

Village of Alexandria Bay
Public Hearing/Regular Meeting
August 12, 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 – Present

Public Hearing- 5:15pm- Resolution #3 Reducing Number of ZBA Members

**Trustee Caputo made a motion to open the public hearing, Trustee Fulmer seconded.
No public comment.**

Trustee Caputo made the motion to close the public hearing, Trustee Strough seconded.

**Trustee Caputo made the motion to accept the reduction of ZBA members from 5 to 3.
Trustee Fulmer seconded. All in favor-Aye.**

Roll Call:

**Mayor Putnam-Yes
Trustee Caputo-Yes
Trustee Fulmer-Yes
Trustee Strough-Yes
Trustee Millett-Yes**

Public Hearing- Resolution #4 Adopting the 2025 Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Trustee Fulmer made the motion to open the public hearing, Trustee Strough seconded.

No public comment.

Trustee Caputo made the motion to close the public hearing, Trustee Fulmer seconded.

Roll Call:

**Trustee Fulmer-Yes
Trustee Caputo- Yes
Trustee Strough-Yes
Trustee Millett-Yes
Mayor Putnam-Yes**

Regular Board meeting:

Public Comments / Concerns: None

Correspondence: Court Rutherford” The Fire District would like to ask to be assigned one side of Bethune Street Dock for the fire/ems Boat 3-7-1 for the 2026 season. Would also like to put up a camera on the dock aimed at the boat and run power to a pedestal for the boat battery and equipment charger. We would also like to put up some signage at the end of the street. Emergency vehicle parking only.”

Trustee Millett–“We have tried that dock before and it did not work.”

Court–“We have had a lot of changes in the last 6 months here. One of the changes is the firefighters response is the station. Get their proper apparatus, the proper PPE on because

you cant go fight a fire without proper clothing. Now we are going to have limited personal vehicles to that area. We hope.”

Trustee Fulmer made a motion to allow the fire district to park at the Bethune Street Dock.

Trustee Millett Seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Court-“The next item is a thank you plaque for the Village for the Poker Run. We are also asking for the dates next year and also asking if we can land 3 helicopters behind the police station. Saturday July 18, 2026. **1000 Islands International Charity Poker Run.**

Trustee Caputo made a motion to accept the date for the poker run, **Trustee Fulmer** Seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Court-“The last one is the community for betterment and I have some wet dry bags for all the board members. So we are looking for the second weekend in July. July 10th for all the golf course and tennis courts. Then July 11th is for the parks, pavilion and village beach. All that money goes to the community. We help out a lot of different people that need help. We couldn’t have done this at all without the village so thank you for all of your help. Next year is our 25th anniversary and we haven’t even started yet and have already raised \$30,000.”

Trustee Fulmer made the motion to allow Community betterment to hold it July 10th and July 11th of 2026. **Trustee Strough** seconded it. All in favor-Aye

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

Paying of Bills: **Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to approve **Abstract #3.** **Trustee Caputo** seconded it. All in favor

Zoning Report: Mr. ShimeL- “Last week the planning board met. Down on Anthony st they had to come back to get 2 houses approved as seasonal rentals. Gouverneur Savings and Loan, they do have a sign up there now that says time and temperature and they are changing it to more of a message board, time and temperature. It will be shorter than what’s there now. New code only allows 14 foot. Dark Island Spirits got approved for a second seasonal sign. The sports plex was granted a variance for the back side of the building. On next Wednesday the planning board is meeting for another site plan for the photo booth down on the riverwalk. I’ve issued 2 stop work orders and they ripped them both off and it is breaking the law. We do have an application with it. We will see what happens there.”

Mayor Putnam-“Cornwall Brothers would like the fee waved for their sign.”

Trustee Caputo made the motion to waive the fees for the Cornwall Brothers sign. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded. All in favor-Aye.

DPW Report- Jarrett ‘We have been fixing the finger docks. We fixed 3 sewer laterals on Walton St. that were cracked at the 22s. High St was ground today. In one day. I talked to the guy on the grinder and if we work late tomorrow night that he can grind all of Walton St in one day. So hopefully by tomorrow night all of Walton St will be done. That will save us \$1,600. We have been painting guard rails. We painted the hand rail back up by Chavoustie’s. the salt had gotten to the bottom of it. Trying to get some of the picnic tables up at the Pavilion cleaned up. We are still replacing parking meter posts that are dented. My CDL guy has been hauling sludge from the sewer plant. I would love to have permission for the 450 to decommission it and be put up for surplus. I would like to see if that money we get from that truck be used for a new plow and a new sander.”

Trustee Caputo made a motion to allow Jarrett to put that vehicle up for surplus. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded. All In favor-Aye.

Mayor Putnam-“Speaking of that truck we need to make a motion to accept that too.”

Trustee Millett made the motion to accept the truck from the town of Alexandria. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Trustee Reports-

Trustee Fulmer-“ Right now we have 2 dock attendants. We still have plenty of lifeguards. I will have information for DOCKWA for everyone in the next couple of days.”

Court-“Ice blaster to keep the goop away. It would keep all the seaweed away.”

Trustee Caputo-“Greg is doing a great job of keeping the greens watered. Last Wednesday the Women’s league had a record turnout for their member/guest. We had to rent some carts. We didn’t even have enough from John Cunningham from over in Gouverneur. The Betterment Tournament went awesome. One little mishap, Cathy Satterly fell and broke her ankle. The Town brought in some dirt for around the new pickleball courts. Now we need some good topsoil. DPW will use the fire department’s equipment to fill the pond with river water. Numbers are up on the golf course. As of July 31st the financials are showing a positive \$12,000. **Trustee Caputo** made a motion to pay \$100 to John Cunningham.

Trustee Strough seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Trustee Strough- “We got the speed signs up on the streets.”

Trustee Millett-“They replaced the level transducer. They read their meters for the quarter. They’ve been having trouble with the high lift. Keeps blowing fuses. They’ve installed 35 meters. That means they’ve got 204 residential in and 75 commercial for a total of 279 out of 606 so we have a long ways to go. Pat did a good job on the specs sheet.”

Police Report: Mayor Putnam-“Everybody knows that our chief got sworn in, Marco Mancini and he’s been out. He’s got some notes here. He wanted to be here tonight but he’s in the process of moving. So im going to read his report for him. Parking tickets issued 118. We have received at least 4 notes from drivers who have been very appreciative of the courtesy envelopes. I would like approval to decommission the jail cells. They do not get used enough and future arrested suspects will end up going to Jefferson County jail or being released on appearance tickets.”

Trustee Fulmer-“He just needs to get proper permission to do that.”

Mayor Putnam-“Right he knows. He would like permission to hire Lyndsey Morrow-Kloster as a part time police officer. I am currently doing her background check and will have it completed in about a week. I would like permission to buy a new modem. I recall at one of the board meetings it was discussed placing cameras throughout the village at key locations. I believe those monitors and the reviewing of those cameras should be maintained by the police department. I would like permission to get 3 quotes from local companies who install such equipment. I am working on getting all officers trained in the new tasers with the assistance of Officer Moot. Oh and he appreciates Officer Moot. He has been a big help. We need to make a motion for the modem and also to hire Lyndsey.”

Trustee Millett-“I will make a motion that we hire Lyndsey. **Trustee Strough** seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Mayor Putnam-“That’s pretty much it for the police report. In the short time that he has been here Marco has done a pretty good job.”

Project Reports: BCA- Gregor- “Lets start off with the water project as Greg mentioned the progress meeting last Thursday. Agreements have been signed with both Aqua Store and Blackstone our electrical contractor. Preconstruction meeting is Thursday at 3pm. Our next progress meeting is September 4th at 4pm. One of the big things is Easements. We will have

to talk about the next steps. There's a significant number that have not responded. We may have to do some direct outreach. The filters, we have submitted the application to the health department for review, that way we can bid just the filters alone. The block grant application has been submitted. I do want to bring up the wastewater project. Currently the village was approved for 25%. Since that time they have increased it up to 50%. “

Trustee Fulmer made a motion to give back to EFC the 25% and apply for the 50%. **Trustee Strough** seconded. All in Favor-Aye.

Jarret-“Monday the 25th they are going to mobilize the equipment for the water tower. They asked me to shut down Rockwell St. This Saturday they are doing pre-blast surveys.”

New business- Michelle Nickles of 6 Washington St will get the refund for the raise in EDUs that the prior clerk raised them. \$511.46. **Trustee Millett** made the motion to credit her. **Trustee Strough** seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Trustee Millett made a motion to pay Trustee Caputo for when she paid out of her pocket for a background check before the sheriff's department did it. \$237.59. **Trustee Strough** seconded. All in favor-Aye. **Trustee Fulmer** also voted yes but says for future reference a check should come from the office.”

15 St. Lawrence Ave- Credit to sewer usage for a leak that Pat had seen. \$74.91.

Trustee Fulmer made the motion to forgive the sewer. **Trustee Millett** seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Trustee Fulmer made a motion to set a public hearing for September 9th, 2025 to discuss water/sewer rates. **Trustee Caputo** seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Mayor Putnam signed the letter from **Trustee Caputo** to the Macsherry Library to apply for state grants. **Trustee Caputo** made a motion that the mayor sign the letter. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded. All in favor- Aye.

Public Concerns: Trustee Caputo had a couple of public concerns. She had 2 business owners complain about getting tickets. They are asking for a permit to be able to park for the year. An island owner requested that the village office get a list of phone numbers so that way when trash pickup gets changed their trash isn't sitting out.”

Jarrett-“We actually had laminated notices that we actually left. They said we are moving the date to a Wednesday.”

Trustee Caputo-“TI tourism conference September 22nd in Clayton”.

Mayor Putnam-“Would we the board members like a picture in the Sun, introducing Marco? “

Board-“Ok.”

Trustee Caputo made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss litigation. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded. All in favor **Aye**.

