

*Village of Alexandria Bay
Regular Board Meeting
May 14, 2024
5:30pm
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Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

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

Zoning Report: Lee Shimel reports on inhouse training where they had 5 people attend. Another class will be held later for credits. Ted Kielecki needs to be appointed to the Zoning Board. Tall grass letters were sent out. 24 Bethune Street was denied a permit. The Board needs to decide what course of action they want to take. This will be discussed in executive session. A dumpster on Rock Street needs to be moved. **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Millett to appoint Ted Kielecki to the Zoning Board, all in favor, Motion carried.

Public Comments: The Community Betterment Foundation donated a check for \$ 5,000.00 to be distributed for Rotary Park for playground equipment, The Check also enclosed \$ 250.00 Is for signage for the park. A photo was taken during the presentation. Patty Wagoner and Morgan Ramm represented the Betterment and future generations were included.

Doug Tulloch spoke to the Village Board in reference to the Christmas in July Parade, 25 businesses have committed to decorating for Christmas that day and he hopes to have 60 floats for the event. Can the DPW put up some candy canes for the event?

Ted Kielecki addressed the Board about the Arch and how it doesn't look appealing to the Public. Mayor Putnam told him that the Village has some money set aside for work on it.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to approve minutes from April 9, 2024, all in favor, Motion carried.

Bills: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to pay bills Abstract # 11 as presented.

General: \$ 92,553.07
Water: \$ 33,610.15
Sewer: \$ 16,581.34
Capital: \$ 6,877.98
TA: \$ 1,238.99
Total: \$ 150,861.53

Trustee Reports: Trustee Millett: Curb work is being done. Sweeping of the Village has been completed from winter sand. Curtains are up at the pavilion. Parking meters are up. Bathrooms are all turned on. The DPW has been helping at the Golf Course, putting out benches, gassing up carts and checking them. Highland Park Cemetery has been dug up for a meter to be installed. Street signs painted. Brush pickup is ongoing. Grass and leaves need to be in bags. # 210 dump truck had some work done on it. The trash and recycling seem to be going well. Clean up week is going well. Employee Bill Brown has resigned and is moving to Arizona to spend time with his grandchildren.

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Police Report: The Police Department had 5 complaints, 0 arrests, 0 V&T tickets issued and 7 warnings, 0 parking tickets issued and 1 warning, 8 building checks. Report Submitted by OIC Joshus David. **Motion by:** Trustee Caputo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to hire Michael McAdoo as a part time patrolman for the Village of Alexandria Bay Police Department, all in favor, Motion carried. Mayor Putnam spoke of an incident at the school tonight, a plastic rifle from clean up week was picked up and measures were taken for Safety, OIC David called Mayor Putnam and informed him.

Trustee Fulmer: As of June 1,2024 all Village property will have meters on for water management. **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Strough to start June 1,2024 to read all Village meters but not charge the departments, this will give the Village accurate numbers when calculating rates and managing accounts, all in favor, Motion carried. Trustee Fulmer has 4 dock attendants at this time and 2 Lifeguards. She will have the Dock attendants on the docks for Victoria Day and Labor Day, but we won't charge for these two weekends.

Trustee Caputo: The Fire Department has 4 new members this month. They will need to get turn out gear for the new members. Annual tests will start on equipment. Trustee Caputo asks if they can get some extra help to catch up weed eating. Trustee Caputo passed out golf cards for the Board to review. She asks the Board to authorize her to proceed for advertising. **Motion by:** Trustee Caputo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to move forward with getting advertising and ordering score cards for the Golf Course, all in favor, Motion carried.

Trustee Strough: The employees are working around rain to get the course in shape. The bathrooms have been worked on and will get some more attention. People are pleased with the course.

BCA-Gregor Smith spoke about the glass for the lift and is waiting for the install to close out this project. He is still waiting for funding information from EFC for a chance for more funding. Designs are being done and meetings will be set up for monthly progress. The meeting will be scheduled for Wednesdays the week before the Board Meetings.

