

***Village of Alexandria Bay
Annual Meeting
December 1, 2025
5:30 pm***

Oath of Office: Mayor Putnam, Trustee Millett, Trustee Fulmer

Pledge of Allegiance:

Call meeting to order:

Roll Call: Trustee Caputo-Present
Trustee Strough-Absent
Trustee Fulmer-Present
Trustee Millett-Absent
Mayor Putnam-Present

Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Complex, 110 Walton Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607.

Payment of Bills: payment in advance of audit when taking advantage of discounts and to avoid penalties.

Payroll: permission to pay payroll on weeks when there is no meeting.

Mileage: fixed rate of .70 cents per mile, IRS Rate

Mayors Appointments:

Village Clerk (1) Year	Erica Dest
Deputy Clerk (1) year	Sara Bright
Tax Collector (1) year	Erica Dest
Treasurer (1) year	Erica Dest
Village Attorney (1) year	James Burrows (Kendall, Harrienger & Burrows)
Jail Matron (1) year	Judith Fulmer
Health Officer (1) year	Cynthia Simpson
Deputy Mayor (1) year	Judith Fulmer
Zoning Enforcement Officer: (1)	Lee Shimel
Project Administer: (1) year contract	Municipal Solutions
Official Newspapers (1) year	Thousand Islands Sun/Watertown Daily Times
Official Banks (1) year	Watertown Municipal Savings Gouverneur Savings and Loan and Community Bank

Department Appointments:

Mayor Putman: Chief Executive Officer, Police Department, Liaison to Town of Alexandria, Liaison between the Village of Alexandria Bay and Public Utilities.

Trustee Fulmer: Deputy Mayor, Scenic Park, All Parks, Lifeguards, Docks, Watertown Savings Bank Signer. Liaison to The Alexandria Bay Chamber.

Trustee Caputo: Fire District, Golf Course (Tennis/Pickleball), Macsherry Library and Hearts for Youth.

Trustee Strough: DPW, Buildings, Riverwalk, Gordon Courts and Americans with disabilities Law Compliance.

Trustee Millett: Water and Sewer, Liaison to Alexandria Central School.

Motion to Accept Positions: **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Caputo-No

Trustee Fulmer-Yes

Trustee Strough-Absent

Trustee Millett-Absent

Mayor Putnam-Yes

Mayor Putnam- “Can I ask why?”

Trustee Caputo- “I feel, I’m not against the Deputy Mayor but I’ve asked for months that it go out and we advertise to get the best available candidate. Not Deputy Mayor, but Clerk. It’s no different then what we did for the police department. You advertise, you don’t stay status quo, you advertise for the best person. Maybe we would of got nobody, maybe this one would of stayed the best person but I think our due diligence as a board, elected by the tax payers is to look for the best people to serve our community. That was not done so I am a no but you still have the majority and that’s it.”

Mayor Putnam- “That’s why I went with a 1 year term, kinda like a probationary period so I know it’s a whole year but it needs to be done.”

Trustee Caputo- “The only thing I’m going to say is: #1 You cant swear in because she’s not here to swear you in and she needs to be at the damn meetings. I’ve been saying that since Molly went. As Deputy Mayor that’s part of her responsibilities and duties as Deputy Mayor not Mayor I keep saying Mayor, as Deputy Clerk. That’s part of her responsibilities and duties. She never

showed up here once and I brought it up several times and I know Judy kept asking do you want her here?"

Mayor Putnam-"Wouldn't bring it up if we didn't want her here."

Trustee Caputo-"Exactly. She watches all the things. She hears the meetings, so she hears me bringing it up, still never had the initiative to show up at a meeting."

Mayor Putnam-"I understand. I respect your opinion."

Mark Reynolds-"Can I ask a question? The vote you just had? Do you need a vote of the majority of the people present or a majority of the board?"

Mayor Putnam-"I think a majority of the people present."

Trustee Fulmer-"That's what I thought."

Mark Reynolds-"I thought it was a majority of the board."

Trustee Fulmer-"Well we are good for tonight. I will call Burrows in the morning."

Trustee Caputo-"If its not the majority of who's here and I thought about that too, If that's the case then I would change my no to a yes because I've stated my peace and I wont hold it up but I want it to be a no but I wanted to voice my opinion to I just think we need to do our due diligence and I feel as a board we did not."

Motion to Adjourn: **Motion by:** Trustee Fulmer, seconded by Trustee Caputo, all In favor, Motion carried.