

Village of Alexandria Bay  
Public Hearing/Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2025  
5:15 pm  
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Mayor Putnam called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Public Hearing- 5:15pm-** Resolution to Adopt Local Law #9 of 2025- Repeal and Replace Section 110-3, Fees for a fine for mowing grass in The Village. \$400 fine each time the Village DPW has to cut your grass.

**Trustee Caputo** motioned to close the Public Hearing.

**Trustee Fulmer** Seconded.

All in favor-Aye.

**Trustee Caputo- motion to Resolution to Adopt Local Law #9 of 2025**

**Trustee Strough-Seconded. All in Favor- Aye.**

**Roll Call Vote-** Trustee Fulmer- Yes

Trustee Millett- Yes

Trustee Strough- Yes

Trustee Caputo- Yes

Mayor Putnam- Yes

**Regular Board meeting:**

**Public Comments / Concerns: None**

**Correspondence:** Amy Garlock- Waive late fee for water/sewer bill not arriving on time. No action.

**Discussion on the minutes of last meeting. February 11,2025 Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to approve Minutes. **Trustee Caputo** Seconded it. All in favor-Aye.

**Paying of Bills: Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to approve **Abstract #9. Trustee Strough** seconded it. All in favor-Aye.

**Zoning Report: Mr. Shimmel-** “Planning Board met last Wednesday and approved the River Hospital addition. They have 5 businesses and individuals that have offered off-site parking to meet the requirement as the variance back in 2017 allowed them to do.

We had a Public Hearing with 24 Bethune St. Conditions to approve the floating dock. Its going to be 26 foot in length. The opening in the bay has increased by 100 foot. Part of the stipulations is the court case is still pending in Town Court. Part of the condition is they have to plead guilty to violation of installing it without site plan approval 3 or 4 years ago. That will be up to the judge to set the fine. That’s not in our jurisdiction. The old dock has to be out and new one by the first of June. Their attorney was here and said they would abide by all of the conditions that we set. There were 5 or 6 conditions to this.

I’m in the process of drafting a letter to the businesses. I’m going to put it under the mayor. Our sign Law. Which was something that was overlooked last year. Hopefully they will know what’s on the book and there shouldn’t be any questions. The biggest issue is sidewalk clearance.

So now the controversial one. Jarret called me, down on Market between Skiffs and Dockside, the building collapsed. Amy the representative for the owner wants to hire an Engineer to save the structure. Jason Crump is concerned about Skiffs being compromised as it put a hole in the wall. Jason condemned the roof that fell in today. I asked him to send me a letter stating what needs to be done and why. The village has two ways to deal with this. We can determine an emergency, and we have procedures to go through to come to compliance. Also the County does too. The County does it and it doesn’t cost the village anything. Jason issues the letter to the owner, and they have 30 days to correct it. After the 30 days the county attorney sends a letter. They have 30 days to respond to that letter. After that it goes to Supreme Court. The fine can be very substantial. We do have an unsafe building law that we adopted in 2021 that gives the village power to go in and start the proceedings. Its up to the Trustees and how you want to proceed with it. “

**DPW Report: Jarrett-** “Trees have been cut down on Anthony Street Extension. Contractor from National Grid came and finally cut them down. They chipped what could be chipped. The boat ramp we have dredged. Our blocks for our wall on James Street showed up today. The second load will be here Thursday morning. We will probably get the sweeper out but with it being cold it was going to be Friday but now it’s Monday. I ask that if you have lawn

clippings you keep it between the sidewalk and the curb. That way when we sweep, we aren't trying to sweep around piles of leaves and piles of tree branches. We got the weights off the trucks and the sanders all emptied. We also got the first rinsing off them. Other than that, we did a lot of snow removal, but you would never know it. that's all I have."

**Mayor Putnam-** "I would just like to make a note and thank the town and county for helping us do that dredging on the boat ramp."

### **Trustee Reports:**

**Trustee Fulmer-** "I don't have much to say. Office is working well together. We did order shirts for the season for the different departments. Usually, she runs an ad at the end of March/April to start advertising and we were wondering if you wanted anything sooner to let me know if you do. Other than that, that's about all that I have. "

**Trustee Caputo-** "I've been talking with the guy for the tennis court repair and one of the things he says we have to do is dig a trench on the lower courts to stop the tree roots from coming up. You have to go 4 foot deep and a bucket wide. To trench that out to kill those roots so it will stop pushing up through. We really need to cut more of those trees back. Whatever help I can get with that, as soon as possible, as soon as the weather breaks. The other thing is to ask the Town not to put a fence around the pickle ball courts. We need to grade that off and put a fence across the middle to block off the 2 courts."

**Trustee Millett-** The sewer plant is still running ok. They are fixing stuff, and the plant is 50 years old and needs a lot of work. They had a bad sample the other day while it was pouring rain, so he is going to take another sample and see if it comes back bad again. Muffin monster is ordered and should be here next week. The tractor trailer is being set up for inspection."

**Police Report: Mayor Putnam-** "I don't have one in here and it probably wouldn't change from last month."

**Trustee Fulmer-** "I do know they wrote a bunch of tickets. They have been out more and not staying at the building the whole time."

**Trustee Caputo-** "So that you guys know what we are talking about, I called civil service today because we are entertaining getting a full time police chief. I called out to Jefferson County to see what we would have to do. They sent us a copy of the job description and they basically said you advertise the position, and you wait for candidates. They do not have to have taken the police chief test, yet we could hire them as the interim. We don't have to accept anybody, but I would like to make a motion that we advertise."

**Trustee Millett**-“I will seconded it.”

**All in Favor**-Aye

**Project Reports: BCA- Gregor-** “. We had our progress meeting, and the next one is scheduled for April 2nd at 4pm. We are scheduling the inspection with RP Adams. They are doing it the week of the 24<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have a coordination meeting this Friday. It will be a virtual meeting at 10am to be on the same page. The department of health reviewed the tank and distribution system plans. We have a few revisions and will be going back in for hopefully, regulatory approval.

**Public Concerns:** None

**Trustee Fulmer**-“I will make a motion to adjourn”

**Trustee Caputo**-“I will seconded it”

**All in Favor**- Aye