Old Business:

CSEA Clothing: The Village is making a change in coordination with the Union for not using Unifirst Uniforms any longer. The Village will provide 6 short sleeve shirts and 6 long sleeve shirts for each fulltime employee. When shirts are soiled or worn the Village will replace them, **Motion by:** Trustee Caputo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to use Full Source, and order the shirts, from them, all in favor, Motion carried.

New Business:

Charity Poker Run: Court Rutheford addressed the Board in reference to hosing the TI Charity Poker Run. He asked to utilize the Main Docks for a lunch stop July 20th to use the docks from 11:30 am to 2:30 and also utilize the whole parking lot at the Pavilion. The Antique Boat Society already has asked for the Docks that day. Trustee Fulmer will call and work with the Thousand Island Antique Boat Society and the TI Charity Poker run to find a solution for both events.

ABFD: Addition-Pay App #5: **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Millett to pay Con Tech the amount of \$ 6,877.98, all in favor, Motion carried.

Town Water Rates: **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Mayor Putnam to approve and send Water Rate changes to the Town of Alexandria, Trustee Caputo abstained, motion carried.

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Tennis Lessons: A letter will be sent out to Mr. Satterly in reference to Tennis Lessons and insurance the Village needs as additional coverage for him to proceed with any lessons moving forward. Trustee Strough stated he would speak to him also.

William Brown presented the Village with his resignation; he is moving away from the area.

Hire: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to hire the following for the summer season. Melissa Briere at \$ 16.00 per hour, Richard Howard and Kaleigh Johnston at \$ 15.00 per hour as Club House Rec Assistants, Kierstyn Travers, Megan Gagnon, Tim Morris and Gabby Hoffberg as Dock Attendants at \$ 15.00 per hour. DeDe Sanford and Trace Malkowski as Lifeguards at \$ 16.00 per hour and Michael McAdoo as part time Police Patrolman at \$ 28.96 per hour, also, Roderick Tidd as Golf Course Rec assistant at \$ 15.00 per hour, all in favor, Motion carried.

Small Fry Fishing Derby: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to authorize the Small Fry Fishing Derby to be held on the Main Village Dock, June 15, 2024 from 8 am to noon for the Annual Small Fry Fishing Derby, all in favor, Motion carried.

Trustee Fulmer wanted the Board and Public to know that the NY Forward Committee will be here Tuesday, May 28 from 6-8 pm for a Public Open House, and Wednesday for Coffee with the Consultants from 9-11 am the 29th.

Income Study: Motion by: Trustee Caputo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to approve moving forward with an Income Survey for the purposes of Funding opportunities, for the cost of \$ 30,000.00. Fund balance will be used, and the Village would be eligible for reimbursement of funds for the study, contingent with BCA being able to assist, all in favor, Motion carried.

Authorize: Motion by: Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo to approve Clerk-Treasurer Briere to send the Tax Warrant to Jefferson County for the tax season of 2025, Clerk Briere also passed out Budget Transfers and Statement of activity to Board Members, all in favor, Motion carried.

Public Concerns: Rick Thomson addressed the Village Board in reference to Pirates Weekend, they will only be doing one weekend due to the fact no boat is available.

Russ Schroth asked the Board what their intentions are, are they spending unnecessary time on this? The Village Boards feelings are at this time we shouldn't move forward with this. NYS has not set regulations on it yet. policing the properties would be a problem for the Village at this time also.

Trustee Millett asked the Board what is going on with Speed Bumps? He says that if we start doing this, when are we going to stop. NYS DOT states that Speed Bumps can't be utilized without doing a Study.

Executive Session: Litigation: Motion by: Trustee Caputo, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to enter into executive session for possible litigation at 7:20 pm, all in favor.

Regular Session: Motion by: Trustee Caputo, Strough to enter into Regular Session at 7:30 pm to enter into Regular Session.

Motion by: Trustee Millett, seconded by Trustee Millett to adjourn at 7:32 pm, all in favor, Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer

Molly Briere