

Approved

Officers Present:

Greg Letica, Mayor
Pamela Pierce, Deputy Mayor
Melvin Ettinger, Trustee
Laura Burke, Trustee
Ian Jablonski, Trustee

Officials & Appointees Present:

Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk
Michelle Glennon, Deputy Village Clerk
Emily Hayes, Treasurer
Doug Adil, Building Inspector
Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge
Marty Cohen, Chairman Conservation Board

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Publication of meeting was confirmed.

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for October 11, 2022, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE
Motioned Carried.	

Mayor Letica reported; National Grid began the placement of 45,000 cubic yards of sand on the Long Island Sound beach, beginning approximately 1000 feet from the west jetty, yesterday. Joe Warren, the NG plant manager, has informed me that there may be enough dredged sand for the entire project. NG has provided the following phone number should you have any questions or concerns during the project. 631-262-6550

The Village will be closely monitoring the project. Particularly, regarding the volume of delivered material and quality of sand should upland material be brought in. The project is expected to be finished by the middle of December.

The Village has been working with the Town of Huntington to finalize an IMA to allow the two municipalities to work together to do emergency repair work on the seawall. During the month, Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and I met with Northport Mayor Donna Koch and Village Manager Don Tessararo to continue our discussions on the new fire protection contract.

47 Earlier this year the Village's Emergency Manager and Deputy Harbormaster Bill Raisch began a plan to
48 revitalize Village waters by boosting the oyster population. Our Village waters were once teaming with
49 oysters which were also an important part of the local economy. Oysters are incredibly efficient in
50 filtering seawater of excess algae (each filtering up to 50 gallons per day) and providing habitat for other
51 sea animals. Many other communities, including the Village of Northport, have been adding oysters to
52 their adjacent bodies of water.

53 Bill has volunteered with Cornell Cooperative Extension's Marine Program for years. Last fall in
54 collaboration with Cornell, Bill obtained appropriate permits and fitted the Village five mile per hour
55 marine signs with cages in which to grow oyster larvae also known as spat. In the spring, Cornell
56 provided spat, which were each approximately the size of a fingernail. The spats were originally put in
57 fine mesh bags and as they got bigger they were placed into larger mesh bags in our own floating oyster
58 nurseries (aka 5 MPH signs). By October, the spat had become large enough to release into the wild.

59 On Saturday October 15th, Bill and Barbara Raisch joined Linda and I to place the oysters in Village
60 waters. Bill estimates that approximately 5,000 oysters were released.

61 In the June-July timeframe, each of the female oysters will be releasing on average 1 to 2 million eggs
62 (although some can release up to 100 million). While only a small percentage of the eggs will reach
63 maturity, our Village has taken an important step to begin to reseed our waters with these impactful
64 animals.

65 I would like to thank Bill for this terrific environmental initiative that the Village plans to do again next
66 spring.

67 I would like to thank Rita Rover for displaying her award-winning chrysanthemum at Village Hall. Over
68 the years Rita has distinguished herself as a master of creating incredible mums. This year's mum is
69 really remarkable.

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72 **Trustees:**

73 Deputy Mayor Pierce: During the month I attended the fire contract negotiation meeting with
74 Mayor Letica. I reviewed the minutes, vouchers and the police report.

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76 Trustee Ettinger: During the month I met with Officer in Charge Ray Mahdesian and discussed
77 various police related matters. One of the issues that we discussed was regarding residents leaving
78 their cars in their driveway that are unlocked and with the key fobs in sight. Unfortunately, on
79 October 14th, some thieves attacked our community, and a number of cars were rummaged through
80 and one car was stolen from Eaton's Neck. The stolen car was actually seen leaving the village on our
81 license plate camera recording system. In addition, one Asharoken resident that had their unlocked
82 cars in their driveway were also rummaged through but fortunately nothing was taken. As a
83 reminder, I ask all of our residents to please lock your cars. The Mayor, Officer Mahdesian and I also
84 interviewed a part time officer candidate, Rob Cafiero. We will offer a resolution to hire him later
85 tonight and expect him to join the Police Department effective tomorrow. I also reviewed the
86 landscape bids and the snow removal bids, the online Cyber Security training pdf, correspondence,
87 the foils, the minutes and this month's abstract.

