Mayor's Report December 6th 2022

On November 15th, Michelle Glennon officially became the new Village Clerk. I welcome Michelle to her new position and expect that she will do a phenomenal job for Asharoken.

The Village received the draft copy of its annual audit. Once again, the Village Auditors, Skinner and Faber, determined that the Village was in very favorable financial position and suggested only a few minor technical corrections. I would like to thank former Clerk Nancy Rittenhouse and Treasurer Emily Hayes for doing an excellent job preparing all of the needed documents for the audit. The Court Audit was also received and there were no issues with the way the Village justices were managing their accounts. Thanks to Police Officer Brian O'Connor for working with the justices and preparing the needed documents for the audit.

During the month, the New York State Comptroller's Office released the results of its annual stress test of Cities, Towns, School Districts and Villages. I am pleased to report that, once again, Asharoken received the best grade of No Designation.

The placement of 45,000 cubic yards of sand on the Long Island Sound beach has been going well. I have been checking in on the project daily. At this time, approximately two thirds of the sand has been placed on the beach. All of the sand placed to date has been dredged from either the intake or outflow channels of the power plant. I have made two site visits to the plant to see the dredging process. At the second visit I encountered Village resident Glen Pancir who was operating one of the excavators. It is expected that all 45,000 cubic yards of sand will come from the power plant. This is terrific because this type of sand is exactly what should be on our beach. Helping the project has been very favorable weather which I hope will continue.

I represented Asharoken at a brunch in honor of Northport Fire Commissioner Phil Weber. Phil has been a Fire Commissioner for the last 55 years which is a New York State record. Phil has always worked tirelessly to make sure that the members of the Northport Fire Department had the equipment and training to provide exceptional service to Northport, Asharoken, Crab Meadow and Fort Salonga.

The Village will be meeting with the Village of Northport on December 13th to continue discussions on a new fire protection and ambulance contract. This will be our third meeting.

Santa and Mrs. Claus are schedule to visit Asharoken Village Hall on Sunday December 18th at 1:30 PM. This is always a very special event which brings tremendous joy to the youngsters who come, so bring your kids and grandkids for an afternoon they will always remember. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

At the conclusion of tonight's meeting a drawing will be held to pick the winners of the prizes for the raffle to support the fireworks. Once again, Carole Casamassima and Jean Bonawandt did a great job putting together the gift baskets. Thanks so much Carole and Jean. Last year, proceeds from the raffle, in conjunction with a contribution from Linda Letica who sells Asharoken clothing to support the fireworks, raised $14,000 to defray the costs of the July 4th fireworks by Grucci. Really an amazing job by Carole, Jean and Linda.