

Draft Minutes

Officers Present:

Greg Letica, Mayor
Melvin Ettinger, Trustee
Ray D'Antoni, Trustee

Officials & Appointees Present:

Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney
Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk
Emily Hayes, Treasurer
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge
Doug Adil, Building Inspector
Bill Raisch, Emergency Manager/Deputy Harbormaster

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for September 1, 2026
seconded by Trustee D'Antoni.

Trustee D'Antoni	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried.

Mayor's Report: During the past month, the Village has continued to make significant progress on the seawall project, with considerable effort focused on finalizing the remaining details.

The application for seawall reconstruction project funding has been submitted to Empire State Development. I thank Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce for her hard work to complete this application. The final plans for the seawall were completed with the assistance of Village resident Bill Haugland and members of his firm. The remaining details of the bid package are expected to be completed by November 1.

The final draft of the easement document has also been completed and was sent to the affected seawall property owners this week for their review. Overall, the project is progressing well, and the Village remains optimistic to commence construction in early spring of 2027. The Village submitted to the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services its formal appeal to FEMA for its denial of payment on submissions that the Hazard Mitigation Grant should have covered. I also reached out to Senator Chuck Schumer's office to seek their support on the appeal request. I thank them for their very receptive response, and they will reach out to FEMA on the Village's request. When more information becomes available, I will let you know.

The Village weathered the nor'easter on the weekend of the 24th and 25th with minimal disruption. The road was closed at the seawall for only a few minutes while crews rescued a stranded motorist and removed the vehicle. The storm dislodged one large steel cap and caused the usual scouring of the south-side shoulder. The steel cap is scheduled to be removed very soon, along with the backfilling of the road shoulder.

49 As always, the Asharoken Police Department, under the leadership of Ray Mahdesian, did a great
50 job during the storm.

51 I thank the Highway Departments of the Town of Huntington, under the leadership of Andre
52 Sorrentino, and the Village of Northport for their assistance.

53 I attended a Mayor's Summit sponsored by the Suffolk County Village Officials Association. It was
54 an informative and worthwhile event that highlighted the many issues and challenges shared by the
55 Villages throughout Suffolk County. It was nice to meet many of the other Mayors as well.

56 The Osprey have left for the winter. They had a good breeding year, with most of the nests
57 producing fledged chicks. We will await their return in late March next year.

58 **Trustees:**

59 **Trustee Ettinger:** In the beginning of the month our Police Department was busy supporting the
60 Northport Police Department during the Cow Harbor Race and the other Weekend Festivities. Ray
61 will comment further on the details of these activities and the some other police issues that
62 occurred during the month, later in his report.

63 During the month I was also busy coordinating the event that we had on Friday, September 4th
64 during which time Congressman LaLota visited with us. During his visit he presented the Mayor
65 with a ceremonial check in the amount of \$150,000, representing the amount that we will be
66 getting from the government to purchase two (2) new police cars.

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68 Also, during the month the I monitored the Nor'easter that we had on September 25th thru the 27th
69 with the police and the mayor. Fortunately, with the exception of about 1 hour, the police were able
70 to keep the road open. I want to thank Ray and the rest of the department for all they did that
71 weekend to keep our village safe. Thanks Ray, Great Job!!

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73 Some other matters that I was involved in during the month are as follows: I met with OIC Ray
74 Mahdesian and Officer Brian O'Connor regarding a new Grant that we submitted last month related
75 to the annual Justice Grant. I also reviewed the many correspondences that were sent regarding the
76 FEMA issues, the correspondences regarding the ESD Funding for the seawall and the
77 correspondences that we received from some of our residents. I reviewed last month's BOT Regular
78 Meeting's Minutes and this month's Abstracts for the Payment Vouchers.

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80 **Trustee D'Antoni** I reviewed the minutes from Sept 1 ,2026 BOT Meeting.

81 I inspected sink holes at 105 Asharoken Ave. After excavating the holes, it was determined by the
82 party who installed the drainage that the system was functioning properly. The holes were then
83 backfilled, top soil was added and the area was re-seeded.

84 I attended a seawall zoom call with engineering and consultants; plans are being finalized for
85 constructability. A potential list of contactors was assembled with the plan to have bid packages out
86 by end of month.

87 Reviewed vouchers, abstract and police report for the month.

88 **Attorney Migatz:** The Planning Board did not meet. The Zoning Board did not meet. I do have an
89 update on the dock litigation, which first commenced back in 2018. Two owners whose permits
90 were denied, commenced litigation but the Village prevailed. The Village received a judgement

against them for some litigation costs, \$1,436.00 back in 2024 and that was just paid last week, with interest it came to \$1728.83. That was Mr. Akeson and Mr. Guinta paid to the Village, most likely the attorney for Mr. Akeson as he is selling his house.

Deputy Mayor Pierce: The Deputy Mayor's report was read by Mayor Letica:

I participated in a kickoff meeting conference call with the Mayor and ESD team on September 15th. During the month I worked on the application for Financial Assistance with Mayor Letica and the ESD team.

I participated in the regularly scheduled DHSES conference call for our project scoping grant with discussion encompassing our FEMA appeal for inclusion of near shore structures and beach fill.

I reviewed last month's draft minutes, the police report and communications on code review.

Village Treasurer: Emily Hayes reported the vouchers totaled \$38,216.98. The Village received a partial reimbursement payment for the seawall expenses already paid of \$70,860 on 9/22/2026 from FEMA.

Police Report: Officer Mahdesian reported 42 summonses from August 25th through September 27, 2026, Twenty-two for speeding with several over 50mph. The department assisted the Northport Police Department during their race and other activities during Cow Harbor weekend. The Police Dept responded very well to the recent Nor'easter. There were no reported burglaries in the village for the month of September.

Emergency Manager: Bill Raisch was away but monitored the Nor'easter remotely. Once again Ray Mahdesian and his team did a remarkable job. Please keep in mind that it is hurricane season, we may have one developing in the Gulf next week.

Deputy Harbormaster: Bill Raisch said our oysters have grown out extremely well this year. They all start out about the size of a pencil eraser and they are all about 1 ½ to 2 inches long now. The 6,000 oysters will be spread in the Village waters next week.

Superintendent of Buildings: Doug Adil reported that the Village received an Excavation/Fill permit application for 547 Asharoken Av. In general the application was complete but there were issues with certain inconsistent descriptions of the work, so it was sent back for revision and later approved.

Received a request for information from a homeowner at 216 Asharoken Av. regarding fence heights and potential locations.

Performed an inspection of the existing structural connectors at lowest floor level on this elevated home at 136 Asharoken Av., at homeowner request. Provided some written comments and suggestions for improvement to the structural connectors and supports.

Provided feedback to a homeowner asking whether a Building Permit is required when replacing existing windows in a "like-for-like" basis, with no structural changes to the openings. No permit is required in this situation.

Responded to a homeowner concern regarding a developing "sinkhole" in their front yard along the road at 105 Asharoken Av. Suggested that since this is Village property, the Village should investigate/resolve.

134 Addressed a homeowner question regarding driveway replacement. When replacing one
 135 impermeable driveway surface with another, you do not need to apply for a building permit. I also
 136 reminded the homeowner that there are restrictions regarding installation details at the
 137 apron/road interface, as shown on the printed handout that's available from the Village Clerk.

138 SITE INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED:

160 Asharoken	New Accessory Garage	• <i>Electrical Inspection report accepted, OK for C/O.</i>
196 Asharoken Av.	Garage reconstruction	• <i>Next inspection- Final once garage sink is connected.</i>
242 Asharoken Av.	New Swimming Pool	• <i>Next inspection- Final</i>
561 Asharoken Av.	New Detached Garage	• <i>Next inspection- Final, scheduled for the week of 10/12</i>
7 Duck Island	New construction of a single family residence	• <i>Construction drawings are in development.</i>
1 Lobster Way	New construction of a single family residence	• <i>Drywell installation- PASSED</i>
86 Cove Rd.	Alterations to existing	• <i>Landscaping improvements and driveway are in construction.</i>
90 Cove Road	New construction of a single family residence	• <i>Rough framing inspection scheduled for 10/7/26</i>
106 Cove Rd.	New Swimming Pool	• <i>Pool barrier and cover installed-PASSED</i>
106 Cove Rd.	New Construction	• <i>Builder to submit Health Dept. hard copy sign-off</i>
3 Clamshell	New Construction	• <i>Drywell installation- PASSED</i>
7 Beach Plum	New Swimming Pool	• <i>Provided a list of all required pool inspections to the Project Manager.</i>
71 Bevin Road	New Swimming Pool	• <i>Pool gate revision not completed yet.</i>
3 Bevin West	Covered Porch and Outside Stairway	• <i>Covered porch removal completed; stair inspection- PASSED. Property continues to be cleaned up prior to October deadline.</i>

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140 **Resolutions:**

141 **Resolution (2026-123)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers
 142 for the month of September 2026 in the amount of \$38,216.98, check numbers 12377 to 12411,
 143 check #12396 voided due to misprint.

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

146 Trustee D'Antoni AYE

147 Trustee Ettinger AYE

148 Mayor Letica AYE

149 Motioned Carried.

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151 **Resolution (2026-124)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve budget
 152 transfers for September 2026.

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154 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee D'Antoni.

