

Village of Alexandria Bay
Regular Meeting
December 09, 2025
5:30 pm
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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Trustee Fulmer – Present
Trustee Millett – Absent
Trustee Strough – Present
Trustee Caputo – Present
Mayor Putnam – Present

Mayor Putnam- “I’m going to change things around a little bit, this order, just a little bit. Only just one thing. Lee, I’d like you to go ahead because I know you got a Zoom meeting. Do you want to give your report and then we’ll go back to our regular agenda?”

Zoning Report: Mr. ShimeL- “About 3 years ago the County got involved in a Hazardous Mitigation Program with FEMA and asked all the Municipalities to do a survey, about a 40-page application. Judy was involved in it and Gregors office sat down and got it submitted. The county submitted it to FEMA, and they had accepted our mitigation plan. You did pass a resolution back in May, approving it and so now what will happen, if there’s any type of disaster that FEMA declares a disaster the Village will be entitled to some funds from it. Kind of a proactive concept. It was kind of interesting, they asked for Resolutions and the Town, and the Village were one of about 20 of them that sent it in. The other ones, the County had to send letters out again to get resolutions for the municipalities and stuff. We kept on top of that. I think what I’ll do is a quick summary. I realize there’s 3 more weeks left in the year. Things have been kind of slow. I’ve issued 24 zoning permits this year. Normally it’s in the 30-33 range. However, the planning board has been very busy. We approved 8 site plans. Normally we have a couple. We had 2 variances that were granted and 1 special use permit.”

Mayor Putnam- “I’ve got a question, as far as sidewalks being shoveled is that yours? I’ve had a few phone calls. What do they got 24-48 hours. “

Mr. ShimeL- “Yeah, it’s 24 hours after the last snowfall. I know it’s a problem but I’m only here 1 day a week. If you get a bunch of snow Friday or so, it’s usually the same ones, just like it is with the grass every year. I will go drive around tomorrow and get some in the mail.”

Mayor Putnam- “I just wanted you to go because I know you had another meeting. Thanks Lee.”

Public Comments / Concerns: Mr. Tidd- “I’m just back for an update. Everything looks like it’s going to stay the same. Donna Hutton should have dropped off proof of insurance at the office.”

Clerk Dest- “She did.”

Mr. Tidd- “So the insurance is available to look at. Other than that, there really isn’t a whole lot of updates I guess, just the one about the insurance. I think our time is going to stay the same. We’re really hoping a lot more kid’s teams than adults.”

Correspondence-None

Paying of Bills: Trustee Fulmer made a motion to approve **Abstract #6. Trustee Strough** seconded it. All in favor. **Aye**

DPW Report- Jarrett – “We got 99% of the leaves picked up before the last snow fall. We got the lever box off, so now it’s usable. Id like to thank Putnam construction. They had donated their lull, for us to take down and put up the snowflakes, banners, Christmas

decorations and the Christmas tree. It was a nice safe way to do it and I appreciate it. It helped out a lot. I ask that we have a cut off for brush pick up. When you get to this time of the year it's hard to dig them back out of the snowbank. The county pit and town pit are closed. If we could go from November 15th to April 15th."

Trustee Fulmer made a motion to have cut off dates for brush pick up within the Village, November 15th to April 15th. Trustee Strough seconded. All in Favor- Aye.

Jarrett-"Thank you. I had gone to a Superintendents meeting last month. They're saying we are going to have another salt shortage. I've got 240 tons stored away on paper. I usually use about 80 ton a year, so I got some extra there. The only other thing I have is, I wrote 5 parking tickets. They kind of scattered this morning at about 9:30-10 o'clock on the street."

Trustee Reports-

Trustee Fulmer-"The Village will now have Dog Control under the umbrella of the Town with Jefferson County. Most of the issues of the dog rules the county will deal with. If a dog is running loose that's not them. That's going to have to be local to deal with. Supposedly they are a lot more responsive than they have been and the Town has used them for years and it is something we should take advantage of. We have phone numbers and everything that we will put online. They have an 8:30-4:30 number. There's a Saturday morning till 12 then they'll give us, you know, another number to call, a non-emergency number. We had the Christmas tree lighting on Friday. I was impressed. It went very well. Sara and Erica did it all. I was so busy that day, I couldn't even come down and help decorate. By my count, we agreed we had 60 people. We had at least 20 children. We didn't leave here with many cookies. Jrecks donated cookies and water. The Parrow family donated cookies and Sara's mom donated treats. It was very, very nice. We had tables set up for the kids. They enjoyed all of the activities we had for them. Camp was, our theme was Polar Express. Camp was our conductor and he was wonderful. We have to figure out next year how to get him to dress up as an elf. It was a good evening. I got here at 5:30pm and it started at 6pm. We were out of here by 20 after 7, you could tell because all the little kids were sugared up and ready to go home. It was great out by the tree. We had families taking pictures of them in front of the tree. We had a NYMIR inspection. 6 pages of things. Jarrett and I talked about it today and 90% of what's in here, as I told you guys, is done or we're doing it. That's all I have."

