

**Village of Alexandria Bay
Public Hearing
Regular Board Meeting
August 9, 2022
5:15 pm
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Pledge of Allegiance: 5:15 pm

Roll Call:

Trustee Strough-present
Trustee Derrigo-present
Trustee Fulmer-present
Trustee Demo-present
Mayor Jarvis-present

Discussion-5:15 pm Sign Regulations for Village of Alexandria Bay, Andy Nevin was present with Russ Schroth, Larry Cullen, and Lee Shimel for the Comprehensive Plan.

Andy Nevin spoke to the Community and Board in reference to the Comprehensive Plan, he did a power point with different sign types.

Russ Schroth addressed the Board and Community also and explained the concept and explains how the Comprehensive plan would like to move forward. He also spoke of how the Sign Laws will be out of the Village Boards hands and moved to Planning and Zoning.

Open Public Hearing at 5:40 pm- Roger Reifensnyder spoke to the Board and Comp Group, he isn't happy with some of the wordage on the plan. He thinks that the plan is micromanaging the rules. He states window lettering restrictions are too stringent. Russ Schroth countered with the fact that the committee realizes most people follow the process but there are always a few who push the envelope. Nav's Popcorn spoke about a Village map that would help the public find other businesses besides just on the main streets that may be able to alleviate sandwich boards. Gary Williams spoke in reference to if any injuries from signage have ever been documented, he feels that signs lit are not distracting and businesses need the attraction due to the short season. He also feels the this plan will give too much control to the Boards. Russ Schroth stated that they measured the streets and only a few areas will be affected by the laws.

Loraine Schroth spoke of boards being made and offered to all businesses so visitors could check out every business with their wares or specials and that would alleviate the sandwich board issues.

Close Public Hearing: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Demo to close Public Hearing at 5:58 pm, all in favor, Motion carried.

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Public Concerns: Harriett Madden who came to a meeting in December in reference to the Pavilion Restrooms and how they needed to be taken care of better. She states it's been wonderful this season to see how clean the restrooms are and the park conditions are also well improved.

Roger Reifensnyder spoke about parking concerns and discussions on parking on Church Street. Mr. Reifensnyder wants to make sure the Board is aware these are his feelings and not anyone elses. He spoke of River Hospital and parking issues. He supports the Hospital but feels they have some growing pains and what is the next steps for them? Is there an Urban Planning concept. There are 41 businesses in Alexandria Bay and most have no private parking. He spoke of re-routing the Ambulance's to alleviate the bottle neck issue on Church Street.

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Ron Thomson spoke about patrons not wanting to park long distances from a shop or store. He agrees that taking parking spots away would hurt businesses. He also commends the DPW for having the boxes painted on the lines. Most people are conforming to the lines. NOT everyone but most. He talks about having a session with all concerned parties to discuss this.

Trustee Derrigo addressed the community stating he is not trying to take parking away from anyone. But a problem needs to be solved and eliminate any issues for the Ambulances coming into the Village.

Correspondence: Letter from County Planning was read about Solar Farms.

Minutes: Motion by: Trustee Derrigo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to accept minutes from July 12 regular meeting and special Meeting on July 19, 2022, all in favor, Motion carried.

Bills: Motion by: Trustee Derrigo, seconded by Trustee Demo to approve Bills Abstract # 2 as presented, all in favor, Motion carried.

Abstract # 2

General: \$ 72,497.51

Water: \$ 16,606.50

Sewer: \$ 11,849.10

Capital: \$ 8,147.68

TA: \$ 326.81

Total: \$109,427.60

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Demo – The new playground has an issue with kids and bug bites, some people saw ants there. Gordon Court Meeting is in September, HFY is looking at spaces, Library meeting is tomorrow night. Pickleball court tape is coming off.

Trustee Derrigo: Bathrooms at the docks are done for now. Thanks to the Rotary for what they have done. Docks have been extremely busy.

Trustee Strough: Golf course is doing great and looks good; and the specials are going good also.

Trustee Fulmer: 3 Lifeguards are working, Water plant is good. Pavilion is clean and being used more.

DPW Report: None

Police Report: None

Zoning Report: Lee Shimel says ZBA is meeting tomorrow on 29 and 31 Bethune Street. Planning is meeting first week of September to discuss a possible day care center which will have to go to the County.

Old Business:

REDI-Streetscape and NY forward and Downtown initiative:

REDI- DC builders have built a temporary road and is removing rock. They may have to do some blasting.

Electrical Contractor has submitted new contract and notice to proceed was issued.

Wharf is next, then Water Treatment Plant. Then likely docks demo will be after the season is over.

Streetscape: Playground is almost done. Sign needs to be hung, sidewalks at park are done. Dock has been delivered on Holland Street. WIIA grant submission will be sent in September. A ground breaking ceremony will be scheduled for the Village and Town.

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NYS Forward program: A work session was held and met to talk about hamlets and small villages. This year the funding is 100 million for 10 regions. A tour of the village was conducted, and a letter of intent will need to be submitted tomorrow. **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Derrigo to authorize Mayor Jarvis sign the letter of intent and authorize Bernier & Carr to submit the intent letter, all in favor, Motion carried. Colors for the life need to be chosen. Dark Gray was chosen, and tempered glass was picked

Hospital Parking: 10 spots- no discussion.

Golf Special: leave it as is.

New Business:

Sign Law: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer seconded by Trustee Strough to adopt the most recent version of the sign law and take away from the Village Board and shall be no in the hands of the Planning Board and Zoning Board, all in favor, Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Strough-yes
Trustee Fulmer-yes
Trustee Derrigo-yes
Trustee-Demo-yes
Mayor Jarvis-yes

Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Demo to terminate the Sign Moratorium when the Local Law takes effect.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Strough- yes
Trustee Fulmer-yes
Trustee Derrigo-yes
Trustee Demo-yes
Mayor Jarvis-yes

Wagoners: No one attended

Alexandria Bay Fire Department Funding: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Strough to authorize to have the architect and engineer update the cost of the Fire Department project, all in favor, Motion carried.

Hire: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Strough to hire Nola Foster as a Part Time Clerk for the Village Office at \$ 14.00 per hour, all in favor, Motion carried.

Town of Alexandria Water Rates: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer seconded by Trustee Strough to approve and send the Town of Alexandria the new Water Rates to be set for January 1, 2022, all in favor, Motion carried.

Bud Man Tournament: Motion by: Trustee Strough seconded by Trustee Derrigo to approve the Budman Golf Tournament on September 25,2022 to benefit the ACS Backpack program and other local charities, all in favor, Motion carried.

Municipal Solutions Contract Renewal: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer seconded by Trustee Strough to authorize Mayor Jarvis to sign the renewal agreement for services, all in favor, motion carried.

Municipal Solutions Disclosure filing: Motion by: Trustee Derrigo, seconded by Trustee Strough to authorize Mayor Jarvis to sign the disclosure filing, all in favor, Motion carried.

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Foundation for Community Betterment: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Derrigo to authorize use of the Tennis Courts and Golf Course on July 21,2023 from 8 am to 4:30 pm, and the Park Beach for the paddle and the Pavilion on Saturday, July 22,2023 from 8 am to noon, all in favor, Motion carried.

Hire: Motion by: Trustee Derrigo, seconded by Trustee Demo to hire Craig Bently as dock attendant retro to August 2, 2022, all in favor, Motion carried.

Public Concerns: Russ Schroth states he appreciates all the support from everyone during the process with the sign moratorium. Mayor Jarvis and the Board thank the Comprehensive Plan Group for all their hard work.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Motion by: Trustee Derrigo, seconded by Trustee Strough to adjourn at 7:19, all in favor, Motion carried.

Molly Briere

Clerk-Treasurer