155 Trustee D'Antoni AYE

156 Trustee Ettinger AYE

157 Mayor Letica AYE

158 Motioned Carried.

159 **Resolution (2026-125)** A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHAROKEN ADOPTING THE
160 SUFFOLK COUNTY 2026 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

161 WHEREAS the Village of Asharoken recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and
162 property within the village; and

163 WHEREAS the Village of Asharoken has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as
164 the Suffolk County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of
165 2000; and

166 WHEREAS the Suffolk County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to
167 reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Village of Asharoken from the
168 impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

169 WHEREAS adoption by the Village of Asharoken demonstrates their commitment to hazard
170 mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Suffolk County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

171 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF ASHAROKEN, NEW YORK, THAT:

172 Section 1. In accordance with (local rule for adopting resolutions), the Village of Asharoken adopts
173 the Suffolk County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be
174 edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any
175 further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from
176 updating the plan in 5 years.

177 Approved by Village Attorney as to form.

178 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee D'Antoni.

179 Trustee D'Antoni AYE

180 Trustee Ettinger AYE

181 Mayor Letica AYE

182 Motioned Carried.

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184 **Resolution (2026-126)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby adopt the following
185 schedule for monthly regular meetings for the calendar year 2027 meetings to begin at 6:30pm at
186 the Asharoken Village Hall, One Asharoken Avenue, Northport, NY 11768, subject to change.

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188 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 5th, 2027

189 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 2nd, 2027

190 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 2nd, 2027

191 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 6th, 2027

192 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 4th, 2027

193 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 1st, 2027

194 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, Organizational Meeting, July 6th, 2027

195 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 3rd, 2027

196 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 7th, 2027

197 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 5th, 2027

198 Regular Meeting, Wednesday, November 3rd, 2027

199 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 7th, 2027

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201 Trustee D'Antoni made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

202 Trustee D'Antoni AYE
203 Trustee Ettinger AYE
204 Mayor Letica AYE
205 Motioned Carried.

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207 **Resolution (2026-127)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby adopt the following
208 schedule for monthly Special/work session meetings for the calendar year 2027 meetings to begin
209 at 4:00pm at the Asharoken Village Hall, One Asharoken Avenue, Northport, NY 11768, subject to
210 change.

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212 Special/Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, January 19th, 2027, to certify the unpaid real estate taxes

213 Special/Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, March 16th, 2027, to review budget for 2027-2028

214 Special/Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, April 13th, 2027, to adopt the budget, if needed

215 Special/Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, June 22nd, 2027, to prepare for organizational meeting

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217 Trustee D'Antoni made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

218 Trustee D'Antoni AYE

219 Trustee Ettinger AYE

220 Mayor Letica AYE

221 Motioned Carried.

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223 **Resolution (2026-128)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the transfer of
224 \$36,701.00 from the Infrastructure Reserve Account to the Money Market Account to ensure the
225 Unassigned Fund Balance does not fall below zero.

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

227 Trustee D'Antoni AYE

228 Trustee Ettinger AYE

229 Mayor Letica AYE

230 Motioned Carried.

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232 **Resolution (2026-129)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby make a negative
233 declaration pursuant to SEQRA based on the Building Inspector and Conservation Board's
234 recommendation and SEAF (part 2) Impact Assessment regarding the fill permit application at 547
235 Asharoken Avenue.

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237 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee D'Antoni.

238 Trustee D'Antoni AYE

239 Trustee Ettinger AYE

240 Mayor Letica AYE

241 Motioned Carried.

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243 **Resolution (2026-130)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the fill permit
244 for the Panichellas at 547 Asharoken Ave to deposit approximately 150 CY to repair the existing
245 driveway and mitigate stormwater runoff from Asharoken Avenue.

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247 Trustee D'Antoni made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

248 Trustee D'Antoni AYE

249 Trustee Ettinger AYE

250 Mayor Letica AYE

251 Motioned Carried.

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254 **New Business:** No new or old business

255 **Public Session:** Mayor Letica opened public session:
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257 -A property owner had questions regarding the condition of the beach after the storm.
258 -A resident had a question regarding the number of Village police cars. There was also a question
259 regarding the Flock camera installed by the Village of Northport by Steers Beach. The Mayor said he
260 would contact the Mayor of Northport to discuss.
261 -A non-resident had comments regarding the plans for the construction of the seawall.
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263 Mayor Letica made a motion to exit public session, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
264 Trustee D'Antoni AYE
265 Trustee Ettinger AYE
266 Mayor Letica AYE
267 Motioned Carried.
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269 Mayor Letica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee D'Antoni.
270 Trustee D'Antoni AYE
271 Trustee Ettinger AYE
272 Mayor Letica AYE
273 Motioned Carried.
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275 The October 6, 2026, Regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at
276 approximately 7:08pm.
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278 Signed: _____
279 Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk