

APPROVED

Officers Present:

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

Officials & Appointees Present:

Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk
Emily Hayes, Treasurer
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge
Doug Adil, Building Inspector
Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney

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

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for April 4, 2023,
seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

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

Motioned Carried.

Mayors Report: Mayor Letica reported, "I would like to thank the Asharoken Garden Club for their very generous donation of \$750 to help the Village buy oysters to restock Duck Island Harbor this year. Village Emergency Manager Bill Raisch accepted the donation at the AGC's annual luncheon. Last year, Bill spearheaded a plan to grow the baby oysters on the marine signs and then distribute over 5000 of them into Duck Island Harbor in early October.

After extensive conversations with PSEG, I am happy to report that they have agreed to make some modifications to the power grid in Asharoken and Eaton's Neck to make our electrical service more reliable. Bevin Road will have a redundant service and will be able to remain energized if the rest of EN needs to be turned off. The planned modifications are described below from an email I received from PSEG:

1-The first project scope includes extending the current underground cable approximately 1 mile from Bevin Road to North Creek Rd via directional drill. This project will also install a switch located just west of Bevin Road and a supervisory smart switch, with sectionalizing capabilities, at North Creek Rd.

46 If there are future faults on the underground system, there is switching redundancy to restore
47 power faster. If there are faults on the overhead system, the redundancy will reduce the number
48 of customers that will experience an outage. Estimated construction start is Q1 2024.

49 2-The second project scope is replacing the overhead switch feeding Asharoken and EN with a
50 newer smart switch that will be configured to help improve and reduce momentary outages (<5
51 minute outages). Estimated construction start Q2/Q3 2023.

52 I have several important items to report on the seawall. The Village finally received the Grant
53 Distribution Agreement for the \$50,000 grant that Assemblyman Keith Brown got for
54 Asharoken. As soon as the final document is returned from NYS the Village and Town will
55 commence a plan to shore up the area of the collapsing sheet steel and sink hole.

56 Additionally, on April 28th Trustee Ian Jablonski, Clerk Michelle Glennon and I met with the
57 NYS Department of Transportation for a Local Project Initiation Meeting for the \$1,000,000
58 earmark that Senator Schumer and Congressman Suozzi obtained for the Village. This meeting
59 reviewed all of the steps required to access the money. There were two major takeaways from
60 the meeting. This is going to be a very complicated and long process that is likely going to take
61 several years to complete. There is also a local share of \$250,000. The Village plans to work
62 with the Town of Huntington and NYS to help with this obligation.

63 The Village received final approval of the \$100,000 grant that former State Senator Jim
64 Gaughran acquired for Asharoken. I met with a paving company this month to get a rough
65 estimate on the cost of resurfacing the road. It appears that between the grant and Village CHIPS
66 money the cost of the project could be fully covered. The next step is to bid out the project.

67 **Trustees:**

68 Trustee Ettinger: During the past month, I continued to have numerous meetings and conversations
69 with Officer-in-Charge Ray Mahdesian regarding a number of police related matters and once again,
70 I am happy to report that the police department had another "good month", which Officer-in-Charge
71 Ray Mahdesian will comment on shortly, in his monthly report.

72 I am very happy to report that the new Ford Interceptor Police Vehicle that we ordered in October,
73 2022 has finally arrived on Long Island and is now being fitted-out with the Asharoken Police car
74 markings and the various after market electronics that we ordered. We are expecting to have the
75 new car in service sometime in May... Keep your fingers crossed!

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77 Some other matters that I was involved in during the month are as follows:

- 78 • I reviewed the MS4 Storm Water Report that we will be discussing and voting on tonight,
- 79 • I also reviewed the Revised Local Law regarding Fences, that we will also be discussing and
80 voting on tonight,
- 81 • I also reviewed some correspondences that we received from some of our residents,
- 82 • I also reviewed the foils that were received during the past month,
- 83 • I also reviewed last month's BOT Regular Meeting's Minutes, and finally
- 84 • I also reviewed this month's Abstracts for the Payment Vouchers.

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86 Trustee Burke: I reviewed the vouchers, police report, minutes, stormwater report, fence code
87 amendment and worked on the noise ordinance.

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89 Trustee Jablonski: During the month; I reviewed, the minutes, payment vouchers, police report,
90 stormwater report, the fence code amendment and worked on the noise ordinance. I also attended
91 a meeting with the NYS DOT.

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93 **Attorney Migatz:** The Zoning Board met on April 25th, they had one case on their agenda, John &
94 Lori Murn, 276 Asharoken Avenue. Seeking a set back variance to construct a new 3 detached car
95 garage with a second story for storage and that was granted. The Planning Board did not meet and I
96 still have no date for argument on the dock litigation in the Appellate Division.

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98 **Village Treasurer:** Emily Hayes reported for the month of April. The village surprisingly received a
99 \$17,440.03 check from a Monsanto class action suit. Payment vouchers totaled \$27,661.30. There
100 will be a separate resolution to approve the vouchers and budget transfers.

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102 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported 63 summons for April, which was more than usual. The
103 highest speed summons was for 64 miles per hour. Officer Mandesian reported that the Northport
104 Police Dept had chased a car stolen from Harrison Drive. The perpetrators were caught and
105 discovered to be two 15 year old kids from Huntington Station. The police department is waiting for
106 the new vehicle, Asharoken is in good shape.

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108 **Superintendent of Buildings:** Doug Adil reported the following: issued denial letter for a garage
109 addition at 276 Asharoken that moved forward, reviewed plans for an addition at 45 Asharoken
110 that were sent back for changes, came back and were accepted for a building permit. Responded to
111 an inquiry of plans for a generator at 218 Asharoken, which was approved for a building permit.
112 Reviewed a site plan for a deer fence on Asharoken Ave, which was also approved for a permit.
113 Performed foundation inspections along with the Deputy Building Inspector at 279, 219, 122 and
114 399 Asharoken.

