

Mayor's Report September 2, 2025

Today Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and I met with the folks from National Grid to discuss this years 45,000 cubic yard sand placement. The project will start October 1st. As more information becomes available I will let the residents know.

During the month a jack up barge was placed on site at the Asharoken seawall for the purposes of conducting underwater surveying of the seabed. This is a critical step needed to complete the engineering plan for reconstructing the beach in front of the seawall.

Progress toward completing the seawall plans is going very well. The Village has received 90% construction drawings and expects to get a cost estimate from its engineering firm, GEI, by the end of September.

The reconstruction of the seawall and beach in front of it continue to be a major priority for the Village. This is and will continue to be a slow process but to date incredible progress has been made.

The Village and the Asharoken PBA met twice during the month to continue negotiations on the new contract.

The Village heard back from Grucci regarding compensation for the July 4th fireworks. Grucci offered to reduce next years fee by \$2500 and provide a double grand finale.

The Village received a proposal from General Code to update and modernize its Village code. This has been a long overdue process and there is an agenda item to approve their proposal.

Police Commissioner Mel Ettinger, Officer in Charge Ray Mahdesian and I interviewed Jack Hardy for the position of part time police officer. Jack, who is a fulltime Suffolk police officer, is a well-trained and personable person who I believe will be an excellent addition to the APD.

Trustee Burke and I had a productive meeting with the Conservation Board to evaluate what they can do to preserve the native Asharoken flora. I would like to thank Chairman Marty Cohen and his board on the excellent job that they do for the Village.

I thank Village resident Annie Dwyer and 7 of her friends for conducting a beach cleanup over the Labor Day weekend. The group of 8th grade students collected 94 pounds of trash from the seawall to the power plant. They will be honored and given community service certificates at next month's BOT meeting.