

Village of Alexandria Bay
Public Hearing/Regular Meeting
April 8, 2025
5:15 pm
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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Public Hearing- 5:15pm- Tentative Budget 2025/2026

Trustee Caputo motioned to open the Public Hearing.

Trustee Millett- Seconded.

All in Favor-Aye

Brent Sweet asked what the Employer expenses are for the employees.

Trustee Caputo said that he doesn't have the full breakdown of what each employee is paid but she can make a copy for him.

Brent Sweet also asked about golf, tennis and pickleball passes. He would like to get ahead of it this year so when it comes up and the weather breaks, we can figure out a system. I don't know what was done in the past or how we did it. We would like to split it 50/50.

Trustee Caputo said that she thinks from her perspective the village taxpayers are already paying for the golf course, so for us to give away 10 passes, personally I don't want to see it. We are already looking at a \$50,000.00 loss this year. We had a \$40,000.00 loss last year. I'd love to see there be an opportunity for kids to get a reduced rate or whatever. I think its up to the town because they handled the youth programs.

Trustee Fulmer- "We might need another Joint Meeting to talk about this."

Trustee Caputo made a motion to close the public hearing.

Trustee Strough seconded.

All those in favor – Aye.

Regular Board meeting:

Public Comments / Concerns: Erica Sandford-" We have some pictures here about water flow from drain run off and some water that's being created right now at the sidewalk.

Trustee Fulmer-" Where is this?"

Erica Sandford-" This is on Otter Street.

Trustee Strough-" We are addressing this right now. I was up there this weekend and looked it all over. We are pretty sure its our forced main has a leak in it. We have the road all saw cut and tomorrow morning we are digging it."

Todd Sandford-" I seen that and its been broke since last year, whatever, it's the catch basins. I don't have one. It goes down my driveway and it erodes my wall, takes the sand out of there that I have for kayaks and things, two or three times a summer. There needs to be a catch basin there and a pipe of some sort going along side of the guard rails or whatever. That's not our responsibility and I cant have it no more.

Trustee Strough- " I will be up that way tomorrow and we will assess the issue."

Correspondence: Letter from Gordon Courts about sidewalks being in disrepair and need snow removed.

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

Paying of Bills: Trustee Millett made a motion to approve **Abstract #10. Trustee Strough** seconded it. All in favor-Trustee Caputo- Abstain.

Zoning Report: Mr. ShimeL- “Next Wednesday, Planning Board will meet. We have 2 site plan reviews. They are both on Market Street next to Jreck Subs. A couple retail businesses want to come in there. I went to a Tug Hill meeting last Tuesday and one of the sessions was reducing speeds. The mechanics involved in it. Its all in how the State deals with it.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Caputo- “I will start with the golf course. Season Passes.

Golf Rates:

*Students under 17- \$100

*Village Residents- \$220

*Non-Village Residents- \$290

Tennis/Pickleball rates:

*Students under 17- \$90

*Village Residents- \$125

*Non-Village Residents- \$140

Daily Green fees are good. League rate should go up to \$12. Cart rental \$13 per person or \$20 if two people in cart. No private golf carts are kept on the course anymore. If you want to drive it up there, you have to show proof of insurance and you will still pay the cart pass. VILLAGE NOT LIABLE.

Trustee Caputo would like to make a motion to accept the golf rates for the 2025 season.

Trustee Strough Seconded.

All in Favor- Aye

Trustee Caputo makes a motion to approve to pay up to \$12,000 for a sprayer for the golf course.

Trustee Strough Seconded.

All in Favor- Aye

New Hires: Trustee Caputo made a motion to hire: Gregory Fetterly, Roderick Tidd, Ronald Cole, Melissa Briere, Richard Howard and Lee LaRock. James Kitchen as a backup only.

Trustee Strough Seconded.

All in Favor- Aye.

Trustee Strough- “Everything is going good with the DPW. We have a sewer problem that we are going to take care of tomorrow.

DPW Report: Jarrett- “We have had the sweeper out. Chipping, cleaning up from storm. The sea wall that has been put in. The boat ramp on Holland Street is open. We are working on Otter Street tomorrow. “

Trustee Strough- “Hopefully next week we will be pouring concrete on top of the wall to finish that off.”

Trustee Millett- “The month of March in the Water Plant is Satisfactory condition. We disassembled a filter to make sure they were bad. We didn’t want to buy new ones if they weren’t bad. It is time. The one we took apart is ate up pretty bad. That’s it from me. I didn’t get anything from Kevin, so I don’t know what’s going on in the Sewer Plant.”

Trustee Fulmer- “We have 3 people so far that want to be dock attendants. I only have one person who wants to come back and lifeguard so if anyone knows anybody. I need 5 but 4 can work. The office, we seem to be working well together. Theres a much cheerier attitude. I keep going in there and saying we are missing something because we are so ahead. We have the tee shirts that we need. We are ready for the season to start.”

Police Report: Trustee Fulmer- “The police department had 9 complaints, 0 arrests, 0 V&T tickets issued, 3 warnings5 parking tickets issued 0 warnings and 11 building checks. The police department has also hired another part time patrol officer. The officer is replacing Officer Moran who has resigned. I need a motion to hire Pasquale Surace.

Trustee Millett made a motion to hire part time officer Pasquale Surace.

Trustee Caputo Seconded.

All in Favor- Aye.

Trustee Fulmer- “Also with the office and Josh’s help we would like to hire Diana Fram as our Meter Attendant.”

Trustee Caputo- “I will make that motion to hire her.”

Trustee Strough- Seconded.

All in Favor-Aye.

Project Reports: BCA- Gregor- “. Updates on the Water Improvement Project, Greg reviewed the condition of the filters. The concern is with the metal thickness. Mainly behind areas that were corroded. They scraped off some of the corrosion to check the metal thickness. That’s what their concern was during their inspection. Our next progress meeting is scheduled for May 8th. Other updates, we are working with Jim on the critical easements. We sent a list that are critical to the water line construction. Funding updates, Congressionally Directed Spending. The funding comes through the Senators. We submitted the water project and will probably hear back in a few months. CDBG was denied but we should still be able to reapply this year. It’s up to \$2 million in grants. You completed the income survey to qualify and that’s typically good for 3 years. Other updates, the plans were submitted back to the Department of Health. We are hopeful that they can approve the water line work and the tank work. I think its worth while for the Board to approve bidding the tank contingent on the Health Department giving the approval. Strictly for the tank portion.”

Trustee Caputo made the motion to put the bid out for the water project tank pending DOH approval.

Trustee Millett- Seconded.

All in Favor-Aye.

New Business: Trustee Fulmer-“Next on our list is Village Spring Clean Up Week. Spring Clean Up Week will be May 5th- May 9th. “

Trustee Strough made the motion to approve Clean Up Week.

Trustee Millett- Seconded.

All in Favor- Aye.

Trustee Fulmer-“Everyone in their packets got the Health Renewal Rate increase. It is a 5% renewal increase.”

Trustee Millett made the motion to approve the Health Renewal Rate.

Trustee Strough- Seconded.

All in Favor- Trustee Caputo- No.

Trustee Fulmer- “Next is Annual Compliance training. The Town of Clayton has invited other Municipalities to take part in it.”

Trustee Strough- “Jarrett you are picking up trash on the islands and you are sending the guy out on the boat. As of January 1st, 2025, you have to have a boater’s certificate license. You have to make sure they have it or take the course.”

Trustee Millett- “ BoatUSA is free.”

Jarrett-“I will make sure they have it.”

Trustee Fulmer- “Right now its Mike and I on check signing, bank approval. They needed to move money the other week for payroll and we really need someone in the office to do that. I feel comfortable asking Erica to do that.

Trustee Strough made a motion to put Erica Dest as a signer for the banking.

Trustee Millett -Seconded.

All in Favor- Aye.

Trustee Fulmer- “Public Work Contractors. The contractors have to be registered with the state. The contractors will receive up to a \$1000 fine if not.”

Trustee Caputo-“I sent him down to see you guys. Cause I know when I tell you guys certain requirements you don’t always listen, so I said you go down and you see them. That way when I tell them to do something they won’t think I’m crazy.”

Mary Kleinhan-“Board of Directors of the Paynter Senior Center.

The Paynter Senior Center is a non-profit organization serving our senior population in the towns of Alexandria, Clayton, Cape Vincent and Orleans. We offer opportunities for socialization, hot meals, fitness and education. We also offer transportation to grocery stores, bank, Post Office and off-site activities.

Public Concerns: Brad Millett- “I got to thinking about something when Jarrett was talking. In the ordinance is there anything in there about the cardboard being broke down? I think these people need to be notified. Trash cans with no tops on them, bags beside them. We are coming up to crow season. Also in the ordinance I don’t think garbage is suppose to be out until the day before after 5pm. “

The office will write up an ad in the TI Sun for garbage.

Trustee Caputo made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Trustee Strough- Seconded.

All In Favor- Aye.

