

Village of Alexandria Bay
Regular Meeting
September 09, 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: Cindy Mack-President of the Alexandria Bay Ladies Golf League-“I want to just thank the Village for a wonderful year that we had. Your staff have been very helpful. Melissa, Rod, Ron and Greg have all been doing a great job checking in on the ladies and organizing the golf carts, maintaining the golf course. Our league has been around since the 1970s and this year we were able to transition to 40 women on the league and we actually have waiting list. We look forward to a successful 2026.”

Correspondence: Mayor Putnam-“This is from a Larry and Virginia Kozak. Good afternoon. This email is being composed and sent in regards to a telephone conversation I had with your office earlier this morning. My wife Virginia and I were at Overlook Park in Alexandria Bay. My wife was the one who called 911 regarding the 16-year-old who is drowning after jumping off the rocks into the St Lawrence seaway. It was just by God's Providence that she walked over there to take some pictures of both Castle and heard one of the other men screaming for help. It was then that she dialed 911. I then started yelling and I don't know if it was that or somebody else got the attention of the lifeguards down at the little Beach on the lower Hill, but they came running up to aid. I believe there was two or three of them. It was Noah who entered the water and retrieved the victim and started CPR. My wife and I just wanted to give a shout out to this outstanding young man who kept his composure and did what needed to be done and thus this man is alive this day. Great job Noah! Larry and Virginia Kozak. That was, he got an award. He did a great job. For anyone that doesn't know what happened, they were jumping off the rocks down there and the guy got out of control and drowned and Noah, he did exactly what his training did. He did a great job and the Village recognized him for it so for a young man he did exactly what he should have done. “

Trustee Fulmer- “He was thrilled to have his picture in the TI Sun with his plaque.”

Mayor Putnam- “And the Watertown Times interviewed him, and I was impressed with the way his composure was in his interview for 18 years old, he did an outstanding job. Ok another letter I got here. I've been told the Alexandria Bay Chamber of Commerce decides on location of music tent. The Town and Village of Alexandria Bay needed to get involved to ensure that, if necessary, emergency services, i.e. fire trucks or ambulances, have quick access to ALL buildings and docks on the South end of James Street.

On Sunday 8/31/25 an elderly woman fell inside Colemans Restaurant. She was bleeding badly from a leg wound. A Colemans employee called 911. It took a while for first responders to arrive due to no street access to the buildings or Town docks at the end of James Street. If there had been a fire on a boat at the Town dock or either of the restaurants, access for a fire truck would be impossible due to the band tent, tables, etc.

The tent needs to be moved northeast on James Street so emergency equipment can access Town docks, restaurants and buildings in an emergency. Fortunately, the injured person at Colemans was able to be moved in a wheelchair. Access to an ambulance would have been impossible. The main tent used to be set up approximately 500 feet northeast, which would allow access to all areas of the downtown area for emergencies.

Before a disaster, i.e. fire, or medical emergency, the music tent needs to be moved. Thank you. Peter Gfroere Just a letter about the tent. That's all the correspondence."

Discussion on the minutes of last meeting. August 12, 2025 Trustee Fulmer made a motion to approve Minutes. Trustee Caputo Seconded it. All in favor-Aye.

Paying of Bills: Trustee Fulmer made a motion to approve **Abstract #3. Trustee Millett** seconded it. All in favor-Aye. **Trustee Caputo-** "Can I make a comment? Normally we would get the sheet that had the individual list with the totals. I didn't notice it last time and we didn't get it this time. Can we make sure we start getting that?"

DPW Report- Jarrett "#1 I would like to start off with asking if we can do clean up week and have it advertised the week of October 6th through the 10th. That would get us past the yard sales. Auctions Internationals came and took pictures of my 2 trucks and the sweeper. They will be posted on Auctions next week starting. They will run for probably 2 weeks, 3 weeks. We spoke last month about maybe the spreader. I didn't send the spreader with it. I did get the prices and again if we make enough money from the scrap or the sale of vehicles maybe we can get the 2 ¼ yard spreader. Plow and head gear for the 74 is \$8550.00. I'm not saying I want an answer or need an answer. I just want to keep you in the loop. After we had ground a couple days afterward, we had another hole in Walton St. so this will be the third one that we have found on that side so luckily it had came around before we actually repaved so we had fixed that. We trimmed some trees. I've had Robert in the shop servicing the 2 pickup trucks. The normal brush pick up and sweeping stuff. Within 5 weeks of this last month, we had 4 weekends with functions. I guess that's it except that everyone sees that Walton St is finally getting paved."

Mayor Putnam-"I just want to add for people that don't know, the Town was a big help on the paving. Providing trucks, manpower, front end loader and I would just like to recognize the Town board."

Jarrett- "Yeah we had 5 dump trucks from the town, 2 loaders so that right there is your 7 guys on shared services. I guess that's it."

Police Report: Mayor Putnam-"First of all I would like to introduce, this is Marco Mancini our new police chief."

Marco-"I handed in what we had for August. There was like 9 complaints, 3 accidents and several building checks. Then Diana did a great job with the parking tickets, I didn't get an exact number but she wrote several tickets and she also did a lot of courtesy envelopes."

Zoning Report: Mr. Shimel -Absent.

Trustee Reports-

Trustee Fulmer-"I can just simply say we have no dock attendants the last week of August, everybody went back to school. I thought they did a good job this summer. The beach we kept open until Labor Day and then everybody went to school. They all did a great job this summer.

Trustee Millett- "I do have one this month. For the month of August, the water plant still is in satisfactory condition. Everybody's noticed the towers on its way down. We had an

electrical issue down in the water plant and that's all fixed. They removed all the Neptune equipment which is stored right now until we find a place for it. They helped the town fix a hydrant. They had a hydrant problem. They are still installing meters, and they are still waiting for Bernier Carr to order the sump pumps."

Gregor-"They will be installed tomorrow. They will be onsite tomorrow."

Trustee Caputo-"Golf course we had, August was another great month. The course continues to look good. We are slowing down. The last league is Thursday night, men's league. They are doing their playoffs. I'd like to ask that we go back to Monday through Thursday, a promotion of \$15 for cart and greens after 3pm to try to generate some of the people that were playing. **I'd like to make a motion that we do Fall Golf Special. Trustee Strough Seconded. All in Favor- Aye.** The fire department normally does a fun day and invite other departments to come play. They pay for the cart and we give them the play for free. The only thing that I would ask is that they do not bring the carts across the street. **I will make a motion that we allow the fire department to use the course on September 14th. Trustee Millett Seconded. All in Favor-Aye.** Some of the things we are looking at for next year is, leagues have done great. These leagues are providing us with a lot of income, which has helped us getting the course in better shape. I think there has to be a little bit of give, give on both sides. We need to look at, when leagues go out to play we give them 2 to 2 ½ hours to play and not having other people jump on."

Project Reports: BCA- Gregor- "The contractor is considering the blasting the week of September 22nd to start the blasting. If that changes, I will let the village know. We talked last week at the progress meeting about the filters. The goal is to advertise just the filters. Tonight if I can get the boards approval to advertise, we will get the notice of the bidders to the village and hopefully by the end of the month, I'd suggest maybe 2 weeks for those to bid. So this is to make sure that the water project follows your local revitalization plan. There's actually a form I can give you. It's a federal consistency assessment form."

Trustee Fulmer-"I will make a motion to put out to bid for the filters. **Trustee Millett seconded. All in favor-Aye.**

Gregor-"We will provide the notice to bidders to the village and then the village will post it. We will give the paperwork to Sara or Erica. This is the final paperwork for the sump pumps."

Trustee Millett-"I make a motion that we purchase the sump pumps and put them in. **Trustee Strough seconded. All in favor. Aye."**

Jim Burrows-"As you all know you are managing a multi-million dollar corporation so there are layers to everything you do. You need to take a look at chapter 146 to make sure everything is ok. This resolution is tying things up."

Resolution #5 of 2025- Rockwell Street Tank Project. Trustee Caputo made a motion to accept the resolution as written. Trustee Fulmer Seconded.

Roll Call- Mayor Putnam-Yes

Trustee Caputo- Yes

Trustee Fulmer-Yes

Trustee Strough- Yes

Trustee Millett- Yes

New business- Ti Chapter Antique Boat Show. 46th Annual for 2026. July 25,2026.

Trustee Fulmer made a motion to let the TI Chapter hold their boat show. **Trustee Strough** Seconded. All in favor. Aye.

Donna Gipperich- “My question is the youth that play, pay an adult fee for golf?”

Trustee Caputo- “Yes.”

Donna- “And children 12 and under are no longer free?”

Trustee Caputo- “No and I was never familiar with them being free.”

Donna- “They have always been free. Brent Sweet has asked me to tell you that he has put \$1000 in the tentative budget for the youth at the golf course to encourage the youth to participate.”

Trustee Caputo- “I’ll address. I know there were a lot of rate changes this year. The Town had said for several years they were going to reimburse the Village and for some reason it never happened. This year when we were going thru budget, I tried to nail down the Town of what are you willing to do and it was crickets. It’s not fair when we are trying to do so much to bring back a failing golf course to have so many people playing for free and such reduced rates because that burden falls back on the Village taxpayers.”

Mayor Putnam-“Budman tournament to benefit Bryan Tidd on September 28th, 2025.

Trustee Caputo made the motion. Trustee Fulmer Seconded. All in Favor-Aye.

Tabling Open Container in the Village.

Mayor Putnam- “The one with the firearms I’m going to move that into Executive Session.

Trunk or Treat- October 25th from 1pm-3pm in the Village parking lot.

Trustee Fulmer made the motion to allow it. Trustee Strough seconded. All in Favor-Aye.

Mayor Putnam- “One thing I want to bring up in new business is we need to do something about these Christmas decorations, and we are open for suggestions because they look like something out of the 60s.”

Public Concerns: Teri Brennan-Would like the DPW to not plow snow into her shoveled spot.

Trustee Caputo made a motion to go into Executive session for potential litigation.

Trustee Strough seconded. All in favor **Aye**.

Trustee Caputo made a motion at 7:30 to come out of Executive. Trustee Strough seconded. All in Favor-Aye.

Regular Session:

Trustee Caputo made a motion to appoint Erica Dest as Acting Village Clerk and Acting Village Treasurer to sign all paperwork that is required by Village Clerk, Village Treasurer through the term ending November 30th, 2025. Trustee Fulmer seconded. All in favor-Aye.

Adjourn meeting until September 23rd at 5:15 pm.

