

**Village of Alexandria Bay
110 Walton Street
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2024
5:30 pm**

Mayor Putnam called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

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

Zoning officer Lee Shimel reported the planning board will be meeting tomorrow night for a site plan review for Tom Neely and Steve Snyder who wish to put in two boat houses down by the sewer plant. They did get a variance from the ZBA last month now they need to come before the planning board for site plan approval. Mark Reynolds is doing the engineering work and he's waiting for Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for their response. DEC has 30 days to respond and after that they can proceed without their approval.

Lee also discussed the tall grasses. He researched back to 2018 and there is a trend that certain parcels just allowed the Village to do there mowing. Lee suggested that we need to have a flat fee that is high so that property owners will take care of their own property's. A flat fee of \$300 - \$400 was suggested. Attorney Borrows suggested we could fine tune our law to include a higher penalty. Mayor Putnam recommended we do a workshop to fine tune the law we currently have on record.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mark Keel from Dingman Point Road addressed the board to reconsider Private golf carts not being allowed on the golf course next year. He currently buys a season pass for golf and pays an additional \$200 for his golf cart. He thinks it should be left the way it is now or at least grandfather the people that have used private carts in the past to still be able to in the future. Trustee Caputo explained that the current board's goal is to try and brake even on the golf course so that it is not such a burden on the village taxpayers and improve the condition of the course. She explained that when there was a meeting with Hunter Horton earlier in the year to see how we should go about improving the course and possible head in the direction of leasing it, he said private carts should not be allowed. Caputo explained that although the current situation is great for 8 or 10 people it is not in the best interest of the Village Taxpayers. Attorney Burrows stated that is a public

body we could not grandfather in past users, whatever is decided has to be the same for everyone.

Matt Jobson addressed the board about organizing a dog sled race using the Golf course land on Saturday, February 8th, 2025. Mayor Putnam explained he had to have insurance for the event naming the Village as additional insured, and Matt agreed he would have that. Motion by Trustee Caputo to allow Matt Jobson to use the golf course on February 8, 2025, for a dog sled race if there is snow, with the understanding they stand off the greens and provide insurance. Motion seconded by Trustee Fulmer. Motion carried all in favor.

Correspondence: Mayor Putnam read a letter from Jamie Drinkwater thanking the Village for use of the tennis courts during the John Russell, Betterment tournament. They had over 60 people and everything was great.

Meeting minutes were received late so did not get approved.

Motion to pay abstract #3 by Trustee Fulmer seconded by Trustee Caputo.
Discussion on 3 invoices: 1. From Reinman's for benches. Trustee Caputo asked if the garden club had received their donation from the village and if they didn't, we should take our budgeted amount of the bill and pay that amount, but the rest should be paid by the garden club. 2. Bill from City of Watertown for annual slug permit, I thought was paid by the Town. Needs to be investigated. 3. Trustee Caputo questioned another charge that needs to be addressed in executive session. Motion carried all in favor.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Fulmer reports dock attendants are done for the season. Lifeguards last day was Labor Day, there little room for equipment has been cleaned out and the buoys and ropes are all put away for the season. Overall, a good season. NY Forward Local Planning committee meeting had a meeting on Monday. There will be a public meeting on September 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 to meet the NY Forward Team and see stakeholder's projects that are being considered.

Trustee Caputo reported on the Fire Department that there was a joint meeting with the Town and Brad Pinsky, lawyer retained by the Town and Village to help with the formation of a Joint Town Fire Protection Direct. This area would include the current Alexandria Fire Protection area and the Village. If this happens the Village would no longer own the fire department. Both parties are looking for commissioners. Two will be appointed from the Village and three will be appointed from the Town within the District covered. There is training and requirements to being a commissioner and they are not paid positions. The next public meeting is September 26, 2024. New fire truck should be here in September sometime.

