

Mayor's Report October 3, 2023

During the month the Village met with PSEG to discuss the new underground wire that will be run from Bevin Road to North Creek Road. We discussed in detail how PSEG would restore the road following the installation of the wire. PSEG agreed to fix the concrete road below the asphalt in the same manner that National Grid did when it replaced the gas line two years ago. PSEG will also mill, repave and stripe this section of Asharoken Avenue in the spring. This week PSEG has informed me that it is planning to start work on the underground electric wire the week of October 9th. There will be traffic delays, so if you drive through this area please leave yourself some extra time.

I spoke with Anthony Carullo from NG and Frank Marcovecchio from SCWA to review the Village requirements for restoring the road when they make openings to do service repairs and connections.

Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and I met with Director James Ahrens and Ed Parrish from the Town of Huntington Engineering Department. We had a productive conversation as to how the Village and Town could work together to create the needed RFPs for the two seawall grants. The Town also shared several sample engineering RFPs with Asharoken to use as a template for ours.

I met with Tony Zalak from JRH Consulting to explore what kind of assistance it could provide the Village regarding the two seawall grants. JRH was highly recommended by the Village of Northport.

This morning I met with a new Village and one of his employees from Haugland LLC to get their opinion on the seawall and how to best use the \$2,000,000 in grant money the Village has. Haugland LLC is a major construction company. His co-worker has worked for both FEMA and NYC emergency management office. The major takeaway from the meeting was that in order for the Village to get substantial funding for a major reconstruction of the seawall area it must have a comprehensive plan in place first. They also offered to do some drone surveying of the seawall area to help assess how much material will be needed for reconstruction. I would like to thank them for their time and expertise.

Unfortunately, two other meetings scheduled for September to discuss the seawall had to be postponed to October.

I met with Northport Mayor Donna Koch to review several intermunicipal agreements that the two Villages have. One allows Asharoken to purchase gasoline from Northport that saves the Village a lot of money. The other is for sharing municipal services including police dispatching, allowing Northport highway to help Asharoken with equipment they have and to have the Village judges help each other out if needed. The two Villages have a history of working well together. I would like to thank Mayor Koch for agreeing to extend these agreements.