

Mayor's Report October 6th 2026

During the past month, the Village has continued to make significant progress on the seawall project, with considerable effort focused on finalizing the remaining details.

The application for seawall reconstruction project funding has been submitted to Empire State Development. I thank Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce for her hard work to complete this application. The final plans for the seawall were completed with the assistance of Village resident Bill Haugland and members of his firm. The remaining details of the bid package are expected to be completed by November 1.

The final draft of the easement document has also been completed and was sent to the affected seawall property owners this week for their review. Overall, the project is progressing well, and the Village remains optimistic to commence construction in early spring of 2027. The Village submitted to the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services its formal appeal to FEMA for its denial of payment on submissions that the Hazard Mitigation Grant should have covered. I also reached out to Senator Chuck Schumer's office to seek their support on the appeal request. I thank them for their very receptive response, and they will reach out to FEMA on the Village's request. When more information becomes available, I will let you know.

The Village weathered the nor'easter on the weekend of the 24th and 25th with minimal disruption. The road was closed at the seawall for only a few minutes while crews rescued a stranded motorist and removed the vehicle. The storm dislodged one large steel cap and caused the usual scouring of the south-side shoulder. The steel cap is scheduled to be removed very soon, along with the backfilling of the road shoulder.

As always, the Asharoken Police Department, under the leadership of Ray Mahdesian, did a great job during the storm.

I thank the Highway Departments of the Town of Huntington, under the leadership of Andre Sorrentino, and the Town of Northport for their assistance.

I attended a Mayor's Summit sponsored by the Suffolk County Village Officials Association. It was an informative and worthwhile event that highlighted the many issues and challenges shared by the Villages throughout Suffolk County. It was nice to meet many of the other Mayors as well.

The Osprey have left for the winter. They had a good breeding year, with most of the nests producing fledged chicks. We will await their return in late March next year.