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116 **Public Hearing: Stormwater Annual Report for year-end 3/9/2023.**
117 Clerk Glennon read the publication.

118 Mayor Letica opened the public hearing.

119 No comments were made on the stormwater annual report.

120 Mayor Letica made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

121 Trustee Jablonski AYE

122 Trustee Burke AYE

123 Trustee Ettinger AYE

124 Mayor Letica AYE

125 Motioned Carried.

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127 **Public Hearing:** Proposed Local Law #2-2023 amending Section 125-10.1 entitled 'Fences'.

128 Clerk Glennon read the publication.

129 Mayor Letica opened the public hearing.

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131 A resident asked if the law would be in effect exo facto or only going forward? The Village Attorney
132 responded that it could only be in effect going forward.

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134 Another resident expressed his concern over a personal fence encroachment issue. The options
135 open to the resident were reiterated by the Village Attorney.

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137 Mayor Letica made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

138 Trustee Jablonski AYE
139 Trustee Burke AYE
140 Trustee Ettinger AYE
141 Mayor Letica AYE
142 Motioned Carried.

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144 **Resolution (2023-40)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board approves the budget transfers for the
145 month of April 2023. Trustee Jablonski made a motion to approve seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

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147 Trustee Jablonski AYE
148 Trustee Burke AYE
149 Trustee Ettinger AYE
150 Mayor Letica AYE
151 Motioned Carried.

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153 **Resolution (2023-41)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for
154 the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$27,661.30. Mayor Letica made a motion to approve
155 seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

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157 Trustee Jablonski AYE
158 Trustee Burke AYE
159 Trustee Ettinger AYE
160 Mayor Letica AYE
161 Motioned Carried.

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163 **Resolution (2023-42)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to
164 sign the MS4 Stormwater Annual Report for year-end March 9th, 2023. Motion made by Trustee
165 Ettinger, seconded by Trustee Burke.

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167 Trustee Jablonski AYE
168 Trustee Burke AYE
169 Trustee Ettinger AYE
170 Mayor Letica AYE
171 Motioned Carried.

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173 **Resolution (2023-43)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board, does hereby approve Local Law #2-
174 2023 amending Section 125-10.1 entitled "Fences". Mayor Letica made a motion to approve,
175 seconded by Trustee Burke.

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177 **ROLL CALL:**
178 **Trustee Jablonski** AYE
179 **Trustee Burke** AYE
180 **Trustee Ettinger** AYE
181 **Mayor Letica** AYE
182 **Deputy Mayor Pierce** ABSENT

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185 **Resolution (2023-44)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the scheduling
186 of a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 to solicit comments on the Proposed Cable Franchise
187 Renewal Agreement with Cablevision Systems Huntington Corporation. Motion made by Mayor
188 Letica, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

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191 Trustee Jablonski AYE
192 Trustee Burke AYE
193 Trustee Ettinger AYE
194 Mayor Letica AYE
195 Motioned Carried.

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197 **Resolution (2023-45)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby accept the donation from
198 "AVT-Shirts" committee in the amount of \$1,750.00 which funds will support the cost of the barge,
199 tugboat and the 2023 Fireworks Event. Motion made by Mayor Letica, seconded by Trustee
200 Ettinger.

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202 Trustee Jablonski AYE
203 Trustee Burke AYE
204 Trustee Ettinger AYE
205 Mayor Letica AYE
206 Motioned Carried.

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208 **Resolution (2023-46)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby accept the donation from
209 "Save the Fireworks" committee in the amount of \$10,250.00 which funds will support the cost of
210 the barge, tugboat and the 2023 Fireworks Event. Motion made by Mayor Letica, seconded by
211 Trustee Burke.

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213 Trustee Jablonski AYE
214 Trustee Burke AYE
215 Trustee Ettinger AYE
216 Mayor Letica AYE
217 Motioned Carried.

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219 **Resolution (2023-47)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
220 Duck Island Corp located at Duck Island Lane from May 25, 2023, thru October 1, 2023. Motion
221 made by Mayor Letica, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

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223 Trustee Jablonski AYE
224 Trustee Burke AYE
225 Trustee Ettinger AYE
226 Mayor Letica AYE
227 Motioned Carried.

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229 **Resolution (2023-48)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
230 Marybeth & Karl Seus located at 10 Clam Shell Lane from June 30, 2023, thru July 5, 2023. Motion
231 made by Mayor Letica, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

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233 Trustee Jablonski AYE
234 Trustee Burke AYE
235 Trustee Ettinger AYE
236 Mayor Letica AYE
237 Motioned Carried.

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239 **Resolution (2023-49)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
240 Starr Tent (Kefalidis) located at 76 Bevin Road from July 10, 2023 thru July 28, 2023. Motion made
241 by Mayor Letica, seconded by Trustee Burke.

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244 Trustee Jablonski AYE
245 Trustee Burke AYE
246 Trustee Ettinger AYE
247 Mayor Letica AYE
248 Motioned Carried.

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250 **Public Session** – Mayor Letica opened public session.

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252 A resident asked about tent permits.

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

255 Trustee Jablonski AYE

256 Trustee Burke AYE

257 Trustee Ettinger AYE

258 Mayor Letica AYE

259 Motioned Carried

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

261 Trustee Jablonski AYE

262 Trustee Burke AYE

263 Trustee Ettinger AYE

264 Mayor Letica AYE

265 Motioned Carried.

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267 The May 2, 2023, Regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately

268 7:14pm.

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271 Signed: 

272 Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk