W2026-1	NATIONAL GRID	-1,497.45
01/12/2026	EFT	TRUST AND AGENCY	-888.63
01/14/2026	ACH	NATIONAL GRID	-334.51
01/19/2026	W2026-2	NYSEG	-40.33
01/27/2026	EFT	TRUST AND AGENCY	-745.65
TOTAL FX200 WATER CHECKING			**-$5,129.37**

G200 SEWER CHECKING

DATE	NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
01/11/2026	S2026-2	NATIONAL GRID	-1,084.54
01/11/2026	S2026-1	FRONTIER	-82.49
01/12/2026	EFT	TRUST AND AGENCY	-1,249.08
01/27/2026	EFT	TRUST AND AGENCY	-1,083.30
TOTAL G200 SEWER CHECKING			**-3,499.41**