

Village of Alexandria Bay
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2026
5:30 p.m.
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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Mayor Putnam- “I am going to change things here for a minute before we get into public comments. I’d like to give you a little background on what we did this past year. I would like to thank all the trustees, Jarrett, the Alex Bay Community Association, especially Diane and my wife Sue. They put a lot of time into dressing up the Village for the summer and a little for Christmas. Would like to recognize Noah Bosley the lifeguard for the Village that saved a man from drowning. Some of the projects we did this year. Replaced the retaining wall on James Street. High and Walton Street were repaved. We received a used F550 from the Town, replaced some Christmas decorations, water filters were bid, received 2million grant, new water tower was bid out and construction to be started in the spring. Police are making some headway; Marco is working on increasing some part-time officers and looking to hire a fulltime officer in the future. The golf course made great progress. I had positive feedback on the condition of the course. Future endeavors are to finish out the water tower, put new bathrooms this winter at the old Chamber building, NY Forward is coming forward with improvements to the bathrooms on James Street. Talking about revamping the Village Arch and 13 Market Street will be demoed by the County. So that is about it. Any trustees want to have an input or put in a comment”.

Public Comments:

Scott Carpenter, I would like to ask the Board if we can change the Pirates to August 14, 15 & 16 with block parties being Friday and Saturday. Friday night’s block party would be by the docks and Saturdays in between Skiffs and the Downtown. **Trustee Fulmer-** I will make a motion to change the date of Pirates to August 14, 15 & 16, **Trustee Strough** seconded. **ALL in Favor-Aye.**

Correspondence-None

Minutes-December 9th regular meeting and December 18th special meeting: Trustee Fulmer- Made a motion to accept the minutes. **Trustee Millette** seconded. **ALL in Favor-Aye.**

Paying of Bills:

Trustee Fulmer made a motion to accept Abstract #7 of bills. **Trustee Caputo** second. **All in Favor-Aye.**

Zoning Report: Mr. Shimel- “The ZBA will be back working end of this month. They must consider two variances down on Bethune Street and depending on that result it may need to go to the Planning Board for approval. The question is, it is a land lot parcel but there is a 10-foot right-away that has been recorded, and it will be up to the ZBA if they want to grant it or not with the right-away there”.

DPW Report- Jarrett – “We have started working down at the old chamber. Started pulling up the hardware floor. Been doing snow removal and clearing storm drains. Hartford boiler will be here on the 18th to inspect the boiler as they always do. Dan from Watertown supplies is coming tomorrow we have a unit that will have to be rebuilt, and he is also working on the zoning valves. We are doing good on salt and sand. Other than that, that’s about it.”

Mayor Putnam- “Jarrett, about 13 Market Street, the County is probably going to want to block off Market Street for about two weeks. I just want to make you aware of it. They probably will start that in February”.

Police Report: Mayor Putnam- “Not much going on in the month of December. 2 calls, parking tickets and 1 pedestrian accident. Other than that, quiet”.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Fulmer- “We are starting to think about the upcoming season. There is a playground grant we can apply for and I saw there was another swim grant that we can apply again for. We did some moving around in the office. Other than that, we are moving forward just waiting and getting ready for the season.

Trustee Caputo- “I do not really have much. Talked to the guys from the golf course and they are all returning this season. I talked with Robin Martin, and she is a go with to continue with the Monday night league and add Tuesday night, which will give us a league almost every day, which will be great for the golf course. I am not running for re-election so anybody wanting to be a trustee this will be my last year, and I am the republican chairman so if anyone is interested please come and see me and I will help you with the process. I will finish this out, but I do not plan on running again. We need to get someone interested”.

Trustee Millett- “They are still installing meters, and a hydrant was repaired on High Street. They are building a wooden building over top of the settling tank. It is not a good time to build so if they shut down, I do not care because I do not want someone falling. That is, it for me”.

Trustee Strough- “I do not have anything, Jarrett pretty much got it all for me”.

Project Reports: BCA- Gregor- “Just a couple things. I have the progress meeting minutes from last week. Just want to touch on the grant that the Village received. That is a very complete grant, and it is great news that the Village received it. It is completely a grant program so there is no loan attached to it. 2million will help with the water project and distribution.

Trustee Caputo- “This grant was attached to the income survey that went out so thank you everyone that took the time to fill that out and get them back”. **Gregor-** “That was great news to receive and right before Christmas. In addition to the grant, it allowed the Village to receive a 0% interest loan. Last week we talked about water filtering. We talked to the supplier, and they are projecting a completion timeframe for August. We are moving along with the filtration plan improvements, so they are ready for the DOH review and approval. The goal is this spring to be ready for that portion of the project to be bid out. We still have a lot of easements to be worked out. We could hold an easement signing season sometime at the Village.

Trustee Fulmer- “We could look at the list of names and make some calls and let people know that we could meet them at the Town office or the bank so they can get it notarized. **Trustee Caputo-** “I have no problem going door to door, but I just do not want to go alone. I would rather have Greg or someone with me that can talk about the plans”.

Trustee Fulmer- “if you come into the office and Sara can give you a list of people and we can call and try to set something up”. I have sometime end of next week and I can take the list and try to call and set something up with people”. **Gregor-** “So that is one of the more important items to take care of. We also are working on meeting everything needed for Community Block Grant, they have a specific requirement and adding that into the bid documents and getting the notice to proceed from them also. As I mentioned the last meeting is the sign should be going up next week and construction should start in the Spring. Next progress meeting will be scheduled for February 5th at 4:00pm. So that is really it for me”.

New Business-

Approve blood drive dates- **Trustee Caputo** made the motion to the approve the blood drive date, March 17 & July 8. **Trustee Strough** seconded. **All in favor-Aye.**

Bonnie water main break- Credit for the sewer portion of the bill of \$278.39. **Trustee Fulmer-** made the motion to approve the \$278.39. **Trustee Caputo** seconded. **ALL in Favor-Aye.**

Abolishment/Non-Reappointment of Dog control- **Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to abolish and not reappoint dog control. **Trustee Millett** seconded. **ALL in favor-Aye.**

Procurement Policy- Tabled for next meeting.

Community Bank Certificate of Deposit Renewal- **Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to renew the certificate, if we get the renewal rate. **Trustee Strough** seconded. **ALL in favor-Aye.**

Village Arch- Mayor Putnam shared a picture of a designed by Billy Gill of the new potential Village Arch. **Mayor Putnam-** “We still have to get a quote from Billy Gill on the cost of the sign and will have to have a special meeting with the Town to approve the cost”.

DANC/GRASSO Letters- Trustee Fulmer- “We have a price from Grasso and DANC to help manage the new CDB Grant. Grasso helped us with the income study. Using Grasso would cost \$69,000.00 for them to manage that 2million. DANC had a price of \$30,000.00 to help manage the project until it is finished. We have been using DANC so far with this progress and I would still like to continue to keep using DANC with this grant progress. **Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to use DANC to help manage the CDB grant. **Trustee Caputo** seconded. **All in favor-Aye.**

Mayor Putnam- “That is it for new business”.

Public Concerns-None

Trustee Millett made a motion to go into executive for personnel. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded. All in favor **Aye.**

Trustee Caputo made a motion to open executive meeting at 6:05pm. **Trustee Strough** seconded. **Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to come out of executive at 6:20pm. **Trustee Strough** seconded.

Trustee Caputo made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:30pm. **Trustee Millett** seconded. **ALL in favor-Aye.**