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Village of Lyons Falls Monthly Meeting

April 27, 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.

Attending: Mayor – Donna Dolhof

Trustees – Jeff Hoskins, Ron Dorrity and Ashley Schaefer

Treasurer – Candy Akin

Clerk – Barbara Denslow

DPW Superintendent – Shawn Smith

Tug Hill Commission – Christine Healt

Absent: Trustee Gary Jock

Sign–in Sheet, attached.

Public comments:

Alan Scouten, Northern Timber Forestry Services, presented a map with Village timber land that could be harvested. He would coordinate getting bids. The Board will discuss this later.

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

On motion by Trustee Ron Dorrity, Second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of Board members attending, the March 23, 2026, minutes were approved.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members three Public Hearing minutes for April 6, 2026, were approved. Rescinding the tax cap law #3-2026, Raising sewer rates, and approving the 2026/2027 budget. The water law minutes were not approved and will be voided, and a new public hearing will take place May 18,2026.

Old Business:

Treasurer: On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members the March financial report was approved.

The March reconciliation report was deemed satisfactory.

Bills, abstracts and aged reports from Flexibill were reviewed.

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

On motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Seconded by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members a transfer of $15000 requested by the fire department was approved.

Report attached.

Clerk: On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ron Dorrity and unanimous approval of attending Board members, Resolution #15-2026 designating Registrar as non-salaried was approved.

DPW: There is a problem with the sewer line at Dolhof's True value store on center Street. Permission has been granted for Shue brothers to dig up the sewer line. A sewer camera may also be used to determine the problem.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members an asphalt plate temper may be purchased.

The dilapidated building at the park has been removed.

Permission was granted previously for DPW to purchase 5 additional picnic tables for $190 each for Riverside park.

The broken winter snowflakes can be discarded.

Mayoral report:

1. Marriott property - Lewis County will be tearing down the "office"
2. Barton and Loguidice will be researching Lyonsdale water district/water infrastructure.
3. No new information on the West Turin water agreement.
4. Sewer project – The Village did not receive a grant from Elise Stefanik
5. No new information on sidewalks.
6. A Dilapidated building at the park was torn down
7. NY forward. - Village historian, Shirley Vannest, would like to include a refurbished cannon in a plexiglass case at the LCDC overlook.

8. Our attorney, Ian Gilbert, has developed a new Vehicle and traffic law. A public hearing will be conducted May 18, 2026, concurrently with the Monthly Board meeting to hear input from the public.
9. There will be no pole barn constructed at this time.
10. NYSEG has been contacted about natural gas on Continental Circle.
11. No new information from Black River Natural.
12. The Turin Sewer project is on hold for now.
13. On Motion by Trustee Ron Dorrity, Seconded by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members, the 2026/2027 budget is approved as amended.
14. Spectrum WIFI at Riverside park has been extended through the fall.
15. The new DPW pickup truck should be arriving soon.
16. The Village water law will be updated to include 75/25 payment. The amended law will be submitted to the State after the public hearing.
17. Disbursement to BCA will be discussed after the DEC Special meeting.
18. On Motion by Trustee jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashlley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members approval to rescind the Local law overriding the tax cap.
19. Sewer rates will increase $20 per quarter.

New Business:

Treasurer: Report submitted

Clerk: The water/sewer Relevy report was sent to the County.

Mayor: On Motion by Trustee Ron Dorrity, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer With Trustee Jeff Hoskins abstaining, the list of officers submitted by the Fire Department for Board approval was supported.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board Members the Fire Department budget submitted by the Fire Department for Board approval was supported.

No new information on the Connolly House.

New insurance options will be discussed in March for next year's budget.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Second by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members, permission was granted to buy flowers from Colwells for planters around the village.

Forest Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its 200th anniversary August 29th and 30th.

The Village historian, Shirley Vannest, would like to display signs around the Village containing historical facts.

Upcoming meetings:

A Special meeting with DEC will take place virtually April 29, 2026, at 10:00 am at the Village office.

April 18, 2026, Regular Monthly meeting at 6:00pm at the Village office running concurrently with a Public Hearing on the Village traffic law.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ron Dorrity and unanimous approval of attending Board members, the Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Denslow

Barbara Denslow, Village Clerk

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Sign - in sheet

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April 2026 Tug Hill Announcements

1) **REMINDER:** The Tug Hill Commission's 2026 Winter Wildlife webinar series will be concluding this month. The remaining webinar is on Owls and will be presented on April 30th. The webinars all begin at 7 p.m. To sign up for this webinar visit https://tinyurl.com/WWWRegistration2026.

2) **REMINDER:** Lewis County's in-person training on "Preparing Your Municipality for Renewable Energy Applications" has been rescheduled for April 27th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Croghan Fire Hall (6860 Fire Hall St., Croghan). Register for the session HERE.

3) **REMINDER:** The NYS Office of Emergency Management is offering "Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)" Monday, April 13 through Friday, April 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the State Preparedness Training Center, 5900 Airport Road, Oriskany. Attendees should register as soon as possible here. There is no fee for the course, but food, lodging & transportation costs are the responsibility of the participant.

4) **REMINDER:** The NYS Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference has been scheduled for April 19-22 at the Crowne Plaza Albany – the Desmond Hotel. Registration for this event is now open HERE. Registrations are due by April 10th. There are various registration options and costs, so visit the Clerk's Association conference page for more information.

5) **REMINDER:** Join ANCA and partners for the 2026 Climate & Energy Conference, "Grassroots to Grid: Bridging Innovation & Community Values," at the Lake Placid Conference Center to explore relevant climate and energy solutions that align with community values. The conference will be held **May 7th and 8th** and the cost to register is $250. Day 1 will include field trips and tours, and the reception and Day 2 will include the learning sessions in three tracks: Generation and Transmission, Innovation and Community Needs and Involvement. More information at www.adirondack.org/events/2026-climate-energy-conference/.

6) The Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center and representatives from USDA Rural Development will be conducting a training session on **Thursday, April 9, from**

9:00am to 1:30pm at no cost. Participants will hear directly from USDA Rural Development staff about recent program and bulletin updates, engineering report and contract document requirements, and environmental review considerations associated with USDA-funded projects. In-person attendance at 727 E Washington St., Syracuse, NY 13210 is encouraged, but virtual attendance can be provided upon request. To attend virtually, please indicate so on the registration form. Lunch is provided.

7) The New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Community Grants Program. This program has supported grassroots projects that improve the health, environmental quality, and economic vitality of New York State communities. Projects that focus on raising awareness and understanding of pollution prevention, encourage adoption of best practices, and create measurable environmental and community benefits at the local level are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants may receive up to $30,000 to implement initiatives that promote pollution prevention and environmental sustainability in their communities. There are no matching funds required for this grant. The grant is open to community and nonprofit organizations, municipalities and local governments, and public-sector entities. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on **April 24, 2026**.

8) The NYS Department of State Division of Cemeteries has announced its 3rd annual **Caring for Your Cemetery Day** on **Saturday, April 25, and/or Sunday, April 26**. Cemeteries may choose one or both dates. The Division of Cemeteries aspires to connect cemeteries with volunteers - both groups and individuals - to assist in clean-up activities, especially volunteer-run cemeteries with limited maintenance budgets, to help them prepare for the spring season. The idea for the day is to welcome volunteers into cemeteries to help with tasks like cleaning up small debris, trash, and seasonal decorations; planting flowers; removing downed branches, weeds, and overgrowth; scattering grass seed; and other light tasks appropriate for untrained volunteers. For more information including editable flyers and solicitation letters, visit the Cemetery Resources and Information webpage.

9) The NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) has announced $5.5 million in grant funding available through two programs to help communities protect and modernize water and wastewater infrastructure. Three million is available to help fund initial water quality capital project planning. This grant may fund up to 80% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of $100,000 per project. Grant applications are due by 4 p.m. on **June 12**. Additionally, there is $2.5 million available to help protect water and wastewater systems from evolving cyber threats. This grant will cover up to $50,000 for cybersecurity assessments and up to $100,000 to implement cybersecurity upgrades. Grant applications are due by 5 p.m. on **May 15**.

10) The Tug Hill Commission's Metrocount traffic counter season has begun. Contact Chris Barboza (chris@tughill.org, 315-785-2389) or Maria Covey (maria@tughill.org, 315-785-2384) at the Commission office to get on the list for this year. Spots are limited so reserve your spot early. Check out the Metrocount flyer, attached, for more info.

11) DEC Great Lakes program staff have announced the Spring 2026 Great Lakes Action Agenda (GLAA) work group meetings, which will include the Spring 2026 GLAA Basin-Wide Work Group Kickoff Webinar to share basin-wide updates with all Great Lakes partners, followed by in-person sub-basin work group meetings for regionally focused discussions. The Basin-Wide Kickoff Webinar will offer opportunities for partners to connect with state agency staff and other partners to learn about and share basin-wide updates, engage with new sub-basin toolkits, and identify near term funding opportunities that can support work group member interests. **The webinar will take place on April 24 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** For more information on the Great lakes Action Agenda visit their DEC webpage.

12) The next webinar from the NYS Archives is titled "**Ask Us Anything about Records Disasters**". Protecting state agency or local government records means preparing for and responding to floods, fires, leaks or other disaster-related incidents which could damage or destroy your records. Register for the webinar and join State Archives' staff for a discussion about the worst occurances. Bring your questions or listen in to learn more about disaster preparedness. The session will be held **Thursday April 30th from 10 to 11 a.m**. and you can send questions in advance to recmgmt@nysed.gov with the subject line "ask us anything" and they will be answered live during the webinar.

13) The governor has announced $100 million in new grant funding for climate resiliency projects through two programs: the Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants Program, administered by the NYS Department of State (DOS); and the Resilient Watersheds Program, administered by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. There is $40 million available through the DOS's Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grant Program. Of that, $20 million is available for Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience, which includes projects that will strengthen climate resiliency within, and draining into, the New York State Coastal Area and the Coastal Nonpoint Source Boundary. There is also $20 million available for Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation, which includes climate resiliency projects for eligible communities that have participated in the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. There is **a webinar** on this grant program on **April 7th,** there are a couple of opportunities to submit questions and the **grant application is due June 26th at 4 p.m.** The minimum grant award is $150,000 and there is a 10% match required.

14) The NY Association of Towns Finance and Personnel schools have been scheduled for the spring. There are two sessions of this class available – **April 27th and 28th in Canandaigua and May 6th and 7th in Albany**. Join them for two full days of dynamic programming featuring the two concurrent tracks. Attendees have flexibility to move between tracks and customize their experience, selecting the sessions that best meet their interests and professional needs. The cost for the class is $250 for AOT members and $300 for non-members, if done in advance. Onsite registration is also available for $300 member/$350 non-member. Visit the https://www.nytowns.org/ for more information or find the registration form HERE.

SAVE THE DATES:

- There is no April Tug Hill Commission meeting due to the Local Government Conference, on April 20th and 21st at Turning Stone. For more information on sessions and for a paper registration form visit the Commission's website at https://tughill.org/localgovernmentconference/.

- The Tug Hill Commission will be sponsoring another **budgeting and accounting class** for small municipalities with Laird Petrie in June. The dates have been set for **June 18-19** at the Tailwater Inn in Altmar. Cost of the session is expected to be $125. Registration will begin later in April. More details to follow as we get closer.

The CTHC **Spring Meeting and Dinner** has been scheduled for **Thursday April 30th** at the Tug Hill Hideaway (1838 Fish Creek Rd., West Leyden). The event starts with social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m., with the meeting to follow dinner. As always, the CTHC will pay for dinner for two representatives from each municipality. Dinner for additional guests will be $23 (which includes the tip), payable that night at the restaurant. The meeting portion of the evening is free of charge and open to the public. Invitations are out now, so please RSVP to your circuit rider at a meeting or to Angie at angie@tughill.org or 315-599-8825 by April 20th. Hope to see you there!