DPW Jared Parrow reported crosswalks finally got repainted. He has spoken with corrections, and they are supposed to have 1 guy come to work September 30 thru October 4 hopefully they will get 2 guys. They are going to work around the back of the tennis courts and trim the trees and get that back in shape. Discussion on elevator down by water is supposed to have a telephone in it and there need to be a hole in the bottom because it is getting water in it, and it has no way of draining. Gregor is going to investigate this. Jefferson County is no longer accepting mattress. RDS is going to come in and get some of the high branches that the park cannot reach. Water truck in is Ogdensburg for repair, it appears a mink got in the truck and chewed a bunch of wires. Trees have been getting trimmed.

Police Reports. 12 complaints were investigated, 2 arrests, 0 tickets issued, 3 warnings, 1 parking ticket issued, and seven building checks. Police can be reached at 315-418-0058.

Gregor reported on progress of water meters. After the award, bonds and insurances were requested and have been reviewed, Jim Burrows was able to review bonds and insurances, and our insurance agent reviewed the policies and as far as I know there are no comments on the documents so we're at a point where the board can approve the contract for the water meters. Mike had 3 copies of the documents. Motion by Trustee Fulmer to have Mayor sign contract with TI Sales for new water meters. Motion seconded by Trustee Millett. Motion carried all in favor

Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 3rd at 4:00. Community Development block grant we did qualify for, and grant has been submitted but we won't hear until the end of the year if we will get awarded.

OLD BUSINESS:

DANK contract. Motion by Trustee Fulmer to approve the GIS contract for services for \$900 per year for the next 4 years then it will be \$950 per year for the last two year. Motion seconded by Trustee Caputo. Motion carried all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bonnie Castle had a leak but nobody from Bonnie Castle was present to discuss. No action taken.

Court Rutherford was billed incorrectly back to Dec 2021. Trustee Fulmer has reviewed the bills and made a motion to credit of \$790.93 for water and 592.42 for sewer for a total of \$1,383.35 Motion seconded by Trustee Caputo. Motion carried by all.

Letter read for 1st River Wrangler Rally to be held August 2nd and August 3rd from Christine Lingenfelter, Hallie Bain, and MaryEllen Lingenfelter. They are requesting

permission to have vendors in the pavilion area with jeep related products. Permission to have a not for profit provide refreshments at the Pavilion. Permission to have the Venue on a poster and other marketing materials. Placing no parking signs on the meters near the town dock prior to the tent being set up on Friday evening and Vendor Signs on meters at Pavilion Friday evening. Permission to have open container during our event within the restricted areas and times approved by the Village Board of Trustee's with in the designated Open Container area. Permission to have live music on Saturday August 2, 2025 from 11 am to 10 pm and August 3, 2025, from 12 pm to 3 pm. A letter to the DPW will be sent to Jarrett for our requests prior to the River Wrangler Rally. They are working on planning other jeep related events such as a Jepp Show /Parade, Obstacle course, movie night, and Jeep contest.

They are working with the Mary Compo. Insurance was discussed. Events seems new and unique. Motion by Trustee Fulmer to support and hold River Wrangler Rally. Discussion about tent being at Upper James Street. Motion seconded by Trustee Caputo. Motion carried all in favor.

Bud Mulchy requested permission to hold his annual Budman 2 club golf tournament on September 29, 2024. Motion by Trustee Caputo to allow Bud to use the golf course as at the same rate we charge other fund-raising groups. Motion seconded by Trustee Fulmer. Motion carried all in favor.

Historical Society letter of support. No action we missed the deadline.

Court Rutherford spoke on behalf of the Rotary club and asked for the following dates to be saved:

June 21, 2025, Small fry fishing Derby to be held on the Village Docks. Motion to approved holding event by Trustee Millett seconded by Trustee Fulmer. Motion carried all in favor.

Community Betterment using golf course, tennis courts on Friday July 11, 2025, and the Beach and Pavilion on Saturday July 12. Motion to approved holding event by Trustee Fulmer seconded by Trustee Millett. Motion carried all in favor.

1000 Island Charity Poker Run July 19. They'd like permission to use the docks from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. and the pavilion from 7 AM until 3 P.M. Motion to approved holding event by Trustee Caputo seconded by Trustee Fulmer. Motion carried all in favor.

Rotary Club River of Gold August 16 would like permission to hang sign on the Route 12 fence.

Rotary Club would like permission to kick of a matching grant program for benches in the Village. The Rotary Club is willing the pay 50% of the cost of memorial

benches that anyone would like to purchase. They would come with mutually agreed upon standards of design for aesthetics longevity, and strength. The community of Betterment would order the benches and memorial plaques and the ask that the village would install, maintain and store the benches off-season. Motion to partner with the Rotary Club on benches by Trustee Caputo motion seconded Trustee Fulmer. Motion carried all in favor.

Antique & Classic Boat Society requested use of the docks July 26, 2025. Motion to approved use of Upper James Street docks by antique & classic boat society on July 26, 2025, by Trustee Fulmer. Motion seconded by Trustee Caputo. Motion carried all in favor.

Letter read for request to hold Riverfest 2025 as Thursday, June 12, 2025. Motion by Trustee Fulmer to allow Fort Drum to hold Riverfest 2025 on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Motion seconded by Trustee Caputo. Discussion from Jarrett Parrow would like to meet before the event, to try and solve some of the cluster that went on this year with traffic. Motion carried all in favor.

Pro Housing discussion on the steps to become a pro housing community. Trustee Fulmer explained that this is very important for future grants. Trustee Fulmer is going to investigate this and get more information.

Earl Barse was interviewed by Mayor Putnam and Trustee Fulmer for the water / sewer department. He has his water license and Class A driver's license. Motion by Trustee Fulmer to hire Earl Barse as the water and sewer assistant. Motion seconded by Trustee Caputo. Motion carried all in favor.

Public concerns: Allan Taylor reported that the October Fest that was planned for in front of his place has been cancelled.

Motion to go into executive session at 7:00 pm to discuss employment concerns and property dispute by Trustee Caputo. Motion seconded by Trustee Fulmer.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:30 pm by Mayor Putnam and seconded by Trustee Millett. Motion carried all in favor.

Motion to accept resolution to Correct Discrepancy as to ownership of real property was made by Trustee Millett. Motion seconded by Trustee Fulmer. All passed all in favor.

**RESOLUTION ____ of 2024
TO CORRECT DISCREPANCY AS TO OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, real property located in the Town of Alexandria at 46604 NYS Route 12 and designated at Tax Parcel NO.: 7.06-1-9 is real property under the control of the

Town Board of the Town of Alexandria and which has historically been the site of, and used for, the Town of Alexandria's transfer site (the "Subject Property"); and

WHEREAS, it has been long recognized that the subject property is owned by the Town of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, confusion has arisen and which suggests that the Village of Alexandria Bay might also be a record owner of the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined to eliminate any confusion and/or uncertainty as to the ownership of the Subject Property and intends to do so by conveyance of any alleged and/or potential Village interest in the Subject Property by Quitclaim Deed to the Town of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received, and reviewed, a copy of the conveyance papers related to the subject Property and approves the same as a means to avoid and/or eliminate any confusion and/or uncertainty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Alexandria Bay, NY as follows:

- 1. The foregoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth herein.**
- 2. The Village Board hereby approves the conveyance by Quitclaim Deed of any potential interest in the Subject Property to the Town of Alexandria pursuant to the conveyance documents attached as Exhibit "A".**
- 3. The Mayor for the Village of Alexandria Bay, and the Village Clerk, their respective agents and employees are hereby authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to give full force and effect to the conveyance.**
- 4. The Town of Alexandria shall be responsible for all costs, disbursements and recording costs, if any, associated with the conveyance.**
- 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.**

The forgoing Resolution was offered by Trustee Fulmer, and seconded by Trustee Millett, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Michael Putnam, Mayor	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>
Sandra Caputo, Deputy Mayor	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>
Judith Fulmer, Trustee	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>
Douglas Strough, Trustee	YES <u> </u>	ABSENT <u>X</u>
Gregory Millett, Trustee	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>

Dated: September 10, 2024

Erica Dest, Deputy Village Clerk

Motion to adjourn until Joint meeting with Town on September 26, 2024, at 6 p.m. by Trustee Caputo. Motion seconded by Trustee Fulmer. Motion Carried all in favor.