

**Officers Present:**

**Approved**

Greg Letica, Mayor  
Pam Pierce, Deputy Mayor  
Melvin Ettinger, Trustee  
Ian Jablonski, Trustee

**Officials & Appointees Present:**

Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk  
Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney  
Emily Hayes, Treasurer  
Barry Bradley, Sanitation Operator  
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge  
William Raisch, Emergency Manager  
Marty Cohen, Chairman of the Conservation Board

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.  
Publication of meeting was confirmed.

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve the Organizational Board Meeting minutes for July 13, 2021, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Letica; "The Village received \$32,993.40 from the American Rescue Plan Act in July. This is the first half of the money allocated for Asharoken. The Village will receive the second half next year. The Village is presently looking into how this money will be used to cover COVID expenses and other projects that benefit Asharoken in the future.

The Village received one bid from KG Marine located in Northport in the amount of \$25,531.77 for a new outboard motor for the police boat. KG is presently finding a motor for the Village. As soon possible, the boat will be back in service. The Village also received an insurance settlement of \$23,031.77 to cover most of the cost of the new engine. The Village is doing a comprehensive review of all of the electronics on the boat which may need to be replaced. Additionally, the marine police officers will be getting refresher course on boat operation and marine hazards in the Northport Bay, Long Island Sound complex where they patrol. This course will be given by the USCG who I would like to thank for so graciously volunteering their expertise to the Village. I would also like to thank Harbormaster Joe Affrunti for coordinating the training.

On July 20<sup>th</sup> Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and I met with engineers from GEI Consultants. GEI is a well-respected engineering firm that has a lot of coastal design experience. The meeting was to familiarize them with the history of the seawall and its existing condition. Following the meeting we agreed that GEI would get back to the Village, and based and their experience, give Asharoken an estimate of what the design and construction costs to fix the wall might be. GEI responded on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The design component is estimated to cost approximately \$955,000.00 and the

54 construction is estimated to cost 14,500,000.00. At this time the Village has a request in to both  
55 Senator Chuck Schumer and Congressman Tom Suozzi for \$1,000,000 each for member supported  
56 funds to cover most of the design costs. As more information becomes available, I will let you know.  
57 The Village continues to follow up on the grant request for \$50,000 to restore the eroded beach lot  
58 dune. Asharoken was recently informed that it may take another three to four weeks for the grant  
59 to be approved.

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61 The Village has not received a response from NYS to the letter it sent in June stating that Asharoken  
62 is not liable for the non-Federal portion of the cost of the feasibility study.

63 The Village is awaiting the final phase of the gas main replacement during which individual homes  
64 will be connected to the new gas line. NG thinks this may begin as early as next week.

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66 Sadly, I must acknowledge the passing of longtime Asharoken resident Pat Rittenhouse. Pat and her  
67 husband George moved to Asharoken a little over 60 years ago. They raised a family of 5 children,  
68 Georgia, Donna, Laura, John, and Paul. Over time Pat acquired twenty grandchildren and fifteen  
69 great-grandchildren. Pat was a child of the great depression and was raised in a large extended  
70 Irish family. She excelled in school and had a short career as a fashion model. After raising her kids  
71 Pat become very involved in the Village: serving on the Zoning Board for many years and as Trustee  
72 from 1986-1992. She also served as President of the Saint Charles Hospital Auxiliary, Northport  
73 Chapter and was a very successful real estate agent.

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75 The focus of her life was always her family and she loved being surrounded by her kids and  
76 grandchildren. Often unknown kids joined the party and were warmly welcomed. Apparently  
77 sandy feet, wet bathing suits or kids jumping on furniture were just fine with her. Pat loved making  
78 beach plum jam at summer's end, taught knitting and was wicked bridge player.  
79 Pat always had a smile on her face and could not have been a nicer person. She was gracious, caring,  
80 loved Asharoken and was well respected by everyone she met. I had the pleasure of knowing Pat  
81 for over 25 years, and I must say she was one of my favorite Asharoken residents. I extend my  
82 condolences to the entire Rittenhouse family.

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84 **Trustees:**

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86 Deputy Mayor Pierce: reported, "She offered her condolences to the Rittenhouse Family. On July  
87 20<sup>th</sup> she and Mayor Letica met with GEI Consultants. She reviewed the new law on Trees, monthly  
88 vouchers, meeting minutes, police report and correspondences".

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90 Trustee Ettinger; reported, "He offered his condolences to the Rittenhouse Family.  
91 During the month he met with Officer-in-Charge Mahdesian and Mayor Letica they reviewed the  
92 details of the accident with the police boat. Our harbormaster will be organizing a detailed plan that  
93 will include training for our marine officers. He reviewed, the vouchers, tree ordinance,  
94 correspondences, foils and meeting minutes".

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96 Trustee Jablonski; reported, "He offered his condolences to the Rittenhouse Family. He reviewed  
97 the minutes, vouchers, communications regarding the seawall and the amended tree law".

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99 **Attorney Migatz:** Attorney Migatz had nothing to report this month.

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101 **Village Treasurer:** Emily Hayes reported that the vouchers for the month of July were \$37,905.64.  
102 The village received a payment in the amount of \$32,993.40 from the American Rescue Plan Act and  
103 the second half will be received next July. A separate resolution is on the agenda to approve the  
104 vouchers and budget transfers for the month.

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106 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported that fifty-three ski permits have been issued and  
107 reported no burglaries in the village for the month of July, 37 traffic summonses were issued. He  
108 noted there are some problems out there, mainly speed. He indicated that the other morning  
109 coming from Eaton's Neck a car was doing 71 miles per hour. Officer O'Connor pulled over the  
110 driver.

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112 **Sanitation Operator:** Barry Bradley reported that big blue is running well. Total tipping fees for  
113 the month of July were \$2776.80. Trash tonnage 34.71, paper & cardboard 4.02 tons; glass 1.18  
114 tons, plastic, and metal 1.85 tons.

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116 **Emergency Manager:** Bill Raisch noted that nothing substantial is happening currently.  
117 Regarding the oyster project he noted that they are progressing through the approval process.

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119 **Chairman of the Conservation Board:** Marty Cohen reported that last month the board issued  
120 permits to two homeowners.

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122 **Superintendent of Buildings:** Doug Adil was absent; but did submit a written report.

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124 **Resolutions:**

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126 **Resolution (2021-98)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for  
127 the month of July 2021 in the amount of \$37,905.64.

128 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.

129 Trustee Jablonski AYE

130 Trustee Ettinger AYE

131 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

132 Mayor Letica AYE

133 Motioned Carried

134 **Resolution (2021-99)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve budget transfers  
135 for July 2021.

136 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

137 Trustee Jablonski AYE

138 Trustee Ettinger AYE

139 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

140 Mayor Letica AYE

141 Motioned Carried

142 **Resolution (2021-100)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to sign the  
143 contract between the Village of Asharoken and All Shore Excavation, Inc. for the installation of  
144 drywells according to the specifications noted in the proposal for a cost of \$34,500.00, subject to  
145 attorney's approval to form.

146 Trustee Jablonski made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Letica.

147 Mayor Letica asked if the project includes re-landscaping; it does not. They do place top soil and  
148 seed.

149 Trustee Jablonski AYE

150 Trustee Ettinger AYE

151 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

152 Mayor Letica AYE

153 Motioned Carried

154 **Resolution (2021-101)** Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the tent permit  
155 for Dennis McCreight located at 89 Asharoken Avenue from August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

156 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.  
157 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
158 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
159 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
160 Mayor Letica AYE  
161 Motioned Carried

162 **Presentation of the bids for the Police Vessel outboard engine:**

163 The competitive bid for the outboard engine was publicly opened on Friday, July 23rd at 2:00pm.  
164 Bid:  
165 KG Marine Corp \$25,531.77.

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167 **Resolution (2021-102)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby ratify the action of the  
168 mayor accepting the bid from KG Marine Corp for the outboard engine for \$25,531.77.

169 Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

170 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
171 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
172 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
173 Mayor Letica AYE  
174 Motioned Carried

175 Mayor Letica asked if the board wants to add any further amendments to the proposed tree  
176 ordinance. None was mentioned by the board.

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178 **Public Session:**  
179 **No Comments**

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181 Mayor Letica made a motion to exit public session, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.  
182 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
183 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
184 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
185 Mayor Letica AYE  
186 Motioned Carried

187 Mayor Letica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

188 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
189 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
190 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
191 Mayor Letica AYE  
192 Motioned Carried.

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194 The August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, Regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at  
195 approximately 6:55pm.

196 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
197 Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk