

Mayor's Report April 4th 2023

During the month I signed the Grant Distribution Agreement with DASNY for the \$100,000 grant to help pay for the repaving of Bevin Road. Yesterday morning I met with Chuck Forte from Poscillico to review the paving of Bevin Road.

I also worked with State Assemblyman Keith Brown to expedite the \$50,000 seawall repair grant he sponsored. There are a few more steps and I should be able to sign that GDA in the near future. I also had several calls with Senator Chuck Schumer's office to keep the process moving along on securing the \$1,000,000 seawall construction grant. Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and I also started working on the Request for Proposal for engineering for the million dollar repair.

The Village's \$1,000,000 Hazard Mitigation Grant application was reviewed by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and they determined that the application met all of the requirements. The application was then forwarded to FEMA for final approval.

The Village invested \$750,000 of reserve money in a six month CD at the First National Bank of Long Island. This will generate approximately \$15,000 of interest income for the Village. Going forward the Village plans to use a laddered CD approach to earning income on its money and the strategy should result in a significant increase in interest earnings.

Village Attorney Bruce Migatz and I met with Samantha Parada Jerez, Director of Government Affairs from Altice Inc., to discuss the new ten year franchise agreement. We discussed our proposals with her for the new agreement and Ms. Parada Jerez said that she would bring them back to management for review.

I signed a letter sponsored by the New York Conference of Mayors supporting the creation of a CHIPS (highway improvement) like program to support local water and sewer systems.

The final touches were put on the proposed budget that was presented to the Board at a special meeting on March 14th. Subsequent to that meeting the house at 238 Asharoken Avenue was torn down which did make a significant change in the Village's assessment roll. The Board will review this tonight following the public hearing on the budget.