

*Village of Alexandria Bay
Regular Board Meeting
March 12, 2024
5:30 pm
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Pledge of Allegiance:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF TRUSTEE DEMO

Roll Call:

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

New Trustee: Mayor Putnam introduced new Board member Douglas Strough: **Motion by:** Trustee Millett, seconded by Trustee Caputo and Fulmer to approve Douglas Strough as Trustee until the November election, all in favor, Motion carried.

Public Comments: Russ Schroth addressed the Village Board in reference to holding a Village informational meeting to explain and share information on the Short Term Rentals: A Public workshop will be set up for April 10 at 6 pm at 110 Walton Street, NY 13607

John Kielecki addressed the Board in reference to getting a late bill for Water/Sewer and never received the previous bill. The Village explained that they can't waive late fee's due to the postal service. Mr Kielecki changed his method of deliver to email and hopes he gets that in a timely manner moving forward.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: **Motion by:** Trustee Caputo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to approve minutes from February 13, 2024, all in favor, Motion carried.

Bills: **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Millett to approve Abstract # 9 as presented.

Abstract #9

General: \$ 51,345.85
Water: \$ 41,290.54
Sewer: \$ 9,482.81
Capital: \$ 92,798.47
TA: \$ 2,537.33
Total \$197,455.33

All in favor, Motion carried.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Fulmer, Advertising for summer employment will start. The Village will no longer be using Unifirst for full time employee's: Moving forward: The Village proposes to provide short sleeve and long sleeve shirts to employee's and then propose authorizing \$ 200.00 per year for Jeans. **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Millett to send a formal proposal to the DPW bargaining unit to offer 5 t shirts, 2 long sleeve shirts and \$ 200.00 a year allowance for Jeans with receipts, all in favor, Motion carried.

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Police Department: The Police Department had 13 complaints, 0 arrests, 0 V&T tickets issued, 1 warning, 7 parking tickets and 0 warnings, 3 building checks conducted. A new officer will be starting at the end of the month. At this time OIC Davis has started a new background check on another potential new hire. Mayor Putnam spoke to the Union Representative and they will call when they can meet with the Mayor.

Trustee Millett: Street sweeping, benches have been painted. Community room bathrooms painted. A tree near the Ledges has been cleaned up. Leaves and Brush are being picked up. Please put all leaves in bags at this time as stated on the website. Maintenance has been done on trucks. Railings at the beach are being painted. Clean up is being done early due to the nice weather.

Trustee Caputo: She has spoken to Doug Tulloch; he would like to do fireworks and has a sponsor for that. He will need a Certificate of Insurance and will need a Fireworks form sent to the Board to have signed.

Zoning Report: None

Old Business:

Fire Department Agreement: The Village had a work session with the Fire Department. The Fire Department needs more equipment due to the fact that equipment is older. Trustee Caputo spoke of an Agreement with the Town, Village and Fire Department. Clerk Briere informed her of a prior agreement.

Golf Course: Trustee Millett spoke of rate changes for the Village of Alexandria Bay Municipal Golf Course. All season passes are going to be raised by \$ 30.00. Carts on Course going to \$ 200.00. All family members must sign in to prove permission to use. Cart on Course will not be allowed after this year. **Motion by:** Trustee Millett, seconded by Trustee Strough to approve new rates for the Village Municipal Golf Course, all in favor, Motion carried. Gary Williams will be sending information to Clerk Briere about Golf Cart Insurance. Dick Campany asked if the Village has any plans to work on the pickleball courts for this season. Sealing and lines would cost about \$ 8,000.00 Trustee Caputo stated.

New Business:

ABFD Addition Payment: **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer seconded by Trustee Caputo to approve Payment App # 3 for the Fire Department addition for the amount for \$ 91,228.47, all in favor, Motion carried.

Eclipse: The Village has no plans for the Eclipse. Private Businesses will be hosting their own activities. Due to all police working their full-time jobs the Village will not have a lot of Police coverage during the eclipse. Can the Village open bathrooms early? The Village will schedule help later in the day and into the evening for cleanup.

Budget: work sessions are being scheduled for the 2024-2025 budget season.

Hiring: Clerk Briere will be advertising for Employment.

NY Forward-DRI: Mayor appointed Trustee Fulmer to the NY Forward as Co-Chair for the Village of Alexandria Bay:

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Donna Hutton Request: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to approve the EDU change from 2 EDU to 1 EDU at 140 Church Street, due to the change being storage only in one unit, all in favor, Motion carried.

Tucker Amato request: Mr. Amato purchased a home at 71 Church Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607. He asks that water/sewer late fees be waived due to the fact that he was not informed of bills being changed into his name at closing: **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to deny the request. The Village is not responsible for notifying customers of change of addresses due to sales. He should contact his Attorney and speak to them, Mayor Putnam abstained, Motion carried.

Gregor Smith: Gregor dropped off record drawings from the REDI project. He also brought a plaque for the Village for recognition of the Emergency/disaster preparedness project of the year award. Gregor addressed spending funds availability for the Village and will resubmit it next week.

Trustee Caputo spoke on NY Forward and right now the Village is waiting for the State commitment letter between the State and the Village. Once it comes out and they will meet with the whole community. Anyone who wants to apply can at this time. Not everyone who applies is guaranteed to be approved.

Public Concerns: Gary Williams asks what happened to the Old Chamber Grant: It is still sitting on desks for approval. He also asked about lighting during the Eclipse, and how dark it is behind the Old CP Romans Building. He suggests to have employees working later in the day.

Executive: None

Adjourn: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to adjourn at 6:43 pm, all in favor, Motion carried.

Molly Briere

Clerk/Treasurer

