

Mayor's Report for May 3rd, 2022

On Monday, April 16th the Village had a relatively strong Nor'easter. The sheet steel at the seawall sustained additional damage and at this time it is my opinion that the wall has failed. The Village is working with our local elected officials to secure funding to rebuild the wall as quickly as possible. In addition, the snow fence that was placed in the newly restored beach lot area was taken down by the storm and some of the new dune was eroded. It is ironic that the Village went through an entire winter without a major eroding storm event until just after the dune project was completed.

The Village applied for seawall repair funding from the offices of both Senator Chuck Schumer and Congressman Tom Suozzi. Asharoken requested \$14,500,000 from Senator Schumer and \$1,000,000 from Congressman Suozzi. I would like to thank both the Congressman and the Senator for including us in their requests for federal funds to fix the failed seawall. In addition, I want to thank Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce for an incredible job putting together the two packages for funding with very little lead time. The applications were complicated and required letters of support from many people: including Northport Police Department, Northport Fire Department, East Northport Fire Department, Northport School District, NYS Senator Schumer, NYS Assemblyman Keith Brown, Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth, Suffolk Executive Steve Bellone and others. Despite being under a time crunch Pam was able to submit the applications on time. The Village has not heard anything about the BRIC grant it applied for.

During the month the Village also applied for a DASNY grant through Senator Gaughran's office in the amount of \$110,000. If the DASNY grant is approved \$40,000 will be allocated for a new police car and \$70,000 for a guide rail across from the seawall.

The drainage project at 103-105 Asharoken Avenue was 100% completed this month. Thank you to Trustee Ian Jablonski who worked hard on this project.

The bid packages for repaving Asharoken Avenue are almost done and I hope to have this project completed by the end of June. The section from Village Hall to Duck Island Lane (285 Asharoken Avenue) will be funded by National Grid and the section from 355-501 Asharoken Avenue will be funded by a \$70,000 Multimodal grant and State capital funds from CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) allocated to the Village.

I attended the Northport Fire Department installation dinner and thanked outgoing Chief Dennis Sheridan for the terrific job he did over the last two years.

Mayor Greg Letica