

Approved

**Officers Present:**

Greg Letica, Mayor  
Melvin Ettinger, Trustee  
Laura Burke, Trustee  
Ian Jablonski, Trustee

**Officials & Appointees Present:**

Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk  
Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney  
Emily Hayes, Treasurer  
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge  
Doug Adil, Building Inspector  
Bill Raisch, Emergency Manager  
Joe Affrunti, Harbormaster

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

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for July 12, 2022, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Laura Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Letica reported, "I am pleased to report that the Asharoken Police boat has resumed operation. Due to constraints on the marine industry, it took the Village about 1 year to source a new engine for the boat. I would like to thank John Rittenhouse for finding an appropriate engine and Harbormaster Joe Affrunti for his hard work to get the engine installed and the boat in the water. I would also like to thank Police Officer Pat Rogan for mastering the new electronics on the boat and conducting training for the Village's marine officers. And lastly, a big thank you to Fred Uvena head of the Huntington Maritime division who graciously provided marine coverage for the Village while the boat was out of service.

In July the last phase of road paving and beach lot shoulder repair was completed. The entire avenue was re-striped as well. During the last 10 years the entire length of Asharoken Avenue has been repaved. The Village has also applied for a \$100,000 grant through the Office of State Senator Jim Gaughran to repave Bevin Road.

I worked with National Grid to get a dangerous large dead tree on their property, opposite 55 Asharoken Avenue, taken down. Thanks to Joe Warren at the power plant for his speedy response to my request.

On August 1<sup>st</sup> I spoke to Joe Warren National Grid power plant manager to start discussing the 45,000 cubic yard Long Island Sound side sand replenishment scheduled for this fall. NG is in the

50 process of determining how much sand they will be able to dredge and if they will need to purchase  
51 upland sand. Part of our discussion focused on the quality of the upland sand and the need to have  
52 an outside entity evaluate it to make sure it conforms with the specifications in the bid package. The  
53 Village and NG will continue our discussions once NG has identified a contractor.

54 Yesterday Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and I had a call with GEI, an engineering firm that the Village  
55 has worked with previously, to work on a plan to fix the sink hole at the seawall. GEI will get back to  
56 the Village with a cost estimate and general proposal in the next few days. I also followed up with  
57 NYS Assemblyman Keith Brown who has applied for a \$50,000 grant for Asharoken to fix the  
58 sinkhole. He informed me that the grant application is moving through the needed steps, and he  
59 thinks he should have more definitive information in about 2 weeks.

60 Finally, a census of the three Osprey nests on Asharoken Avenue found 7 juveniles all of which are  
61 now flying around. Unlike previous years not every nest in the Village was successful. The Piping  
62 Plovers had a good year with three nests hatching 9 chicks. I would like to thank everyone who  
63 shared their beach with the birds while they were incubating their eggs on their nests.

64 **Trustees:**

65 Trustee Ettinger: During the month I had discussions with Officer Mahdesian regarding police  
66 matters. As Mayor Letica just mentioned our police vessel is in the water; many thanks to John  
67 Rittenhouse for securing an engine. We completed the marine training. Everything is working very  
68 well. I want to thank harbormaster Joe Affrunti and officer Rogin for their assistance. During the  
69 month reviewed foil's, minutes, and vouchers.

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71 Trustee Burke: During the month I reviewed the minutes, maritime procedures, abstract, vouchers  
72 and police report.

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74 Trustee Jablonski: During the month; I reviewed, the minutes, vouchers, police report, and resident  
75 correspondences.

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77 **Attorney Migatz:** Nothing to report. No news on oral arguments.

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79 **Village Treasurer:** Emily Hayes reported for the month of July. The vouchers totaled \$306,661.58.  
80 Included in the vouchers this month was a bill from Posillico paving for \$272,780.60. This expense  
81 was for the repaving and striping part of Asharoken Avenue. This invoice will be reimbursed by  
82 National Grid. There will be a separate resolution to approve the vouchers and budget transfers.

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84 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported 61 summonses and no arrests. He reported that the  
85 boat is now ready for patrols. He noted that the department had patrol rifle training this month. He  
86 discussed the importance of locking your cars. Throughout the town there has been an increase in  
87 vehicle-related crime. Thieves are going through neighborhoods by car, bicycle, and on foot looking  
88 for unlocked cars. They steal the various contents such as wallets with credit cards and licenses left  
89 in consoles. The cars are being stolen as well. Sometimes these cars are used in other crimes, like  
90 burglaries, before they are dumped in New Jersey. Catalytic converters bring a pretty penny at junk  
91 yards and can be removed from a car in just a minute or two. Crime can occur anywhere, even in  
92 well-protected areas such as Asharoken. Residents are urged not to leave valuables in cars and to  
93 always lock cars. Never leave keys or fobs in cars, and park in a lighted area if possible.  
94 Surveillance cameras are also a good idea. Don't make it easy for the bad guys.  
95 Regarding waterskiing permits we are down this year. We issued 35 permits this season.

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97 **Emergency Manager:** Bill Raisch reported that he is working through potential severe weather  
98 potential incidents. We have had discussions with ACOE, Huntington highway department, and

99 FRES. I am putting together a plan in the event we lose the roadway during extreme weather. We  
100 are discussing these items and setting up a plan to be prepared.

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102 **Superintendent of Buildings:** Doug Adil reported the following: Issued a letter of denial for a  
103 building permit for the addition of a new garage on South Harbor. Responded to a question  
104 regarding as sport court lighting. Met with a homeowner on North Harbor Road to discuss  
105 proposed deer fencing installation. Provided feedback to a homeowner on Asharoken Avenue who  
106 wanted to reconstruct their yard retaining wall. Performed 12 Inspections.

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108 **Harbormaster:** Joe Affrunti reported that he spoke with Officer Rogin, the engine is now broken in.  
109 He continues to train officers on the GPS and depth finder electronics. We did put together a marine  
110 schedule for the remaining part of the season. Spoke with NYS Parks and Recs regarding picking up  
111 the old engine.

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113 **Resolutions:**

114 **Resolution (2022-97)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for  
115 the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$306,661.58.

116 Trustee Jablonski made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

117 Trustee Jablonski AYE

118 Trustee Burke AYE

119 Trustee Ettinger AYE

120 Mayor Letica AYE

121 Motioned Carried

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123 **Resolution (2022-98)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve budget transfers  
124 for July 2022.

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

126 Trustee Jablonski AYE

127 Trustee Burke AYE

128 Trustee Ettinger AYE

129 Mayor Letica AYE

130 Motioned Carried

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132 **Resolution (2022-99)** Be It Resolved that the Village board does hereby approve the repairs to the  
133 block retaining wall by Parker Landscaping located near 544 Asharoken Avenue at a cost of  
134 \$2500.00.

135 Trustee Jablonski made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

136 Mayor Letica asked what chances are to recoup these funds. Attorney Migatz sent a letter to the  
137 driver of the vehicle from the police report. The police report does not have the insurance  
138 information. Mayor Letica noted in the future we should get a copy of the insurance card.

139 Trustee Jablonski AYE

140 Trustee Burke AYE

141 Trustee Ettinger AYE

142 Mayor Letica AYE

143 Motioned Carried

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145 **Resolution (2022-100)** Be It Resolved that the Village board does hereby approve the budget  
146 adjustment for 5/31/2023 to increase Miscellaneous Account (A2700.000) and increase Highway  
147 Repairs (A5110.451) for paving and engineer costs in the amount of \$272,700.60.

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

149 Trustee Jablonski AYE

150 Trustee Burke AYE

151 Trustee Ettinger AYE

152 Mayor Letica AYE

153 Motioned Carried

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155 **Resolution (2022-101)** Be It Resolved that the Village board does hereby approve the budget  
156 adjustment for 5/31/2023 to increase Start Income (A1000.000) and increase Marine Police  
157 Equipment (A3620.200) for the cost of installing the new outboard engine in the amount of  
158 \$3090.45.

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

160 Trustee Jablonski AYE

161 Trustee Burke AYE

162 Trustee Ettinger AYE

163 Mayor Letica AYE

164 Motioned Carried

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166 **New or Old Business:**

167 Trustee Jablonski recommended seal coating the parking lot. I have been getting complaints about  
168 the beach lot debris and signage. There is a garbage can out which is not allowed and posts which  
169 could be hazardous. Mayor Letica noted that we can discuss.

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171 **Mayor Letica opened Public Session:**

172 1. One resident asked about metal stakes and indicated that owners have their lots surveyed  
173 and stakes are placed to identify their property. She also noted that her rural parking lot has  
174 indents in the sand and the sand is too high to drive up onto.

175 2. A resident noted about the census of the eggs and hatchlings.

176 3. A resident asked about the statistics on the police boat. She noted that every month it would  
177 be nice to hear the statistics on the police boat and where they patrol. She also asked about  
178 the trucks that drive thru and park on the side of the road. To stop them I put in poles to  
179 prevent the trucks from coming on my property. A lot of people have re-surveyed their lots  
180 and putting in stakes to identify their lots, especially after Superstorm Sandy. Mayor Letica  
181 noted that you can go to google maps and get the Latitude and Longitude for your property.

182 4. A resident noted that the value of deterrents is important to consider with regards to the  
183 police boat.

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185 Mayor Letica made a motion to exit public session, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

186 Trustee Jablonski AYE

187 Trustee Burke AYE

188 Trustee Ettinger AYE

189 Mayor Letica AYE

190 Motioned Carried

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

192 Trustee Jablonski AYE

193 Trustee Burke AYE

194 Trustee Ettinger AYE

195 Mayor Letica AYE

196 Motioned Carried.

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198 The August 2, 2022, board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately  
199 7:10pm.

200 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

201 Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk