

Village of Alexandria Bay  
Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2025  
5:30 pm  
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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Regular Board meeting:**

**Public Comments / Concerns: Carrie Forsythe** from Gordon Courts- Having issues with maintenance there. Took 6 months to get a door knob. United Helpers won't help. Trustee Millett will get with his brother Brad Millett who is on the Gordon Court Board.

**Erica Sanford-** I'm asking to possibly get surveillance cameras in the village for security. I talked to Bobbie Cantwell, he's a legislator. He told me that they did an installation in Clayton. You will have to create a camera policy with a lawyer and that's \$2000.00. The cameras are video only no sound. They can't be pointed towards anyone's dwelling windows. There are also grants available.

**Todd Sanford-** I would like to thank Doug Strough and Judy Fulmer for addressing the issue at 28 Otter.

**Mark Keel-** I'm asking again about allowing private golf carts on the golf course.

**Correspondence:** Mayor Putnam- I got a letter from Barb Brown about the leak we had. She was very pleased with talking to Greg, Jarrett and Sara in the office and how the village handled the leak on Rock St. over Mother's day.

**Discussion on the minutes of last meeting. April 8, 2025.** Trustee Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Strough seconded. All in favor- Aye.

**Paying of Bills: Abstract # 11-** Trustee Fulmer made a motion to accept the bills as presented and transfer the monies as per the accountant. Trustee Caputo seconded. All in favor-Aye.

**Trustee Reports:**

**Trustee Strough-** DPW has dug up 3 sewers and repaired them. 4 water lines, and they had the water main break the other day. They repaired that. The bathrooms on the dock and the pavilion are open. Parking meters are going up tomorrow. All the sand barrels are picked up. All of the kill switches have been put in the big trucks as per the insurance company. All the people putting brush out, not so much as brush, but grass clippings and garden clippings and stuff like that. Jarrett would like them to please put it in a plastic bag, so it makes it more convenient for them to pick up. They have been really busy this year. They started to paint the lines downtown, by the end of the week they should have it done. They started garbage pick up on the Islands. 3 of the employees do have the boater's safety licenses.

Friday we are going to help them on the Community Clean up. The DPW with the kids and all of that. Jarrett is going to take care of all that. The seawall that we put up downtown by Thompsons, they are going to fabricate a railing, in house, because it should have a railing on it.

**Police Report: Mayor Putnam-** The police department had 9 complaints, 0 arrests, 0 V&T tickets issued and 7 warnings. 0 Parking tickets issued, 4 warnings and 11 building checks. Officer Surace has completed his field training. For those that don't know we actually have in our By-Laws a 25 mph speed limit. We are going to start changing for those that are concerned especially Catherine Ave, Walton St., High St., and Anthony St.

We have advertised for Police Chief and had 3 applicants. 1 has already been interviewed. We just have to interview the other 2 and see what happens there.

Another thing that's not really police but I will bring it up. The building that the roof collapsed on. I made them put a canopy like you see in the city over it for the safety of the people walking on the street.

**Zoning Report: Mr. ShimeL-** We sent out a letter to all of the business owners about sandwich boards and the laws. I want to thank Erica and Sara for all of their help with addressing and sending it out for me. Labella will do a presentation for the 25mph speed limit.

**Gregor-** DOT will come in and do a study too. Church street.

**Lee-** Orleans is too small to hold the presentation so whether we have it here or at the town.

**Ted Kileiki-** Sandwich boards will be coming down at 10-11pm, when will they be able to put them back up?

**Lee-** When they open.

**Mayor Putnam-** they can be no more than 3 feet from the entrance and tethered to the building. They cant be sitting out on the sidewalk.

**Trustee Fulmer-** Basically its from when they are open to when they close.

**Trustee Millett-** Pat says they are having trouble with a high lift pump down at the Water Plant. They repaired the service line on High St. They had a leak on Walton and Market. They removed the old service line. They had to dig and repair a sump pump line at the Water Plant. They dug and repaired the force main at the bus garage. They did 57 Work orders. They installed 46 new meters for 186 total done.

**Trustee Fulmer-** Did Kevin from the sewer plant talk to either one of you? I told him to get 3 different prices from 3 different companies for a mower.

**Trustee Caputo-** I would like to make a motion to have Town and Village residents over 80 have the golden pass. Trustee Fulmer seconded. All in favor Aye.

I would like to make a motion to allow personal carts to use but not stay on the golf course. You bring it in and take it, but you still have to pay. Trustee Strough seconded. All in favor Aye.

Looking through the budget for the golf course, the loss is only \$26,000.00. I am confident that we will narrow that down a little bit because we have a lot of season passes that get

purchased in May. I'm sure we're going to have a loss but I'm thinking it's going to be a little bit more reasonable. We did get a sprayer. They ended up going down to Massachusetts. Greg is very proud of it. It cost us \$10,000.00. It was on this year's budget; it will pay for itself pretty quickly. Jarrett took the backhoe up to clear out some trees. The golf course does look great!

**Project Reports: BCA- Gregor-** A few updates on the water project. We had the progress meeting last week. I know Sandy and Greg weren't there so it's probably more updates for them. The Department of Health out of Albany had a couple of comments on the most recent submission. Those have been addressed and those were for the distribution upgrades and the water storage tank. At the progress meeting we reviewed everything, and Judy actually helped advertise and that should be Thursday in the Watertown Daily Times. There will be 2 contracts, one for the water storage tanks and one for the electrical. The electrical will be a fairly small contract, so there may be some local contractors that may be interested in that. The bid opening date is June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Community Development Block Grant. We applied for it last year.

Trustee Fulmer made a motion to hire G&G to do the application for the new grant. Trustee Strough seconded it. All in favor Aye.

**New Business: Jim Chiras-** Sales Manager for Chalks Marina- in water Boat Show at the Village docks. June 20-22, 2025. Trustee Caputo made a motion to allow the Boat Show. Trustee Millett seconded. All in favor Aye.

**Resolution #10 of 2025- Vacations, Sick Leaves and Leaves of Absence-Trustee Caputo-** Motion to approve resolution. Trustee Fulmer seconded. All in favor Aye but Trustee Caputo wants to amend #2 with public officers and in addition elected officials that miss 3 meetings will no longer get paid.

**Trustee Fulmer-** We had 2 water leaks and 1 EDU change. Trustee Fulmer made a motion to approve the water credits. Trustee Strough approved. All in favor Aye.

**Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to approve Online Government Accounting School Course for Erica and Sara. Trustee Millett seconded. All in favor Aye.

**Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to hire seasonal DPW Wayne Gillett, DPW MEO Rober Shoulette, Dock Attendants, Kierstyn Travers, Kammie Johnston, Tim Morris and Cooper Hadley, Along with Lifeguards Noah Bosley, Tracy Malinowski, and Grace Churchill. Trustee Caputo seconded. All in favor Aye.

**Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to approve using the extra cell phone in the office for verifications. Trustee Millett seconded. All in favor Aye.

**Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to approve the Fire District painting the fire hydrants. To know which hydrants, have what flow. Trustee Strough seconded. All in favor Aye.

**Public Concerns:** Todd Sanford would like a no littering sign put up near Otter Creek.

**Trustee Caputo** made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:43pm to discuss Employees. Trustee Fulmer seconded. All in favor Aye.

