

Village of Alexandria Bay  
Regular Meeting  
August 13, 2024  
5:15 pm  
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Mayor Putnam called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Trustee Fulmer – present  
Trustee Millett – present  
Trustee Strough – present  
Trustee Caputo – present  
Mayor Putnam – present

Clerk Briere is absent and there will be no video recording tonight as we do not have the password for the computer.

**Public Comments / Concerns:** Doug Tullock, Christmas in July coordinator talked about the event and thanked the DPW for all their work, putting candy canes out and decorating the parking meters and putting out barricades. Doug estimates the parade brought in about 3,000 people and the fireworks were great. A few of the businesses reported it was their best weekend. Doug hopes the event continues next year but he will not be in charge.

Dave Roberts talked about the 1000 Islands Lacross Team and the fact that they have once again made it to the national playoffs this year for the second year in a row. Dave would like to hold a fundraiser for the hotel costs for the team and he would like to block off in front of Skiff's on Sunday for cow chip bingo. The event will run from 1 to 5. The Village Board asked lots of questions and were concerned about cleanup and safety. Dave was able to explain and assured us that he would clean up and make sure insurance is in place.

Trustee Fulmer made a motion to allow cow chip bingo on Sunday so long as we had an insurance certificate in hand, and Dave is to check with Captain Thompson about buses coming into town and everything is to be cleaned up by Dave and his group. Motion Seconded by Trustee Millett. Motion carried all in favor.

Robert Cosselman addressed the Board about people having to walk in the road because cars are blocking the sidewalks. Bob read Village Code 109-5 Item B where it says every property owner in the village shall maintain their sidewalk and keep it free of obstructions. He would like the codes to be enforced and people to fix their sidewalks.

**Correspondence:** MacSherry Library asked for a letter of support for a grant they are requesting from NYS. There were no documents to explain what they were looking for or doing. Letter tabled until we can get more info.

Letter from Sam Vaphiadis asking for updated zoning regulations for the Village of Alexandria Bay. What is currently online is not up to date. He requests that it either be made available online or at the clerk's office. The Board was under the impression that it was already completed. We will get with Molly to get it completed.

Another letter from Sam Vaphiadis to Jason Crump at Jefferson County regarding the property located at 60 Church Street. I have observed several issues that I believe need immediate attention under the New York Code 51-2. Firstly, there are unsafe buildings and structures on the property in question. These vacant buildings are not properly secured and pose a significant risk to the community and unsecured and deteriorating buildings can attract rodent infestations, creating a serious health menace for the residents in the vicinity. Additionally, the property is littered with debris, rubble, scrap, abandoned machinery and equipment, or parts of the building that have been left on the ground. This accumulation not only constitutes a dangerous and unhealthy environment but is also unsightly and diminishes the overall appearance of our neighborhood. I urge Jefferson County code enforcement to review the condition of the property at 60 Church Street and take the necessary actions to ensure that the unsafe structures or structures are either repaired and secured or demolished and removed in accordance with New York Code 51-2.1. I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to seeing the necessary steps taken to improve the safety and health conditions of our neighborhoods. Sincerely, Sam Vaphiadis.

Trustee Fulmer reported that she had spoken to Jason Crump, and he was going to speak with the owner and ask him to secure the building, but it isn't bad enough yet to have it demolished, and his hands are tied.

**Discussion on the minutes of last meeting.** Trustee Caputo is asking that more detail be included in the minutes. An example is the sewer rates from the last meeting. They need to be included or at least attached. The first time an acronym is used it should be spelled out. For example CDBG is Community Development Block Grant.

Trustee Caputo made a motion to accept the minutes from July 9, 2024, pending addition of water and sewer rates and acronyms spelled out at least one when first used. Motion seconded by Trustee Strough Motion carried all in favor.

Robert Cosselman also interjected that the minutes are not online. Mayor Putnam will investigate this with Molly.

**Paying of Bills:** Motion by Trustee Fulmer to pay Abstract # 2 as presented. Discussion Mayor Putnam asked the Fire department when they are buying equipment for individuals

and their names be included on the invoice. Motion seconded by Trustee Caputo. Motion carried all in favor.

**Trustee Reports:**

Trustee Fulmer Pirates weekend was very busy, the pirate ship came on Friday and parked at the end of the main dock and after the invasion on Saturday they parked at the Wharf.

The New York Forward meeting yesterday to look at the 29 projects that were submitted. 6 projects were from the Village. The next meeting is a workshop on August 27. In October public meetings on projects.

Trustee Millett some painting of lines has been done on the streets but because of the rain it isn't complete. There has been some bathroom work done here at the municipal building. They have been told about the gutters on this building need to be cleaned out. Looking for sign at DPW barn for no bicycles to go by docks. An old service line Anthony Street broke and has been fixed. Chris Bain from the State Parks is going to start cutting the trees between the curb and the sidewalks that are hanging out over the road. No cost to village it falls under shared services. Trustee Caputo asked if the trees between the fence and the sidewalk in front of the pink house on Walton Street please be taken down.

Trustee Strough reported that the golf course is looking good.

Discussion from board we don't know where we are financially because we are not receiving reports. This is required and a comparison of year to year would be nice.

Mayor Putnam did a police report. Did have extra help for pirate's weekend.

Trustee Caputo reported that the Fire Department's Cost for the addition to the building for the Antique fire engine was \$241,480.01. Trustee Caputo presented Mayor Putnam with a check from the Fire Department for \$80,000 as a down payment on the building. Both parties agreed to a repayment plan on the balance of \$161,480.01 to be paid back over 6 years at 3% interest. Payments due on 1 August starting in 2025. Payments as follows:

August 2025	amount due	\$38,844.40
August 2026	amount due	\$33,944.40
August 2027	amount due	\$33,044.40
August 2028	amount due	\$32,144.40
August 2029	amount due	\$31,244.40
August 2030	amount due	\$11,824.41

Mayor Putnam asked about the status of the new fire truck. Chief VanBrocklin reported that it should be here at the end of August.

Mayor Putnam read the zoning report.

Gregor from BCA Architects and Engineers gave a report on Water meter bids that were opened on 1 August 2025. The lowest bidder was TI sales. Trustee Fulmer made a motion to accept the water meter bid from TI sales in the amount of \$283,720.01. Discussion on whether the master meters were included. They were not, and Gregor suggested that we start with calibration of the meters first. Motion was seconded by Trustee Strough. Motion carried all in favor.

Gregor reported that the income survey was completed and submitted by July 31 and we did qualify and if awarded we could get up to \$2,000,000. In additional funding.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GIS:** Trustee Fulmer made a motion to not approve the GIS program through DANK because they don't use it. Motion Seconded by Trustee Millett. Motion carried with Trustee Caputo a Nay. Discussion followed with the question being asked if we don't use this will that mean there will be no public access either. Motion rescinded and tabled with Trustee Fulmer to schedule a workshop with DANK to go over what GIS provided for us and the public.

Request from Mary Compo to **hold TI River Run June 27 through June 29, 2025**. Motion by Trustee Fulmer to allow the TI River Run June 27 thru June 29, 2025. Second by Trustee Strough motion carried all in favor.

**Fire District:** Trustee Caputo gave an overview of the process of the fire department and the Alexandria Fire Protection district combining into One Fire District. She explained that both the Town and Village are willing to consider doing this and have retained Brad Pinsky out of Syracuse who is a fire district expert to help both parties to understand the pros and cons and lead us through the process. The first step is to agree to have a joint meeting with the Town of Alexandria. Trustee Caputo presented the following resolution to the board.

**RESOLUTION TO HOLD JOINT MEETING**

**VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA BAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Alexandria Bay, having duly convened this date for the purpose of considering the formation of a joint fire district pursuant to the provisions of section 189-a of the Town Law and section 22-2210 of the Village Law, and

**WHEREAS** such joint fire district would include all parcels of land within the incorporated limits of the Village of Alexandria Bay and all parcels of land in the Town of Alexandria’s Fire Protection District, located outside of both existing Fire Districts.

**WHEREAS**, at least the majority of the members of the Village Board of the Village of Alexandria Bay deems it in the public interest to hold a joint meeting with the Town of Alexandria Town Board to consider the question of the formation of a joint fire district to include all parcels of land within the incorporated limits of the Village of Alexandria Bay and all parcels of land in the Town of Alexandria’s Fire Protection District, located outside of both existing Fire Districts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Alexandria Bay will meet with the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria, and will hold a joint meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024 NY at 6 p.m. at the Village of Alexandria Bay Village Offices at 110 Walton Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, to consider the formation of said joint fire district, and for such other and further action on the part of said Boards with relation thereto as may be authorized and prescribed by law.

The Village Clerk for the Village of Alexandria Bay shall provide a single notice to the media for this meeting and each municipality shall place the notices on their sign board and websites, if any.

Michael Putnam, Mayor                      YES

Sandra Caputo, Trustee                      YES

Douglas Strough, Trustee                      YES

Judith Fulmer, Trustee                      YES

Gregory Millett, Trustee                      YES

**BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA BAY**

Dated: August 13, 2024

Molly Briere, Village Clerk

Motion by Trustee Caputo to hold a Joint meeting with the Town on August 28, 2024, at 6 pm.  
Seconded by Trustee Fulmer. Roll call vote. Motion carried

**Franconia Claims:** solicitation and nothing the board wants to pursue. No action.

**Antique Boat Show:** Motion by Trustee Fulmer to approve Anique Boat Show for July 26, 2025, Motion seconded by Trustee Strough. Motion carried all in favor.

Public concerns: None.

Motion by Mayor Putnam to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion seconded by Trustee Caputo. Motion Carried all in favor.