

Approved

Officers Present:

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

Officials & Appointees Present:

Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge

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

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for August 5, 2025, seconded by Trustee Burke.

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

Motioned Carried

Resolution (2025-113) Be It Resolved that the mayor does hereby appoint Jack Hardy as a part-time police officer at the base rate per the police contract effective date September 2, 2025, subject to Board approval.

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

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

Motioned Carried

Officer Hardy was sworn in by the Village Clerk.

Mayors Report: Today Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and I met with the folks from National Grid to discuss this years 45,000 cubic yard sand placement. The project will start October 1st. As more information becomes available I will let the residents know.

During the month a jack up barge was placed on site at the Asharoken seawall for the purposes of conducting underwater surveying of the seabed. This is a critical step needed to complete the engineering plan for reconstructing the beach in front of the seawall.

49 Progress toward completing the seawall plans is going very well. The Village has received 90%
50 construction drawings and expects to get a cost estimate from its engineering firm, GEI, by the end
51 of September.

52 The reconstruction of the seawall and beach in front of it continue to be a major priority for the
53 Village. This is and will continue to be a slow process but to date incredible progress has been
54 made.

55 The Village and the Asharoken PBA met twice during the month to continue negotiations on the
56 new contract.

57 The Village heard back from Grucci regarding compensation for the July 4th fireworks. Grucci
58 offered to reduce next years fee by \$2500 and provide a double grand finale.

59 The Village received a proposal from General Code to update and modernize its Village code. This
60 has been a long overdue process and there is an agenda item to approve their proposal.

61 Police Commissioner Mel Ettinger, Officer in Charge Ray Mahdesian and I interviewed Jack Hardy
62 for the position of part time police officer. Jack, who is a fulltime Suffolk police officer, is a well-
63 trained and personable person who I believe will be an excellent addition to the APD.

64 Trustee Burke and I had a productive meeting with the Conservation Board to evaluate what they
65 can do to preserve the native Asharoken flora. I would like to thank Chairman Marty Cohen and his
66 board on the excellent job that they do for the Village.

67 I thank Village resident Annie Dwyer and 7 of her friends for conducting a beach cleanup over the
68 Labor Day weekend. The group of 8th grade students collected 94 pounds of trash from the seawall
69 to the power plant. They will be honored and given community service certificates at next month's
70 BOT meeting.

71 **Trustees:**

72 Deputy Mayor Pierce: During the month of August, I attended two meetings PBA Contract meeting
73 with Mayor Letica. I attended a conference call with GEI regarding the 90% engineering plans.
74 Attended a meeting with National Grid regarding the sand placement. I reviewed the fireworks
75 letter from Grucci, the underwater Suffolk County property, the minutes, abstract, check and
76 vouchers.

77 Trustee Ettinger: During the past month, as usual, I had numerous meetings and conversations
78 with Officer-in-Charge Ray Mahdesian regarding a number of police related matters. Once again, I
79 am happy to report that we had another "good month" that Ray Mahdesian will comment on
80 further, in his report.

81 As I previously explained at a few of our recent BOT meeting, the hiring a new full time officer is a
82 very time consuming matter because of the Civil Service procedures that needs to be adhered to.
83 We have made some "good" progress toward identifying a suitable new full time police officer
84 candidate, but it will still take us some more time to complete the various testing and interviewing
85 processes that Civil Service requires. I also reported that we were continuing to look to hire some
86 additional part time police officers to be suitably staffed in case of an emergency situation. We were

87 very fortunate to identify a new potential candidate named Jack Hardy who is currently a full-time
88 officer of the SCPD.

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90 On August 18th the Mayor, OIC Ray Mahdesian and I interviewed Jack and found he extremely well
91 qualified, and I am very pleased that we approved the Resolutions earlier tonight to hire him,
92 effective immediately. I am very confident that Jack will be a great addition to the Asharoken Police
93 Department.

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95 Some other matters that I was involved in during the month are as follows: I reviewed the
96 Stormwater Management Report, some correspondences that we received from some of our
97 residents, the foils that were received during the past month, last month's BOT Regular Meeting's
98 Minutes and I also reviewed this month's abstracts and the payment vouchers.

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100 **Trustee Burke:** Reviewed police report, vouchers and abstracts and minutes from the prior
101 meeting. Reviewed in detail the storm water management report. Met with Conservation Board on
102 tree removal policies and other conservation issues related to the village. Spoke with Todd Metcalf
103 from General Code regarding the proposal for the village code update project, that I fully approve
104 of. Reviewed the correspondence regarding the fireworks and the dock permit issue at 121
105 Asharoken Ave.

106 **Trustee Jablonski:** I reviewed the August 5th BOT draft minutes, abstract, vouchers, checks, police
107 report and the letter regarding the possibility of a dock at 121 Asharoken Ave.

108 **Attorney Migatz:** The Zoning Board met on August 18th, two cases were heard, Joseph Colamussi,
109 159 Asharoken Avenue for a special use permit for an accessory dwelling, that was granted. The
110 second case was John Murn, 276 Asharoken Ave, an application for a special use permit for an
111 accessory dwelling, a side yard setback variance for AC equipment and they sought to maintain the
112 original garage that the applicant had said he would take down if he got the variance for the new
113 garage. The Board heard the case, they reserved their decision until September 15th. Subsequently
114 the attorney for Mr. Murn sent a letter to the Village Clerk stating that Mr. Murn was withdrawing
115 the request to maintain the original garage and that he would be removing it. On September 15th the
116 Board will consider the other variance for the side yard setback for the AC equipment and they will
117 consider the special use permit for the accessory building but they will not have to consider
118 keeping the original garage. The Planning Board did not meet. Nothing new on the Orofino dock
119 application.

120 **Village Treasurer:** Emily Hayes was absent, her report was read by Mayor Letica. The vouchers
121 totaled \$50,616.72, check numbers 11916 to 11952. There are no budget transfers this month.

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123 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported another good month. There were 38 summonses and
124 one traffic arrest. We successfully completed the marine season, thank you to Joe Affrunti and all his
125 hard work.

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127 **Superintendent of Buildings:** Doug Adil was absent, his report read by Mayor Letica.
128 reported the following: Met on site with the Project Manager regarding the accessory structure and
129 new apron planned for 159 Asharoken Av. and discussed fog line requirements.
130 Issued a Violation Notice for 200 Asharoken Av., due to the continued lack of maintenance on the
131 house and property. The homeowner has responded to the Violation, and a site meeting with the
132 homeowners is being scheduled during the week of 9/1/25.

133 Reviewed a fence permit application for 204 Asharoken Av. The Village had some concerns
134 regarding the right of this homeowner to install the fence at a shared driveway, but since the
135 homeowner has record title to it, the Village can issue a fence permit, and did so.
136 Spoke with the Project Manager at 399 Asharoken Av. regarding the status of elevator construction
137 and inspection by a QEI. PM stated that the elevator was behind schedule but that there are stairs
138 from the 1st to 2nd floor and 2nd to observation deck, that the elevator completion will not prevent a
139 TCO from being issued.
140 Issued the CO for 238 Asharoken Av., subsequent to the homeowner receiving the County Health
141 Dept. Final Approved site plan.
142 Re-reviewed an application for Fence Permit for 305 Asharoken Av., and with adequate information
143 in the resubmission, the fence permit was issued to the homeowner.
144 Attended continued Code Compliance training provided by NY State Dept. of State.
145 Performed various inspections.

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148 **New Business:** The BOT discussed the request from a resident that the village take over an
149 underwater parcel currently under Suffolk County's jurisdiction. The Trustees decided not to
150 pursue the acquisition of the parcel.

151 **Old Business:** The BOT discussed the Schumer DOT Earmark for the seawall and decided to
152 withdraw their acceptance due to the village not being able to fulfill the financial requirements of
153 the earmark.

154 **Resolutions:**

155 **Resolution (2025-114)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers
156 for the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$50,616.72, check numbers 11916 to 11952 (#'s
157 11948 & 11949 were voided).

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

159 Trustee Jablonski AYE
160 Trustee Burke AYE
161 Trustee Ettinger AYE
162 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
163 Mayor Letica AYE
164 Motioned Carried

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166 **Resolution (2025-115)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to
167 sign the proposal from General Code to update the Village's Code, not to exceed \$10,995.00 to be
168 paid from the Infrastructure Reserve Account.

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

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

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177 **Resolution (2025-116)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Treasurer
178 to roll over the CD with Connect One Bank in the amount of \$819,583.44 coming due on September
179 12, 2025.

180 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.

181 Trustee Jablonski AYE

182 Trustee Burke AYE
183 Trustee Ettinger AYE
184 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
185 Mayor Letica AYE
186 Motioned Carried

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188 **Resolution (2025-117)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby ratify the tent permit
189 issued to Thomas Deluca at 138 Asharoken Ave from August 28th to August 30th.
190 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

191 Trustee Jablonski AYE
192 Trustee Burke AYE
193 Trustee Ettinger AYE
194 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
195 Mayor Letica AYE
196 Motioned Carried

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198 **Mayor Letica opened Public Session:**

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200 -A resident spoke about fires on the beach on the 4th of July.
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202 -A resident expressed concern regarding the rising cost of the fireworks.
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204 -A resident commented on the cost of the village code updating and the beach restoration.
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206 -A resident spoke about the possibility of moving Asharoken Avenue away from the seawall.
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208 -An Eaton's Neck resident made comments regarding the Schumer DOT Earmark and the seawall.

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210 Mayor Letica made a motion to exit public session, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
211 Trustee Jablonski AYE
212 Trustee Burke AYE
213 Trustee Ettinger AYE
214 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
215 Mayor Letica AYE
216 Motioned Carried

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218 Mayor Letica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
219 Trustee Jablonski AYE
220 Trustee Burke AYE
221 Trustee Ettinger AYE
222 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
223 Mayor Letica AYE
224 Motioned Carried

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226 The September 2, 2025 board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately
227 7:20pm.

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229 Signed: 
230 Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk