

Village of Alexandria Bay
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2026
5:30 p.m.
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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 Meeting-

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Minutes: August 11, 2026- Trustee Fulmer made the motion to accept. Trustee Millett Seconded. All in Favor- Aye.

Bills: Abstract # 3 as presented- Trustee Millett made the motion to accept the bills. Trustee Fulmer seconded. All in favor- Aye.

DPW Report: Jarrett Parrow- “We fixed the road over on Holland Street where we had it dug up. Within a 2-week time span, both docks had shorted out on the lights. The one down by Uncle Sam, they put the GFI breakers in and there and it was gone already on that. On the other end there’s a station light on the far end that somebody broke the top off of. So that shut that one down, so we covered that one up. We’ve got 2 stanchions ordered to replace them down on that end. The usual just setting up for things, meter collection, grass and brush. We had a tire blow on our 2010 International loaded. It was coming back from getting some road sand. The gentlemen that changed it from Long Park said the code date on that tire is 2008. The trucks a 2010, so there’s original to it. You guys will see some prices in there that I put new tires on it. I gave you guys a quote for a new rooftop unit. That’s a starting point for the Board to know, that’s what we are looking at. We hauled all the road sand in for the winter. The beach report I got from Claude Curly when he came in, we didn’t get wrote up or anything but there is one thing that he stated in there before we reopen that he would like us to paint the dive pier. Id like to get to it when the water goes down this fall. The 1987 Ford 9000 needs kingpins and to put more money into that truck, it’s probably not a great idea. If we could maybe surplus it and hang on to the money and put it to the international.” Trustee Strough made the motion to sell the 1987 Ford 9000. Trustee Fulmer seconded. All in favor- Aye.

Jarrett- “So maybe next year’s budget, 2010 that’s our frontline truck. Chevy has, its kind of a 5 ton. The town is just getting to one, but International stepped back away from being in cahoots with them, but it’s a 5-ton. They come now with front mount pumps, the wing and a plow, so it would replace the 2010 that would be back to a regular dump truck and then use that smaller truck, be a little bit better on the streets.”

Police Report: Chief Mancini- “I’ll do stats first. 23 calls for service for August, 5 accidents and 198 parking tickets issued. I applied for a grant. It’s called a Law Enforcement Tech Grant. The total of the grant is \$100,000. The things I asked for were cameras throughout the village, which were to include upgrading the cameras here in the building to get it all in one system, a plate reader on the front sign here, a plate reader on the Arch, and then about 5 or 6 cameras throughout the village in key spots. These cameras are not to record sound. They’re just video and they’re to be utilized, for when we have accident or any kind of incident throughout the village. That’s through Doyle. I have their quote here. So that’s part of what I’m asking for the grant. Through Motorola I’m asking for a base station and a little upgrade on the radio system for us and that’s about \$11,000 of that grant. And then about \$27,000 of that grant is Axon body cameras. That gets you through for 4 years. About \$2,600 for a computer. That computer is to act like a server for all the equipment we use. We already have cameras here; I’m just upgrading their capability.” Trustee Caputo made a motion that if the grant goes through that we proceed with the 4 or 5 items that Marco had applied for the grant for to include the cameras throughout the village and the reader and the other stuff that he has. Trustee Strough seconded. All in favor- Aye.

Attorney Burrows- “The only real aspect that you’ll run into at some point is a question of foil requests. The extent of if somethings recorded, if its maintained, how long do they maintain it, what are our obligations if someone submits a foil request, because what I’ve seen over the last couple of years especially there are different individuals and companies throughout the country that serve these blanket requests to get all kinds of information from municipalities.”

Chief Mancini- “So one more thing. So, when I first started, we discussed this when I was hired that at some point I want to get a full timer. I have an individual by the name of John Walker, who scored number 2 on the county test. He works for Fort Drum. Part time for Theresa PD and Sackets Harbor. He is certified as a police officer so you would not have to put him through an academy.”

Trustee Fulmer- “Can we get numbers from you?”

Trustee Caputo- “My big question is, you’re talking about November. November the sidewalks have rolled up, and within the last couple of months, we hired 2-part timers, so what is your plan for them? Because I don’t see anyway that we need 2 full timers and 2-part timers that you’re giving up to 20 hours for. What is your plan overall?”

Chief Mancini- “Full-timer is my priority. So, the 2 of us are priority because we’re full time. The part timers still should be able to get the hours because they just have to work the days or nights that somebody else is not working and it gives us more coverage.”

Trustee Caputo- “What I’m saying is November, December, January, February, we probably don’t need somebody on every single day. That’s where I’m getting at with your budget. Will some of these part-timers not work during the winter but here for you

in the spring when we ramp up and need it. That's how I foresee this being doable. I tried to look at the budget today and I could not figure out the Police Department budget. "

Chief Mancini – "So last year's budget when it ended and what I was given for part timers, I don't think I even met it halfway. So, I had an extra \$40,000 in my part-time budget. I can look at the numbers and tell you where we are so far, again the coverage wasn't as I had expected that I wanted. So, when were not around State Police and the Sheriff's office still have to respond when there's things. What it's going to alleviate is State Police don't have to respond if our guy is here."

Trustee Caputo- "Let's be serious now, the State Police still respond because you guys don't do DWI. There's a lot of stuff that you guys don't do. So, the State Police are always responding. "

Chief Mancini- "That's because the people that I have don't have the training but the new guys that I have, have the training for DWI, so they can do DWI's. So, my goal for the full timer is for him and I and anybody else that wants it is to go and get certified in the breathalyzer that we have. I can process people and arrest people. I do have that capability. It just doesn't happen that often because I'm only here 40 hours."

Trustee Caputo- "I love the idea of the full-timer. Don't get me wrong. I'm just bringing up were going into slow season. What are you doing with these 2 brand new part timers that were getting up to 20 hours."

Mayor Putnam- "I say get the numbers together for us. I'm looking at the savings for not having to train somebody"

Jarrett Parrow- "Can I just interrupt for a minute, so I can go myself, to get back to Heather? Cleanup week. October 5th - 9th, 2026 for Fall clean up.

Project Reports: Gregor- "I will start with a tank update. Things are starting to wrap up with the tank. We met onsite with the fence contractor. I think we've got the layout figured out and it's actually marked out. If anyone wants to go up and look at that. Switching to distribution. We switched the meeting from last week to this Friday. Hopefully that works for everyone. We're going to have a meeting to go through with Lawman, talk about schedule. Also, we're going to do a pre-blast meeting. So, there's going to end up being 2 pre-blast meetings and this is going to be so they can start village work away from the DOT highway. So, we'll go through a pre-blast meeting, talk through that with their blaster. I know Marco left. We should have Marco there if he's on or somebody to represent the police department. I'd also like to get the Fire Department, and they likely will start on Fuller. I don't know if there's a rep from the hospital that may want to be onsite also. They are going to try to use the existing trench as much as possible, but I think they are anticipating some blasting along there. I know every meeting I talk about easements. I think one is a critical one and then 2 general easements. There's a couple on Rock that would be good to try to secure if possible. And Water Filtration Plant. We reached out to Claude at DOH and he's set with everything. We did reach out to Albany DOH for final approval and then we can advertise that for bid. I would expect in the next couple of weeks we'll get that final approval from Albany. We

are anticipating the filters shipping by the end of the month. That was part of the goal to have those in place and ready.

Trustee Reports: Trustee Fulmer- “Just a quick update. The dock attendants and lifeguards are gone for the season. We had no major complaints or problems with any of them anywhere. The lifeguards this year, I thought were really good. We put out paperwork for the single audit that we have to do for the one grant. We only got one response. We have to send out more letters and do more advertising. We need at least 2 to start for that. Everyone got in their bin a paper for the New York Forward Small Project Fund. We are going to put that in the paper. Deadline is October 9th, 2026, at 4pm to submit applications.”

Trustee Caputo- “Golf Course has been a great season, great summer. When I looked at the numbers last week, we’re at a profit of about \$40,000.00 this year, which is great because we need a few new carts next year. Had a little hiccup a couple of days because Melissa, luckily for her, bad for us, got a full-time job at the school, so help has been a little tough. Last Thursday we had a hiccup. We had a tournament and nobody was there to open because Richard was ill. It’s ok we got through it. Beyond that still mowing all the time. It’s been very labor intense, but they’ve all done a great job. We have about another 6 weeks to go.”

Trustee Millett- “They’ve done the bulk of the meters. They say they have 3 meters left and those 3 that they have to do the waters been off. They’re not meters that they have to worry about right now. They have one that is scheduled for September, which I’m thinking that’s Riveredge. There’s one that they need help from the board to control or do something. I haven’t heard from that either, so I don’t know what that is. Nobody said anything about it to me. I’ve seen them all. I’ll find out tomorrow when I catch one of them. They dug and replaced the curb stop at 15 Anthony. They dug and replaced a curb stop at 12 High. They are pumping down that wet well that will cost \$60,000.00 to fix. If I can look at it maybe I can help them get the chain straightened out. They are supposed to start working on the building. I hope they like working on it in the cold. I think there’s more stuff to do yet. But they got to get it done because it’s going to come into crap season here pretty quick. That’s all I got.”

Old Business:

1: *Un-Metered Water Policy-* Consider a Policy for outside sales of water-Need a draft drawn up and how the board wants to handle it when somebody comes to them and say they want to fill their pool. It should be through the Fire District not Fire Department.

2: *GPS Fleet Tracking-*Village Vehicles- Tracking on 6 vehicles demonstration at 3:45pm on Friday September 11th, 2026.

New Business:

1: *TI Antique Classic Boat Society*- Use of Docks July 24, 2027- **Trustee Fulmer** made the motion to approve use of docks. **Trustee Strough** seconded. All in favor-Aye.

2: *Office Closed*- 9/28 @ 2:30pm to Attend County Workshop for Public Meetings & Record Keeping

3: *New Golf Course Maintenance Hire*- David Decondo ***Clubhouse Hires***- Terry Brennan, Mary Katherine Maine **Trustee Caputo** made the motion to hire the Golf Attendants. **Trustee Millett** seconded. All in Favor-Aye.

4: *Sewer Forgiveness*- 19 High- **Trustee Fulmer** made the motion to approve the sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$422.22. **Trustee Strough** seconded. All in favor-Aye.

5: *Budman* use the golf course again on the 27th for a 2-club tournament. Budman brings in rental carts. The tournament is going to go for the youth programs of Alex Bay area. **Trustee Caputo** made a motion to allow Budman to use the Golf Course. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Trustee Caputo- “Last month I had brought up briefly the reorganization with Hammond in the news right now of dissolving the village before I even came on the board 4 years ago, people had talked to me about it. I never knew enough on how to do the grants and so on and so forth. I thought you had told me at the last meeting that we had already had a study done. When I talked to Tom Haynes today, he said no it was discussed but a study was never done. I’m not saying I’m for it or against it, but I am for doing a study. The information he gave to me today was with all the projects we’ve got going on the study is expensive. Between \$40,000 and \$50,000. There is a grant through the State. They actually have a drop-dead date for the grant application every month. It’s a 50/50 matching. They would pay for half of it and let’s do this study. I’ve talked to Mike about it and I know he feels the same way that I do. We’d like to see a study. The benefits, the pros and the cons for the 2 merging. And then if the board has no interest the voters can initiate this. The taxpayers that have approached me. I did get ahold of the board of elections and there’s currently 647 registered voters in the village of Alexandria Bay. Because we are more than 500 voters you would have to get a petition of 10%.”

Trustee Fulmer- “I remember them doing the study because if we merged with the town the village debt stays with the village. “

Trustee Caputo- “I just think that right now especially since we have separated from the fire department and the fire department is on their own and I want to talk about them next and they’re on their own. Basically, the debt we have cuz haven’t they maybe there’s one or two more payments from them, but for the most part they have paid off all of their debt. So, we don’t have anymore fire department debt hanging over our head. Let’s apply for the grant, let’s do a study. If we do the study and it’s beneficial then let’s put it out for referendum. I’ll get with Thomas to do the resolution as a board first saying we want them to apply for the grant.”

Trustee Fulmer- “What did he say they would charge us to do the grant?”

Trustee Caputo- “He did not. He pretty much acted like it was an absolute yes, we would get it. Have you heard anything in the office? Because up on the hill it’s a buzzing. It’s been in the newspaper. This whole ambulance district because we as a board have to decide if we are going to be in the district or out of the district and they, Brent asked me today how are you guys voting today and I just looked at him and laughed. I said the village has been told nothing. Nobody has come here or had to come here. No one from the Fire Department has come here. Nobody has come to this board on anything and if we didn’t read it in the newspaper, if I wasn’t sitting up at the town, we know nothing about it.”

*Ambulance District meeting on October 7th or 8th at the Village.

*Fire District meeting at Town September 16th at 6pm.

Adjourn:

Trustee Fulmer made the motion to adjourn the meeting until 3:30pm Friday September 11th, 2026. Trustee Caputo seconded. All in favor-Aye.