

**Village of Alexandria Bay  
Board Meeting  
October 11, 2022  
5:30 pm  
Audio/Video  
In Person**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** 5:30 pm

**Roll Call:**

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

**Public Concerns:**

Sam Vaphiadis addressed the Board with his property on North Crossmon and the concerns of it never being fixed to condition it was before construction was done on that street. The Public bathrooms were a mess this summer with the construction being done on them. They are fixed now and back to normal. Can the Village do anything about the Alarm by his house; it goes off even for ambulance calls. Mr. Vaphiadis is concerned about the Day Care Center that was approved and permits. He wants to change the law to anyone within 1,000 feet should be notified of changes. He referenced that he couldn't access the Planning Board minutes. They are not online yet, Mr. Shimel reported. Does River Hospital pay real estate taxes? Do they pay regular rates for Water and Sewer Rates? What is the status of the House on Washington Street?

Chris Vaphiadis spoke of what a substantial change to the neighborhood this is making, and it could have been better informed to the community.

Mr. Stewart addressed the Board in reference to the appearance on his properties and that he has fixed them up and he feels other homeowners on his street should have to keep up their homes to fit the community. Mr. Reynolds home next to Jen Simpson's; he states it should be cleaned up.

Mr. Vaphiadis speaks to the Board about the house that burned out on Washington Street. It has been purchased and they are going through it and remodeling it at this time. Jefferson County is whom enforces that.

**Correspondence:** Water/Sewer rate change letter from Thomas Millett was read.

**Hearts for Youth requests:** November 3<sup>rd</sup> boomer movers and students for board games from 3:00 to 4:30; also December 5 from 10 am to 12 for a holiday celebration with use of the kitchen. Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Strough to authorize Hearts for Youth for both events, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Minutes: Motion by:** Trustee Derrigo, seconded by Trustee Demo to approve the minutes from September 13, 2022 and Emergency Meeting September 28, 2022, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Bills: Motion by:**

Trustee Derrigo, seconded by Trustee Strough to accept Abstract # 4 as presented, All in favor, Motion called.

**General: \$ 78,038.04**  
**Water: \$ 13,928.32**  
**Sewer: \$ 17,538.06**  
**Capital: \$150,960.20**  
**TA: \$ 2,781.81**  
**Total: \$263,246.43**

**Zoning Officer Report:** Mr. Shimel informed the Board that the ZBA will meet the First Wednesday of the month if necessary and the Planning Board will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month as needed. Sign Permit application is complete now. When we changed the Sign Law we never made the sign permit a stand alone law. He thinks we should do that. **Motion by:** Trustee Derrigo, seconded by

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Trustee Fulmer to amend to chapter 120 at a Public Hearing on December 11/09/2022 at 5:15 with the Regular meeting to follow immediately after, all in favor, Motion carried

**Trustee Reports:**

**Trustee Fulmer:** Her departments as mostly closed. She is working on a charging station in the lower parking lot by Captain Visgers; at this point they have what they need and will contact Trustee Fulmer.

**Trustee Strough:** Golf Course is closed for the season. He would like to thank everyone for the work that went into the season

**Trustee Derrigo:** No Report

**Trustee Demo:** Gordon Court held their meeting. A bus will start coming into Gordon Courts and pick people up and take them for groceries and other stores and will pick them back up. The court is looking to do activities in the community room. Hearts for Youth is working on programs. The Library extended the book sale due to popular demand and pickle ball is on the agenda.

Diane Recupero would like to meet with the Board and talk about ordering Picnic tables and benches.

Mayor Jarvis was asked if the parking lot below Captain Visgers could be one way going in due to the congested area. That will save a headache. He was also asked if a one way can be made on Market Street by the new medical building. Trustee Derrigo is working on this with Superintendent Parrow. The boxes on streets are working and he would like to utilize it in the rest of parking spaces.

**DPW Report:** Superintendent Parrow wants to try to keep the water on for the restrooms for the Halloween festival. The sweeper is fixed again, he has prices on one for the Board to review. The Wastewater Treatment Plant has a new meter in place. Sand is being hauled for winter. Shrubs on Bethune Street have been pruned. The sign is up at Thomson Playground. Have benches been allocated with the Streetscape project? A truck has been dressed in case of inclement weather early. Railings should be done next week on the Chavoustie property. A 4 foot sidewalk will be put in also.

Mr. Stewart informed the Board that he will be sending the Village a bill for gravel and the tear out on the properties on Bethune Street.

**Old Business:**

**REDI:** A progress meeting was held, and things are on schedule for the REDI project. Gregor Smith would like a walk through for the projects. Piles are done at the wharf and they are starting to work on the knee wall. They will be working on the Water plant to raise the floors. Pay app # 2 \$139,175.00.

**Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Derrigo to sign Pay App#2 for \$ 137,175.00, all in favor, Motion carried. An emergency meeting was held to remove a wall at the Water Plant to not hold up the project for \$ 15,000.00. The contractor was ready to start the work and to keep the wall would require a tear out later.

**Streetscape:** Playground is completed. Sidewalks are done. Holland Street ramp is too steep; it should be 12 degrees not 16 degrees as what is there. The Mayor has spoken to Mr. Sweet about that issue. They are still waiting for railings. A meeting with EDR will need to be held.

**Pickle Ball:** Superintendent Parrow met with Greg Wills and the Town about how to grade the area and for Pickle Ball courts. The ground will have to be brought up a foot to work. Type 9 milling will be needed. They will continue to move forward.

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**New Business:**

Phil Reed called the Mayor in reference to Air B&B's and they County is looking to add a collection of Occupancy Tax from Short-term Rental Properties. **Motion by:** Trustee Derrigo, seconded by Trustee Demo to approve a letter of support to Jefferson County.

**Alexandria Bay Figure Skating Club: Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Strough to approve the ABFSC to use the Community room on December 3<sup>rd</sup>,2022 for Kris Kringle Mart, and use of the kitchen with approval from the Fire Department, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Closing Office for Lunch: Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Derrigo to close the office from 12:00 to 12:30, Monday – Friday, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Red Cross: Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Strough to approve use of the Community Room March 23,2023 pending no Village or Fire Department or Chamber events are pending, all In favor, Motion carried.

**Technical Services: NY Forward: Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Demo to hire BCA with Hartley Bonisteel Schweizer (Labella Association) for \$ 8,500.00 for NY Forward Round #7 and to hire DANC on an hourly basis for technical services for the NY Forward funding, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Public Concerns:** Chris Vaphiadis asks the Board to extend the weekday for a hour to accommodate customers, and for traffic and safety concerns would the Village consider using Traffic mirrors for motorists to be able to see better on Miller Avenue, and one on Otter Street.

Sam Vaphiadis asks if someone can explain why we have the worst internet service around?

**Executive Session: Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Strough to enter into executive session for specific personnel at 7:06 pm, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Regular Session: Motion by:** Trustee Derrigo, seconded by Trustee Demo to enter into Regular Session at 7:26 pm, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer seconded by Trustee Fulmer rescind Motion to close office for lunch and to keep the Village Office open for Lunch with one going to lunch at 12 and the other at 12:30, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Adjourn: Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Derrigo to adjourn at 7:27 pm, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Molly Briere**

**Clerk-Treasurer**

