

*Village of Alexandria Bay
Regular Board Meeting
December 12, 2023
5:30 pm
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Pledge of Allegiance: 5:30 pm

Roll Call:

Trustee Caputo-present
Trustee Fulmer-present
Trustee Millett-present
Trustee Demo-absent
Mayor Putnam-present

Public Concerns: None

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer seconded by Trustee Millett to accept minutes from Regular Meeting, November 14, 2023, Continuation meeting November 28, 2023 and Annual meeting December 4, 2023, all in favor, Motion carried.

Discussion: Trustee Caputo stated that for the date of November 14, 2023 please correct minutes with Trustee Fulmer and litigation.

Rick Thomson asked if the Board has any questions on Pirates weekends? Trustee Fulmer asked if events are the same or different? Rick states that both weekends will be mirrored.

Bills: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to approve Abstract #6 as presented:

General: \$ 78,588.40
Water: \$ 29,047.98
Sewer: \$ 106,280.67
Capital: \$ 342,834.10
TA: \$ 2,035.10
Total: \$ 558,786.57

Motion carried.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Caputo: The beach looked great for the Swim with Santa event. The curtains certainly helped the situation blocking the wind. Thank you to the DPW for the event. Can we keep the curtains up all season? Superintendent Parrow said we can try it and see what happens.

Trustee Fulmer: Alice Beebe from ARC reached out in reference to cleaning the Office and Police Office: **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to approve ARC to come in twice a week and clean the Village Office and Police Office to help teach life skills with their personnel.

Trustee Millett: Xmas Banners are up, and Veteran ones have been taken down for the winter. Mattresses were taken to Watertown. All leaves need to be put in bags at this time for the remainder of the winter. A notice will be put in the Paper and on the Village website. The beach was cleaned for swimming with Santa. Highland Cemetery has been cleaned of brush for water lines. Curtains are closed for events. Signs are being cleaned of graffiti. Trash cans are picked up. New zone levers are installed. 2 shut offs repaired on Green's creek. AJ Morgia is all done. Reinmans are ordering carpet for the Village Office and are 5-6 weeks out.

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Mayor Putnam: Mayor Putnam met with Joshua David from the Police Department, and they discussed coverage issues. He is very disappointed with the ramp on Holland Street. A letter needs to be sent to the Engineer and Contractor in reference to this.

Zoning: Lee Shimel stated the Local Law for the Zoning updates were sent to the State and we are just waiting for the notice to make it effective. Short-term rentals will start to be worked on Wednesday's Comprehensive meeting. Mr. Shimel also spoke of training and 4 hours the Board members need for compliance. In March of 24, a meeting is tentatively discussed for the Village of Alexandria Bay members and Town of Orleans members. Lee will keep us posted. 24 Bethune Street docks are still not in compliance and are being discussed and monitored.

Police Report: None

Old Business:

1. **Agreement with ABFD:** Mayor Putnam asked Attorney Burrows to draw up an agreement for the Village to specify dates for the payment to the Village for the new Building addition for the Fox.

2. **AUSA Riverfest: Motion by:** Trustee Caputo seconded by Trustee Millett to approve the River fest on June 7, 2023, all in favor, Motion carried.

3. **REDI/Streetscape:** D.C Building Systems, Inc. sent application for final payment for \$ 48,022.55 and closing documentation. **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to authorize Mayor Putnam to sign documentation and authorize payment for final payment App # 14 as presented, all in favor, Motion carried.

Streetscape: Supervisor Sweet asked about Payment to the Town for the balance of the Streetscape project. A letter will be sent to the Engineer before measures are taken. Trustee Fulmer asks how the Village is covered if the repairs aren't done?

ABFD: Pay App #1: Motion by: Trustee Caputo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to authorize payment to Con Tech for \$ 38,310.60 for the AFBD addition, all in favor, Motion carried.

Budget Transfer: Motion by: Trustee Caputo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to approve Budget transfer to move approved ARPA funds to Sewer Fund per approved Budget-to cover WWTP expenditures:

AA: 0688.000.000	Other Liabilities-ARPA	\$ 105,007.00
GG: 4089.000.000	Federal Aid-ARPA	\$ 105,007.00
AA: 9901.900.000	Transfer, Other Funds	\$ 105,007.00
GG: 5031.000.000	Interfund Transfer	\$ 105,007.00

New Business:

Dave Roberts: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer seconded by Trustee Millett to deny the request for reinstatement on cancellation of one meter at 1864, all in favor, Motion carried.

Brent Sweet: Supervisor Sweet distributed information on a possible approach and consideration for Water Rate Study Program. **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to table discussion on the referenced study for further discussion and information, all in favor, Motion carried. Trustee Millett abstained; Motion passed.

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Fire Department Repairs: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to table approval of payment until we get a written repair invoice, all in favor, Motion carried. Trustee Caputo asked Attorney Burrows if the Village could put a permissive referendum on the next ballot to see about leasing or selling the Golf Course. The Village can't do that he states. The Village needs to have some recreational space. The Village Board is looking into all options. Renting leasing, selling. They would like to at least break even if the Village keeps it.

Gregor Smith addressed the Board about the Clean State revolving Fund for \$ 4,183,200.00 Million dollars the Wastewater Plant received. This is a 25% award.

Public Concerns:

Russ Schroth talked to the Village Board about opening the can of worms about short term rentals. The Board needs to consider how we will enforce issues. Could the Board do some proactive discussion on this? Does the Village want to consider a Code Enforcement Officer:

Adjourn: Motion by: Trustee Caputo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to adjourn at 7:45 pm, all in favor, Motion carried.

Molly Briere

Clerk-Treasurer

