

Village of Alexandria Bay
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2024
5:30 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

Public Comments / Concerns: Walt Dingman- On behalf of the Alexandria Bay Fire Department I want to thank you all for all you have done in the past and taking steps to go forward. I want to Thank you for all that you have done.

Ted Kielecki- I like to drive around the village, I like to see what is going on. It was nice to see the no parking signs put up on Bolton Avenue. You drive down Bolton Avenue and you see signs that say there is no parking, so you know there is no parking. What about Church Street? I drive down there, and I see a sign with no parking with an arrow pointing to the other side of the street and then I go further down and another no parking sign. I go a little further and there is a truck parked half on the road, half on the grass, every day and right in front of it there is no parking sign. It is simply weird when you say you are going to get a ticket for parking on the sidewalk. How I take that is, I can park on the sidewalk in the summer, but not in the winter, but I cannot park on the road in the winter between 2am-6am. I just get confused. **Mayor Putnam** stated that a lot of that has to do with not having a full-time Police department to enforce it. on Which we are working. Mayor Putnam stated that **Mr. Kielecki** has a legitimate concern, but a lot of it has to do with the police not being there enough. We are working on that; I will tell you that.

Ted Kielecki-It's nice you drive into town, and you see the arch that says Abay, but then you come in from Walton Street, in front of the Fire Department and there is a wrinkly green sign, and you think what does that say oh it does say welcome to Abay. **Trustee Strough** said that he had noticed that and that it was our sign, so he requested Jarrett look at it and get it fixed. If we must, we can decide to put a new one up. **Mr. Kielecki** stated that. **Mr. Company** does a beautiful job with the flowers in the divided highway there and it makes people think that this community likes being a community.

Rick Thompson-Yesterday was Veterans Day, and the Chamber postponed their meeting until the 18th and were not able to get a proposal for the second weekend of pirates. I would like to ask if you can postpone your decision until your next board meeting. **Mayor Putnam** stated that it would be fine.

Ted Kielecki- Mayor Putnam, did remind **Mr. Kielecki** that he can only speak once for future meetings. **Mr. Kielecki** spoke about a house on Bolton Avenue with garbage in bags piled up along the side of the house. They are not curbing it or piling it out properly for trash pickup. They are just piling stuff up around the house. **Mayor Putnam** stated that that was another thing they are working on, tightening up the ordinance for stuff like that. Garbage cans sitting out all week long. Houses that have trash. Houses that are boarded up with trees growing out of them. **Mayor Putnam** said that the board was going to be discussing that coming the first of the year.

Discussion on the minutes of the last meeting-October 8th. **Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to approve Minutes. **Trustee Stough** Seconded it. All in favor-Aye.

Paying of Bills: Trustee Fulmer made a motion to approve **Abstract #5**. **Trustee Strough** seconded it. **Trustee Caputo** wanted to state that everyone needs to review the procurement policy. **Mayor Putnam** also stated that all the department heads need to review All in favor-Aye.

Trustee Reports:

DPW Report: Jarrett- We have been up on the golf course helping the guys close and lay the water up. We went and picked up all the benches and put them away for them. The tennis courts are still open. We wait for the first snow before we close that up. Clean up week went without a hitch. We are still doing leaf pick up until it is a hard freeze and then after that people have got to put them in bags. The benches and trash cans from downtown have been picked up sand barrels are out. I ordered no parking signs. I have warning signs to put out on people's cars for parking on the streets after hours. We helped the garden club pick up the flowers and dumped the pots out. They have been stored in the old chamber building and the bathrooms are shut down for the season. **Mayor Putnam** asked Jarrett if you could put fill in the road up on Avery where they had the water leak. **Trustee Caputo** discussed with Jarrett about putting cold patches on the road near the sidewalk at the Post office to fill the big dip from the sidewalk to the road.

Zoning Report- Mayor Putnam- Lee was not able to attend so there is no zoning report.

Police Report: The police department had 5 complaints, 0 arrests, 0 tickets issued and 3 warnings. Also 0 parking tickets were issued and 0 warnings. 9 Building checks.

Trustee Caputo- Based off my report it looks like we broke even with the golf course this year which is monumental compared to where we came from. I know the bad news going forward is we had a lot of fertilizer leftovers that had been there for years, and it had all been used this year so we're going to have a big replenishing of fertilizer next year. Court Rutherford from the fire district got a hold of me letting me know the fire department several months ago this summer received a grant for radios from Jefferson County and they need to be installed into the truck, but it is \$390.00 per truck so it would be \$2730.00 to have these radios installed and he would like to know if the Village would be willing to pay for it. **Trustees Caputo** is waiting for a breakdown of the fire department from the accountant for the loans and bonds. Our agreement with them is until the first of the year when they start paying rent because they have no income at this point, we are going to continue to pay for their fuel and their electricity until the first of the year. **Trustee Caputo** stated that the fire department is aware that they are not making any major purchases without approval at this time. **Trustee Caputo** made a motion that the Village pays for the \$2730 cost to install the radios in each fire truck. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded the motion. All in favor-Aye.

Trustee Caputo-Senior citizens have approached me to have installments on the Village taxes. **Trustee Caputo** talked to Jefferson County Taxes about being able to do installments and the County said that is possible. If it were to be adopted by the board, we would still do the first installment by June 30th and we would do the second installment by either August 15th, or August 30th.

Trustee Fulmer- Spoke with a few business owners about being able to make partial payments that would be accepted until the bills are due. **Trustee Fulmer** stated that anyone can make partial payments on their water/sewer bill up to the due date without penalties.

Project Reports: BCA- Gregor- A couple updates on our progress meeting last week. Talked about the site improvements at the Rockwell tank and how it will affect the fire siren. Our office reached out to Joe Plumer to see if it is required to have a fire siren, and it is not a county requirement, it is at the local level. We are going to follow up and get that in writing and present it to the Village to decide on what you want to do with that. Other updates to that meeting, the distribution system upgrades, we plan to have those ready for the DH next week for their review. No news yet on the community development block grant hoping to hear at the end of the year news on that, but nothing yet. RP Adams is a supplier of filtration components. They plan on meeting us on site and if Jarrett or anyone on the board would like to also might as well, we plan on meeting with them in the next two weeks to look at the filtration of system. Our next progress meeting is December 4th at 4:00 PM. **Trustee Millett**

is requesting that we get the water tower property re-surveyed around the tower just to make sure all the property lines are correct before we move anything. The collectors for the meters are expected to be delivered around the first of the year. We are still working with pro housing, hopefully by the end of the month that will be all set.

NEW BUSINESS: Casino Island- The Chamber is asking if on New Year's Eve they can have fireworks off Casino Island. **Trustee Millett** made a motion to allow it. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded it. All in favor- Aye.

River Santa- Swim with Santa on December 7th and River Santa December 14th. **Trustee Fulmer** made a motion to approve the swim with Santa and River Santa. **Trustee Caputo** seconded it. All in favor-Aye

Trustee Fulmer made a motion to approve the return of the 2024 unpaid taxes to Jefferson County. **Trustee Caputo** seconded it. All in favor-Aye.

Tree Lighting-December 6th, 6PM at the Village Community room.

Public Concerns: Ted Kielecki- What does Jarrett do with all the dirt from the Village flowers? Jarrett stated it is stock piled.

Trustee Fulmer: Asked when do we start putting the Christmas decorations out? Jarrett said they will start to put them up around Thanksgiving.

Annual Meeting- Will be held December 2nd at 5:30

Adjourn- Trustee Caputo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Trustee Fulmer** seconded it. All in favor-Aye.