Trustee Burke: During the month I reviewed the minutes, vouchers, correspondence, abstracts and police report.

Trustee Jablonski: During the month; I reviewed; the minutes, vouchers, and police report, correspondence, and proposals. I have spent several months working on identification and contact information for the beach lots and painted the numbers this past Sunday.

Attorney's Report: The Zoning Board met last month. There were two cases, William and Barbara Raish, 60 South Harbor Road, application for a side yard, front yard set back variances to construct a new detached garage. That application was granted, subject to the condition of a landscaping plan that was filed with the application. Second application was Linda and Salvatore Farina, 232 Asharoken Avenue, application for a special use permit for accessory building to be used as a dwelling for members of the family and that was granted. The planning board did not meet last month. We still do not have a date for oral arguments of the dock litigation with Akinson and Guinta, still waiting for that.

Village Treasurer: The vouchers totaled \$43,084.47. There will be a separate resolution to approve the vouchers.

Police Report: Officer Mahdesian spoke of the rash of vehicle break ins and thefts in our area. Not one group, wide spread issue. Groups will check entire neighborhood and go from car to car, looking for valuables. 36 tickets were issued, no arrests were made.

Superintendent of Buildings: Re-reviewed drawings for a new home at 122 Asharoken ave (third review). Plans were resubmitted without certain details, and were therefore, rejected. Subsequently, corrected documents were submitted and approved. Re-Reviewed drawings for a new home at 279 Asharoken Ave (third review). Plans were resubmitted without certain details, and were therefore, rejected. Subsequently, corrected documents were submitted and approved. Reviewed drawings for window and door replacement at 293 Asharoken Ave. Plans were approved for a Building Permit. Reviewed drawings for a roof replacement at 148 Asharoken Ave. Re-reviewed site plan drawings for addition of an accessory structure at 174 Asharoken Ave. Plans for the accessory were previously approved, and the corrected site plan was approved for a Building Permit. Reviewed drawings for installation of a generator at 108 Cove Road. Drawings were approved for a Building Permit. Performed a site inspection of fill at the 174 Asharoken Ave construction site with the Conservation Board members.

Conservation Board: Very busy month for the board with tree permits for 4 properties that were granted one way or another. This past Sunday at 9am, the Conservation Board, building inspector, contractor and owner met at 174 Asharoken Ave to discuss the fill application and conservation board has approved the application.

Resolutions:

Resolution (2022-123) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for the month of October 2022 in the amount of \$43,084.47.

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

Trustee Jablonski AYE

Trustee Burke AYE

Trustee Ettinger AYE

Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

Mayor Letica AYE

Motioned Carried

145 **Resolution (2022-124)** Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve budget
146 transfers for October 2022.
147 Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.
148 Trustee Jablonski AYE
149 Trustee Burke AYE
150 Trustee Ettinger AYE
151 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
152 Mayor Letica AYE
153 Motioned Carried

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155 **Resolution (2022-125)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the services
156 from Ted McCarthy Landscaping, East Northport, NY 11731 to provide snow plowing services for
157 Village Hall parking lot at a cost of \$225 per visit charge up to 4" of snow, after 4" it will be \$225 per
158 plow.
159 Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
160 Trustee Jablonski AYE
161 Trustee Burke AYE
162 Trustee Ettinger AYE
163 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
164 Mayor Letica AYE
165 Motioned Carried

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167 **Resolution (2022-126)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby make a negative
168 declaration pursuant to SEQRA based on the Conservation Board's recommendation and SEAF (part
169 2) Impact Assessment regarding the Lane fill permit application. Mayor Greg Letica made a motion
170 to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce.
171 Trustee Jablonski AYE
172 Trustee Burke AYE
173 Trustee Ettinger AYE
174 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
175 Mayor Letica AYE
176 Motioned Carried

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178 **Resolution (2022-127)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the fill permit
179 to George Lane located at 174 Asharoken Avenue to deposit fill (approximately 600CY) to cover the
180 septic system and raise the grade based on the recommendation from the Conservation Board.
181 Mayor Greg Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce.
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183 Trustee Jablonski AYE
184 Trustee Burke AYE
185 Trustee Ettinger AYE
186 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
187 Mayor Letica AYE
188 Motioned Carried

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190 **Resolution (2022-128)** Be It Resolved that Mayor does hereby appoint Michelle Glennon as the
191 full-time Village Clerk at an annual salary of \$65,000.00 beginning November 16th, subject to board
192 approval. Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.
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194 Trustee Jablonski AYE
195 Trustee Burke AYE
196 Trustee Ettinger AYE
197 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

198 Mayor Letica AYE

199 Motioned Carried

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202 **Resolution (2022-129)** Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a street work
203 permit for a 4'x4' bell hole on Beach Plum Drive for National Grid to repair a gas leak.

204 Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

205 Trustee Jablonski AYE

206 Trustee Burke AYE

207 Trustee Ettinger AYE

208 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

209 Mayor Letica AYE

210 Motioned Carried

211 **Resolution (2022-130)** Be It Resolved that Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign
212 the Intermunicipal agreement between the Town of Huntington and the Village of Asharoken to
213 repair the sinkhole located at the seawall. Subject to Village Attorney review and approval.

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

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216 Trustee Jablonski AYE

217 Trustee Burke AYE

218 Trustee Ettinger AYE

219 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

220 Mayor Letica AYE

221 Motioned Carried

222 **Resolution (2022-131)** Be It Resolved that Mayor does hereby appoint Robert A. Cafiero as a part-
223 time police officer at the base rate per the police contract effective date November 1st, 2022 subject
224 to board approval. Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

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226 Trustee Jablonski AYE

227 Trustee Burke AYE

228 Trustee Ettinger AYE

229 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

230 Mayor Letica AYE

231 Motioned Carried

232 **Resolution (2022-132)** Be It Resolved that Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign
233 the agreement between LiRo Engineers, Inc. and the Village of Asharoken to perform testing on the
234 upland related to the National Grid Beach Sand Replenishment for an amount not to exceed
235 \$1,420.00. Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Letica.

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237 Trustee Jablonski AYE

238 Trustee Burke AYE

239 Trustee Ettinger AYE

240 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

241 Mayor Letica AYE

242 Motioned Carried

243 Officer Cafiero was introduced to the Board of Trustees and members of the public.


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245 Old Business: Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce questioned the Building Inspector when he expected 174
246 Asharoken to be done. Building Inspector Doug Adil thought it should be completed by February.

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248 New Business: Mayor Letica discussed with the Village Attorney Migatz the ordinance regarding fill
249 is confusing. Would like to consider neatening the ordinance so that it is clearer. Attorney Migatz
250 looking for recommendations from the Building Inspector and Conservation Board as to what they
251 would like to see as the language is a little confusing.
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253 Mayor Letica opened Public Session:
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255 1. A resident commented on the sand replenishment program. They appreciate the efforts but
256 are concerned about the plan to deal with inclement weather.
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258 Mayor Letica made a motion to exit public session, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
259 Trustee Jablonski AYE
260 Trustee Burke AYE
261 Trustee Ettinger AYE
262 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
263 Mayor Letica AYE
264 Motioned Carried

265 Village Clerk Rittenhouse addressed the Board of Trustees, thanking them and the staff for all their
266 efforts.

267 Several residents spoke regarding their appreciation of Village Clerk Rittenhouse and how much
268 she will be missed.

269 Mayor Letica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
270 Trustee Jablonski AYE
271 Trustee Burke AYE
272 Trustee Ettinger AYE
273 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
274 Mayor Letica AYE
275 Motioned Carried.
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277 The November 1, 2022, board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately
278 7:36pm.
279 Signed: 
280 Michelle Glennon, Deputy Village Clerk