Trustee Caputo-"Last month we talked, I think it was last month, we talked about possibly getting a beer license for the golf course. I called 2 different people that have been recommended to me as people that helped get liquor licenses. Um, only one of them called me back and he was very expensive, in my opinion. He wanted \$3000.00 to do the license for us. It just so happened that when he called me, um, I was beginning to get frustrated because it had taken quite a while for the call to come back and I had gone online and downloaded the application and started going through it. I did have a few questions and when they talk about principles of the thing. I said, "Can mayor be the only principle or does it need to be all board members?" and he said no it has to be all board members. So, he did answer a couple of the major questions that I had. He wants \$3,000.00 to do the application. I think that's a lot of beers we got to sell at the golf course to make it a profitable situation. It's up to you guys what you want me to do at this point. I have done several little private liquor licenses, so I am familiar with it. Him and I did have a long discussion on the clubhouse. He feels our biggest draw back and what may get us so we're not approved, is we don't have a kitchen facility. He told me check with Department of Health. I said we're a golf course. We're not a bar. We're not going to have a bar set up. We're not going to have people staying after, you know that is not our intent. Our intent is,

rather than having people bringing their own beverages to the golf course, to try, to eliminate that, and just sell beer to people who are getting ready to play, but it's not going to be where, you know, people, it's not going to be a bar. Um, my thought is, we know we're going to need a cooler and if we arranged the clubhouse a little bit, if we had a back table that we could put a microwave and a hot dog roller on, and we could do hot dogs and a limited menu. Um, maybe we could get it approved, but I don't know. He felt that was going to be our big, he said. And I will say in the application, it talked a lot about, um, you know, are you, what hours is your chef going to be on duty. I'm like we don't have one. You know, it's going to be microwaveable. In the mornings, they can get a breakfast sandwich. You know, they have nice breakfast sandwiches from Sam's Club, and we use Sam's Club for a lot of stuff. And I was checking out their frozen food, uh today, this weekend. There's not a sink inside, and that would be an issue that the Department of Health would make us have. My thought is you've got the 2 bathrooms that both have plumbing coming into it, I think you could run a water line into that backroom for a handwashing sink. That was my original thought and I figured I'll, I mean it's up to you guys."

Jarrett- "There's a hot water heater and cold water in that backroom already."

Trustee Caputo- "I know they will require a handwashing station. I'm willing to tackle the permit for a seasonal golf course permit. It's like, don't quote me cuz I don't remember. I want to say it was like \$280.00 for a 2 year license. We might get told no. We may very well get told no that we are not doing enough food to make it and I don't think we want to go putting in a kitchen or anything like that. I know what they'll want, is part of the application, um you know, they want all the measurements. You have to take pictures of everything. We have to have a design and floor plan. I know they will not issue the license until, because we'd have to be doing some changes, until that is done and Department of Health gives their stamp of approval. Um, but I think if we proceed with the application and tell them what our intent is, if they say yes to the food portion of it, first thing in the spring we could knock it out, um we still may not get it until the 1st of July but, it's up to you guys if you want me to try."

Mayor Putnam- "I think we should proceed."

Trustee Strough- "I think we should too."

Trustee Caputo- "Every board member has to be willing to do a personal questionnaire. I did print one off for everybody. I would ask, if you can, by the end of the week, have this to me. If you want me to proceed, my plan is, the first thing you have to do is go to your municipality, which...."

Trustee Fulmer- "Is us."

Trustee Caputo- "I don't think so because the club house is located in the Town. So, I think your notification to your municipality is going to be to the Town because that's where the license is going to be. That building is, the golf course is Village and Town, but the club house is Town. The only other possible problem that I foresee and maybe you have a little bit of knowledge on this. You know how they ask your distances to schools, churches, and other things. The backside of this is across the street. Now that's not where the licensed premises is, but because we are licensing the grounds of the golf course, would they consider the school too close, and I don't know the answer to that. I would rather spend \$300.00 bucks and do it ourselves and find out we can't then to pay \$3,000.00 to find out we can't because this guy wants his money up front whether, we get it or not. And I'm like your expensive. I will do my best. I am going to try to have the first notification, the notification part to the Town, to the Town for their meeting because they've got to approve

it. Ok and then it's gotta go in the T.I Sun or 2 weeks. I will get you that notification, so you can put it in. It's gotta be run for 2 weeks. I mean my goal is to have it to the State by the 1st of January. That means I'm going to need help from some of you guys with drawings and that stuff. And it's a here's what we've got and here's what we want to have, will you consider it. Then we will just go from there."

Police Report: Mayor Putnam- "There was 19 parking tickets issued, not counting what went today, and 1 traffic ticket. 3 complaints handled. Now as part of this police report, uh, Marco came to me and there's 3 candidates, if we want to put another full time officer on, that have passed the written test and have passed the physical test. He asked for permission to interview them if we plan on making our department expand. And Carthage is looking for officers, everybody is looking for officers, so I kind of verbally told him go ahead and at least start the interview process. I mean there's going to be money involved. We got to send them to school. We got to pay for them. Is everybody, I don't know if we need a motion for this. Is everybody good once he does the interview if he finds someone to proceed? I'm going to have him get a budget together. He's got to tell us how much the school is and maybe we can talk about at the next meeting, but he needs to give us an idea what this is going to cost to get this guy if he finds one, send him to school. We're going to have to pay him while he's going to school and stuff. So he'll have to get us some numbers together."

Trustee Fulmer- "If we send someone to school and they don't end up staying with us and being hired for a certain amount of time, can we require payback?"

Attorney Burrows- "Yeah, you'll see that from time to time. It would be explicit in the approved document."

Trustee Caputo- "I would just request that you be there when he does these interviews. Just to get a feel for the individual and you know get a little bit of background on them."

Mayor Putnam- "The other thing I want to bring up quickly before I get to you Gregor is the bathrooms that we want to renovate down to the Chamber building. We're going to need a meeting, and I don't know if you want to attend but we kind of have to list it, because we're going to have a meeting with Mark Reynolds. So, it will be kind of spur of the moment deal where we have to because all the trustees."

Trustee Fulmer- "Well, whenever you pick a time all we have to do is have Erica call the paper. We're having a special meeting."

Clerk Dest- "Special meeting, you can notify them the day of."

Project Reports: BCA- Gregor- "Uh, just a couple of updates. We'll start with the filters. So, at the last meeting, the board approved the contract or awarded the contract for the filters and also executed the change order, the deduction. Since then, Koester has provided bonds and insurances and also executed the agreement. It was forwarded to Jim for legal review. What I would ask the board tonight is approving the agreements, contingent on Jims final blessing. Based on Koesters' schedule they should have the filters ready for delivery in July time frame, which should line up with having the other documents ready and out to bid and having everything ready for construction 2026.

Trustee Caputo made a motion that as soon as the changes and updates that Jim recommended are done, that the mayor sign the contracts and we can continue this process. Trustee Fulmer seconded. All in Favor- Aye.

Gregor- "I'd like to schedule a progress meeting. I think that first full week in January would be a good time to have it. I penciled January 8th if that works for everyone... So that's a

Thursday. 4pm. At that meeting I would like to review the documents that we are going to submit to the Department of Health this month. So, we will have the distribution system ready to review and also the water filtration plant. Other updates, the Community Development Block Grant. We anticipate hearing on that funding in the next few weeks. We had a meeting on Fuller St. We looked at what would be needed for a temporary water line from the plant all the way up to the front of the hospital, where the other new section is to keep everything live.

New business- Approve unpaid tax Certification- Trustee Caputo made the motion to the delinquent village taxes to be relived to the County. Trustee Fulmer seconded. All in favor-Aye.

-Approve to mitigate to the new Accufund- Trustee Fulmer made the motion to convert from Accufund Cloud to Accufund Anywhere. Trustee Strough Seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Discussion on the minutes of last meeting. November 18, December 1, 2 & 3 2025 Trustee Fulmer made a motion to approve Minutes. Trustee Strough Seconded it. All in favor-Aye.

Public Concerns-None

Trustee Caputo made a motion to adjourn. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded. All in favor **Aye**.