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7 **Officers Present:**

8 Greg Letica, Mayor  
9 Pam Pierce, Deputy Mayor  
10 Melvin Ettinger, Trustee  
11 Laura Burke, Trustee  
12 Ian Jablonski, Trustee  
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14 **Officials & Appointees Present:**

15 Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk  
16 Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney  
17 Emily Hayes, Treasurer  
18 Barry Bradley, Sanitation Operator  
19 Doug Adil, Superintendent of Buildings  
20 Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge  
21 William Raisch, Emergency Manager  
22 Joe Affrunti, Harbormaster  
23 Marty Cohen, Chairman of the Conservation Board  
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25 The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

26 Publication of meeting was confirmed.  
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28 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes for February 4,  
29 2020 seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

30 Trustee Jablonski AYE

31 Trustee Burke AYE

32 Trustee Ettinger AYE

33 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

34 Mayor Letica AYE

35 Motioned Carried.  
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37 Trustee Jablonski made a motion to approve the Board of Assessment Review minutes for February  
38 18, 2020 seconded by Trustee Burke.

39 Trustee Jablonski AYE

40 Trustee Burke AYE

41 Trustee Ettinger Abstain

42 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

43 Mayor Letica Abstain

44 Motioned Carried.  
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46 **Mayors Report:**

47 Mayor's Report;" In January 2019 the Village of Asharoken and Town of Huntington wrote to the  
48 New York State Department of Conservation (NYSDEC), our non-federal sponsor, requesting that  
49 the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) provide a Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) to  
50 replace the failing seawall and restore the beach in front of it.  
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52 The NYSDEC then wrote to the USACOE on the Village and Town's behalf requesting that the  
53 Seawall Project Study be resumed to finalize a Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) needed to restore the

54 seawall area. The Village and Town received a formal response on February 18, 2020 from the  
55 NYSDEC stating that the USACOE has made a determination not to move forward with creating a  
56 Locally Preferred Plan to restore the seawall area.

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58 The reason the USACOE decided not to work on the LPP was because they determined that only  
59 fixing the seawall area, as opposed to restoring the entire beach from the power plant to Bevin  
60 Road, did not provide a sustainable comprehensive solution. The USACOE offered the Village the  
61 option to reconsider its decision to reject the full beach reconstruction project and fix the seawall  
62 area as part of that. This 600,000 cubic yard beach replenishment plan, extending from the power  
63 plan to past the sea wall, was overwhelmingly turned down by the residents in 2016 due to issues  
64 of public beach access, liability considerations, cost and other factors. In a conference call in  
65 December I informed the USACOE that the Village was not going to reconsider its decision on the  
66 NED plan.

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68 In their letter, the USACOE provided the Village and Town with several alternative Courses of  
69 Action (COA) for the seawall area. Asharoken, in conjunction with the Town of Huntington, will look  
70 into all of these COAs to seek a resolution to the failing seawall and eroding beach seaward of it. To  
71 that end, the Village and Town have organized a meeting in March to explore the Courses of Action  
72 (COA) the USACOE suggested.

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74 I would like to thank Congressman Tom Suozzi who has actively supported the seawall project  
75 since 2017 and work tirelessly to seek a solution to replace the failing seawall. Congressman Tom  
76 Suozzi was instrumental in organizing the March meeting where we will discuss the other options  
77 available to the Village and Town.

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79 The Village and the Town of Huntington are committed to restoring the seawall and the beach.  
80 This will likely be a lengthy process and we will do our best to explore every option available to  
81 solve the problem.

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83 The Village received notice from the NYS Department of Parks and Historic Preservation that the  
84 new outboard motor for the police boat has been approved and will be paid for in full by NYS Parks  
85 and Historic Preservation. KG Marine has started work to replace the engine on the boat. Thanks  
86 again to Harbormaster Joe Affrunti for securing the new engine for the Village.

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88 The Village has continued work on the Commercial Vehicle Parking law and has begun to prepare a  
89 list of guidelines for skeet shooting.

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91 The Village has begun working on the five year Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020-2025. Every  
92 municipality must submit their plan to Suffolk County. The Federal Stafford Act requires that  
93 municipalities have an approved and current Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive Hazard Mitigation  
94 grants. As disasters occur thru Suffolk County; FEMA puts aside 15% of the total damages that have  
95 occurred from previous declared disasters to be made available for municipalities having an  
96 approved Hazard Mitigation Plan for implementing their own previous documented projects.  
97 The importance of the plan for our Village is to identify our risks; for example the seawall, the  
98 eroded beach dune, concentrated flooding in a particular area, etc. The overall plan also identifies  
99 evacuation plans, access to shelters and areas for temporary housing.

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101 Regarding the Fireworks five year contract; we have a resolution tonight for approval to enter into  
102 an agreement with Fireworks by Grucci, he thanked Marty Hakker for his hard work.

103 National Grid update: We are told by

104 National Grid that the new gas line project will most likely begin the last week of March, as soon as  
105 we have more specific dates we will pass them along.

106 Attended the Chamber of Commerce brunch last Sunday; it's great to meet other elected officials."

107 **Trustees:**

108 Deputy Mayor Pierce reported that she attended the Board of Assessment Review on February 18<sup>th</sup>;  
109 along with Trustees Jablonski and Burke. She met with the ACOE for the annual seawall inspection  
110 on February 19<sup>th</sup>. She reviewed the minutes for the board and BAR meeting, monthly vouchers,  
111 commercial parking, and fencing for Village Hall, Skeet Shooting requirement, letter from the ACOE  
112 and fireworks contract. She noted that last year the TOH introduced fees to put forth for moorings  
113 within the waters of the Town and Villages; and pointed out that they are having a public hearing  
114 next Tuesday to discuss.

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116 Trustee Ettinger reported that he worked with Officer-in-Charge Mahdesian on police matters. He  
117 noted that he worked on the court system requirements. Court is now held twice a month instead of  
118 once of month. He noted that he worked on the police fiscal budget for 5/31/21 and solicited  
119 proposals for the police lights for the new police vehicle. The department received three proposals;  
120 the cost for the new police vehicle and lights are fully covered by the insurance proceeds. He noted  
121 that he reviewed the fireworks contract, fence for village hall, skeet shooting requirement,  
122 commercial parking, and minutes for the board and BAR meeting and monthly vouchers.

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124 Trustee Burke reported she reviewed commercial parking law and is continuing to research; she  
125 reviewed the skeet shooting guidelines, minutes, monthly vouchers, fireworks contract, and police  
126 report and participated in the Board of Assessment Review process on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

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128 Trustee Jablonski reported that he participated in the Board of Assessment Review process on the  
129 18<sup>th</sup> of February. He reviewed the minutes, monthly vouchers, proposals and correspondences.

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131 **Village Attorney:** Attorney Migatz reported that neither the planning board nor the zoning Board  
132 met in the month of February. He reported that he received an email from the Mayor forwarding an  
133 e-mail from a resident on the Dock Appeal. The email stated, "in December 2019 an index number  
134 for the dock appeal was issued by the appellate division which indicates that this appeal is going  
135 forward; why didn't Attorney Migatz report this at either the January or February 2020 village of  
136 Asharoken monthly meetings. I presume he has filed a notice of appearance and ought to receive  
137 communications; I appreciate you looking into this matter. The status of this appeal should be  
138 reported at each meeting starting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>."

139 Per Attorney Migatz, Nothing has happened with this appeal. The index number is a docket number  
140 that the appellate division assigns to an appeal automatically once the notice of appeal is filed.  
141 Assigning a docket number doesn't mean the appeal is going forward; it just has a docket number.  
142 You don't file a notice of appearance in the appellate division. Nothing to report until the appeal is  
143 perfected. I have said in prior meetings that they have six months to perfect the appeal; they can get  
144 extensions of time. I will inform the board when the appeal is perfected, but at this time it has not  
145 been perfected and therefore nothing for me to report.

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147 **Village Treasurer:** Emily Hayes reported that the vouchers for the month of February were  
148 \$40,678.88. Included in the vouchers is an invoice for Fireworks by Grucci for \$10,625.00 for ½ of  
149 the total cost of the fireworks. There is one parcel left that has taxes outstanding. There will be a  
150 separate resolution to approve the vouchers and budget transfers for the month.

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152 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported that the department had a safe and quiet month. The  
153 department issued 28 traffic summons and no arrests this month.

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155 **Sanitation Operator:** Barry Bradley reported that big blue is running well. Total tipping fees for  
156 the month of February were \$1339.20. Trash tonnage 16.74, paper & cardboard 3.1 tons; glass 1.07  
157 tons, plastic and metal .85 tons.

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159 **Building Inspector:** Doug Adil reported on the following; met with a homeowner to review  
160 drawings; he re-reviewed construction drawings for 225 Asharoken as well as 499 Asharoken for a  
161 deck replacement. He met with an architect to discuss site planning and code requirements for an  
162 new home, he met with a prospective buyer to discuss village building requirements to develop a  
163 vacant property on Duck Island, and met with a prospective buyer to discuss an existing home on  
164 Duck Island. He reviewed construction drawings for proposed alterations at 119 Asharoken and  
165 performed 10 inspections.

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167 **Emergency Manager:** Bill Raisch noted a lot of information on Coronavirus is out there; this is  
168 transferred easily; this is two to five times communicable than the average flu. The result of the  
169 virus can either be experienced as a common cold or as severe as pneumonia. For the short term  
170 listen to CDC, if you get sick contact your doctor and use good hygiene.

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172 **Chairman of the Conservation Board:** Marty Cohen reported that the board issued one tree  
173 permit.

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175 **Harbormaster:** Joe Affrunti reported that he has been working on getting an engine for two years  
176 he put in a request with NYS Department of Parks and Historic Preservation and was approved. He  
177 worked with the mayor and put out RFP's, the lowest proposal came from KG Marine. Currently the  
178 new engine is being installed and the police vessel will be ready for the upcoming season. The boat  
179 schedule has been submitted to officer in charge Mahdesian. Mayor Letica noted that Joe was also  
180 responsible for getting the police vessel free from NYS Department of Parks and Historic  
181 Preservation.

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183 **Resolution (2020-18)** Be It Resolved, that the Village Board approves the budget transfers for the  
184 month of February 2020.

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

186 Trustee Jablonski AYE

187 Trustee Burke AYE

188 Trustee Ettinger AYE

189 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

190 Mayor Letica AYE

191 Motioned Carried

192 **Resolution (2020-19)** Be It Resolved, that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for  
193 the month of February 2020 in the amount of \$40,678.88.

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195 Trustee Jablonski made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Letica.

196 Trustee Jablonski AYE

197 Trustee Burke AYE

198 Trustee Ettinger AYE

199 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

200 Mayor Letica AYE

201 Motioned Carried

202 **Resolution (2020-20)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the scheduling of  
203 a public hearing on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 on the tentative budget for fiscal year beginning  
204 6/1/2020.

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

206 Trustee Jablonski AYE

207 Trustee Burke AYE

208 Trustee Ettinger AYE

209 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
210 Mayor Letica AYE  
211 Motioned Carried

212 **Resolution (2020-21)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to  
213 sign the 2020 agreement between the Village of Asharoken and Landscaper Patrick Parker from  
214 April 2020 to November 2020 to service the village grounds, clean-up sand at the corner of Bevin  
215 Road and around catch basins north of Bevin Road, total contract not to exceed \$4,760.00.

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

217 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
218 Trustee Burke AYE  
219 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
220 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
221 Mayor Letica AYE  
222 Motioned Carried

223 **Resolution (2020-22)** Be It Resolved, that the Village Board does hereby approve the installation  
224 of black chain link fencing with black privacy slats to store village highway equipment by  
225 Continental Fence Company for a cost of \$3,000.

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

227 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
228 Trustee Burke AYE  
229 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
230 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
231 Mayor Letica AYE  
232 Motioned Carried

233 **Resolution (2020-23)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to sign the  
234 proposal from Pursuit Emergency Vehicles for the purchase and installation of lighting & special  
235 equipment for the 2020 Dodge Durango for a cost of \$7,288.53.

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

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 **Resolution (2020-24)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the purchase of a  
244 new police Motorola radio (APX8500 800MHZ mid Power Mobile Radio) to be installed in the new  
245 police vehicle (Dodge Durango) for a cost of \$4044.60; the funds will be transferred from the Police  
246 Reserve Account.

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

248 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
249 Trustee Burke AYE  
250 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
251 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
252 Mayor Letica AYE  
253 Motioned Carried

254 **Resolution (2020-25)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the transfer of  
255 funds of \$4044.60 from the Police Money Market Special Reserve Account #5059 to the Money  
256 Market Account #5018 for \$4044.60.

257 Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Letica.  
258 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
259 Trustee Burke AYE  
260 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
261 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
262 Mayor Letica AYE  
263 Motioned Carried

264 **Resolution (2020-26)** Be It Resolved, that pursuant to the provisions of Village Code Section 67-3  
265 authorizing the Board of Trustees to impose such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees  
266 deems reasonable on a permit for the use of firearms, all permits for the use of firearms for the  
267 purpose of skeet shooting, previously issued or to be issued, are conditioned to limit skeet shooting  
268 to the period of November 1 through March 31.

269 Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, 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

276 **Resolution (2020-27)**

277 Whereas, the Town of Huntington has been assigned by New York State as Vital Statistics  
278 Registration District #5153, and the Village of Asharoken has been assigned by New York State as  
279 Vital Statistics Registration District #5144, and

280 Whereas, the Village Clerk has requested the approval of the Village Board to formally  
281 consolidate the Town and Village into one primary registration district, namely the District of the  
282 Town of Huntington under Vital Statistics Registration District #5153, and

283 Whereas, the formal consolidation of the Registration Districts would benefit the public by  
284 eliminating questions as to which district records should be filed and not result in the loss of  
285 services to either municipality,

286 NOW, therefore be it RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Asharoken that  
287 consolidation of the Town and Village Registrar functions under the Town's registration number  
288 (Vital Registration District #5153) is approved, pending necessary approvals of all other required  
289 entities, including the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County and New York State Department of  
290 Health.

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

292 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
293 Trustee Burke AYE  
294 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
295 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
296 Mayor Letica AYE  
297 Motioned Carried

298 **Resolution (2020-28)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to  
299 sign the five –year performance contract between the Village of Asharoken and Fireworks By  
300 Grucci; the total fireworks performance contract is as followings; 2020 contract amount \$21,250;  
301 2021 contract amount \$22,500, 2022 contract amount \$23,500, 2023 contract amount \$24,250 and  
302 2024 contract amount \$25,000 approved as to form by Attorney Migatz.

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

304 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
305 Trustee Burke AYE  
306 Trustee Ettinger AYE

307 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
308 Mayor Letica AYE  
309 Motioned Carried

310 **Resolution (2020-29)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the adjustment  
311 to the fiscal year 5/31/20 budget to increase the Other Government Aid account (A3089.000) for  
312 \$445 and increase the municipal Court Equipment and Capital expenditure account (A1110.200)  
313 for \$445 due to receiving the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant.

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

315 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
316 Trustee Burke AYE  
317 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
318 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
319 Mayor Letica AYE  
320 Motioned Carried

### 321 **Old Business: Firearms & Commercial Parking**

322 Mayor Letica noted that we addressed a time limit for skeet shooting and Attorney Migatz is  
323 working on a draft amendment for commercial parking.

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#### 325 **Public Session:**

- 326 1. A resident commented about the fence company being used by the Village.
- 327 2. A resident asked the board to keep the public apprised of the courses of action regarding  
328 the seawall.
- 329 3. A resident asked if the board is open to other considerations outside of the courses of action  
330 proposed by the ACOE.
- 331 4. A resident asked about the reserve funds for the feasibility study; the Mayor indicated that  
332 the funds will remain in the reserve account.

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

335 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
336 Trustee Burke AYE  
337 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
338 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
339 Mayor Letica AYE  
340 Motioned Carried

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

342 Trustee Jablonski AYE  
343 Trustee Burke AYE  
344 Trustee Ettinger AYE  
345 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE  
346 Mayor Letica AYE

347 Motioned Carried.

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349 The March 3, 2020 Regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately  
350 7:15pm.

351 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

352 Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk