MM06222026

Village of Lyons Falls Monthly Meeting

June 22, 2026

4059 Cherry Street, Lyons Falls NY 13368

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

Mayor Dolhof requested executive session after the meeting.

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

Attending: Mayor – Donna Dolhof

Trustees – Jeff Hoskins, Gary Jock and Ashley Schaefer

Treasurer – Candy Akin

Clerk – Barbara Denslow

DPW Superintendent – Shawn Smith

Tug Hill Commission – Christine Healt

Absent: Trustee- Ron Dorrity

Sign–in Sheet, attached.

Public comments:

Michael Skorupa has requested water and sewer service at his Franklin Street Shop.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Seconded by Trustee Jeff Hoskins and unanimous approval of attending Board members, the request for water service was granted.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Seconded by Trustee Gary Jock and unanimous approval of attending Board members, the request for sewer service was granted.

Representatives from Barton and Loguidice presented updates on the Water and wastewater Improvement Projects. Resolution #18-2026 and Resolution #19-2026 naming The Village Board lead agency was approved. Permission was granted for Mayor Dolhof to sign Part 1 of the full environmental assessment form (SEQR).

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Seconded by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members, approval was granted to pay back the WIIA grant and loan and proceed with submitting a new grant application with the correct project cost as soon as the amount is determined.

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

On motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, and with unanimous approval of the attending Board members, the May 18, 2026, minutes were approved.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Second by Trustee Gary Jock and unanimous approval of attending Board members the Special Meeting minutes 05/27/2026 and 6/03/2026 were approved.

On motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, seconded by Trustee Gary Jock, and with unanimous approval of the attending Board members, Resolution #20-2026 requiring $.25 per page for Foil requests was approved.

Old Business:

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

The May reconciliation report was deemed satisfactory.

Bills, abstracts and aged reports from Flexibill were reviewed.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Second by Trustee Gary Jock and unanimous approval of attending Board members all bills were approved for payment except the BCA bill.

Treasurer Report attached.

Clerk: Jake Yousey from Barton and Loguidice will be provided with copies of the water and sewer laws.

DPW: The Monthly reports were submitted to Mayor, Dolhof. There is a leak in the Bowling alley roof. DPW Superintendent, Shawn Smith will get quotes for repairing the roof.

The dead tree behind the Diner has been determined to belong to the Village. Plans will be made for its removal.

On motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, seconded by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, and with unanimous approval of the attending Board members, approval to begin draining and cleaning water tanks to get them back on a maintenance schedule was approved.

There is a need for a spare well pump. The Board OK'd the purchase.

Septic rotation will resume.

After the September baseball season, the leach field at Riverside park will be addressed.

Because the Project for the Birthday of the Presbyterian Church is being headed by the Village Historian, permission has been granted for DPW to install a kiosk on the original Church site.

Looking Ahead to next year's budget, one more lawn mower needs to be replaced. Shawn will get pricing.

Chips money is now $111,491.54 Paving will take place next year. A possible catch basin at Charolette and Markham will be discussed.

The Mayor will contact Canova's about putting out dump truck loads of branches for DPW to pick up. This is not the intent of the Village Policy. She will let them know they can use the green dump instead.

Mayoral report:

1. Marriott property – No curb stop has been found on the property.
2. No new information on the Lyonsdale water infrastructure.
3. Our new attorney Jessica Young will draw up the West Turin Water agreements
4. Sewer project – The Village had a meeting on May 27, 2026.
5. No new information on sidewalks.
6. NY forward. RFP for marketing and branding bid opening 7/10/2026
7. The pole barn will not be completed at this time.
8. No new information on the grease trap for Black River Natural
9. The Turin Sewer proposal is on hold.
10. No new information on the Connolley house.

New Business:

Treasurer: attached

Clerk: RFP sent to paper and posted in four places. Addendum placed on website. Two death certificates, one birth certificate and one foil request. Five changes of ownership.

DPW: Previously discussed

Mayor:

1. Our Attorney, Ian Gilbert, has taken the position of County attorney.
   Our Village attorney will now be Jessica Young.
2. The Village handbook has been updated.

3. The Mayor is researching the requirements for filling the Trustee position for Ron Dorrity, who sadly passed away. A thank you note was received by the Village for flowers sent on behalf of the Village.
4. Direct Energy settlement – Checks were cashed. The Village needs to decide whether to continue to enroll with Direct Energy or not.

The Board went into executive session at 7:40.

Upcoming meetings: Special meeting Friday July 24 at 9am SEQR parts 2 and 3 and possible bond resolution. Monthly meeting July27, 2026, at 6:00pm,

On motion by Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Denslow

Barbara Denslow, Village Clerk

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Village of Lyons Falls

Sign - in sheet

6-22-26

NAME:	ADDRESS:
Jake Yousey	Barton & Loguidice
Anthony Young	" "
MIKE SKOREPA	FRANKLIN ST LOT

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Adams
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June 2026 Tug Hill Announcements

1) **REMINDER:** The NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is now accepting applications for $75 million available through two competitive grant programs with a **deadline is 4 p.m. on June 12. Green Resiliency Grants** help flood-prone communities advance long-term community resilience in implementing transformative stormwater management projects that protect homes, businesses, and public infrastructure. There is $60 million available this round with funding through the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022. The **Green Innovation Grant Program** supports projects that utilize EPA-designated green stormwater infrastructure design and technologies. Competitive grants are awarded for projects for green stormwater infrastructure, energy efficiency, and water efficiency. There is $15 million available this round of funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Applicants submit a single application for both programs. Eligible projects will be considered for funding under either program.

2) **REMINDER:** The next webinar from the NYS Archives is titled "**Managing Case Files**". Case files come in many different forms: legal files, personnel folders, student records, real-property files, among others. They also have many similarities: they are difficult to manage, they contain a variety of materials, many of them are confidential, and handling their disposition is often complicated. Register for the webinar which is intended for anyone who is responsible for managing case files and interested in improving the management of those records. The session will be held **Thursday June 18th from 10 to 11 a.m.**

3) **REMINDER:** The Tug Hill Commission will be sponsoring another **budgeting and accounting class** for small municipalities with Laird Petrie on **June 18-19** at the Tailwater Inn in Altmar. Classes run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday the 18th and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday the 19th. **Cost of the session is $125,** which includes coffee and lunch on Thursday, breakfast and lunch on Friday and the course materials. Tailwater has reserved a small number of rooms for conference attendees at $122 plus tax for the night of 6/18 – call Tailwater at 315-298-3434 and use **group code Tug618**. Registration is open now at http://www.tughill.org/upcoming-workshops. Spots are limited so register early – **deadline to register is 6/10.**

4) The Tug Hill Commission with Camoin Associates will be hosting a webinar titled "Data Centers and the Tug Hill Region: Understanding Industry Activity and Planning Considerations for Your Community" on **Thursday June 25th** from 6 -7:30 p.m. Jim Damicis, Alex Tramner and Sarah Kirk from Camoin Associates and Matt Johnson, Tug Hill's Planning Director will be presenting. The webinar is free of charge, and you can register at https://tinyurl.com/WebinarDataCenters by June 23rd.

5) Cornell Cooperative Extension's Tri-County Ag Team is holding a Soil Health Day on **Thursday June 25th** from 9 a.m. to noon at Sheland Farms in Adams (12043 Co. Rt. 79, Adams). The New York Soil Health Field Day is focused on improving soil health and nutrition management in dairy systems. The event is free to attend, and you can register at https://apps.ideal-logic.com/cornellcoop?key=NYCG-GFKZS_K9KH-5PTF_f6be582a3712. Contact Eric at 315-788-8450 X242 or esa63@cornell.edu with questions or for more information.

6) Applications are now open for funding through the **New York Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization (NY PLAYS) Initiative**, a **$67.5 million** competitive grant program that supports the design, construction, and renovation of public playgrounds across New York State. Applications will be accepted **through June 15, 2026,** and grant awards will be announced no earlier than August 3, 2026. Read the NY PLAYS RFA or click here for complete information from the DASNY website. If your organization needs to get registered and or Prequalified in SFS, please refer to the Grants Management website at the following link for more information: https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/register-your-organization-sfs. Please note if you need to get registered in the SFS system, it can take several weeks.

7) $10 million in funding is now available through Round 17 of DEC's Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Grant Program. Of the $10 million dollars available for this round of grants, $3 million is set aside for communities with populations of 65,000 or less. Maximum grant awards are limited to $2.5 million and minimum awards are $50,000. Applications must be submitted through the Statewide Financial System (SFS). Those wishing to apply must first register in SFS. Not-for-profits must also prequalify before the application deadline. For complete information on eligibility, application questions, grant requirements, and scoring criteria applicants should review the UCF Round 17 Request for Applications (RFA). **Applications are due August 12th**.

8) FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grants are open for three project areas: operations and safety; vehicle acquisition; and regional projects. **Applications are due by June 22 at 5 p.m.**, with detailed eligible requirements for each category available here. The AFG program, delivered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), delivers resources to equip and train emergency personnel to meet recognized standards, outfit responders with compliant personal protective equipment to enhance safety, retrofit or modify facilities to address known health hazards, and acquire emergency response vehicles. Organizations must have a Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number, an Employer Identification Number (EIN), be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and register in the FEMO GO grant system. Be aware that it can take up to four weeks for a new registration to be processed, so

start the process **as soon as possible**. For more information on registering or re-registering for SAM or getting a UEI, visit sam.gov/. There is $291,600,000 in funding available, and there are anticipated to be 1,800 awards. For communities of less than 100,000, the maximum grant amount is $1,000,000 with a grant match of 5% for rural communities. For more information on the AFG grant pro-gram, including the Notice of Funding Opportunity, visit the FEMA website.

9) The NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) has a round of grants available to help communities prepare to apply for financing through EFC's Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The planning grants fund the development of an engineering report, which is an eligibility requirement for financing. Grants of up to $100,000 are available for inflow and infiltration studies. Grants of up to $50,000 are available for all other projects. An informational webinar was held, and the recording is available here. Municipalities in the Tug Hill region counties of Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida and Oswego must meet a median household income of equal to or less than $90,000, according to the United States Census American Community Survey. **Applications are due June 12th.**

IN THE NEWS:

- Last month, the Albany County Supreme Court annulled the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's new rules, effective January 1, 2026, that were meant to implement amendments to the Freshwater Wetlands Law that the state passed in 2022. The NYSDEC website states, "DEC has thoroughly evaluated the [court] decision and its potential implications on freshwater wetlands permitting and enforcement programs in accordance with existing State law. As a result of the decision, DEC continues to uphold New York's Freshwater Wetland Act by exercising regulatory protections for freshwater wetlands that remain jurisdictional. DEC will require applications for projects that will impact previously mapped freshwater and/or wetlands of 12.4 acres or greater in size." More details are available on DEC's website.

- The Department of Justice (DOJ) recently published an Interim Final Rule (IFR) extending state and local governments' compliance deadlines for its 2024 web accessibility rule under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) from April 22, 2026, to April 26 of 2027 or 2028, depending on population. For all Tug Hill local governments, the compliance date has been pushed out to April 26, 2028. Title II of the ADA requires state and local governments to ensure their services, programs, and activities are accessible to people with disabilities. Title II applies to all services, programs, or activities of state and local governments, from adoption services to zoning regulation to public education. This includes the services, programs, and activities state and local governments offer online and through mobile apps. More information at www.ada.gov/.

SAVE THE DATES:

- The June Tug Hill Commission meeting will be held on **Wednesday June 17th** at the Orwell Town Hall (11468 State Rt. 26, Ava) starting at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.