

Mayor's Report February 6th 2024

On February 1st I received a response from the United States Army Corps of Engineers answering my request that they assist the Village in redoing the seawall area. Colonel Alexander Young, Commander the ACOE NY District, reiterated what the Corps told the Village in 2019. The only way the ACOE would get involved is if the entire beach was restored from the power plant to the seawall and that public access would be granted to the entire beach. In 2016, over 80% of the Village residents voiced their opposition to this plan. So, at this point, the Village will continue to pursue other opportunities for seawall restoration.

The Village spent much of the month finishing the Request For Proposal (RFP) to select an engineering firm to make a full design of a reconstruction of the seawall and the beach in front of it. The RFP should be ready for distribution mid-month. Approximately 90% of the cost of the engineering work will be paid for by a \$1,000,000 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant.

The Village also work very hard with Senator Schumer, State Senator Mario Mattera and Assemblyman Keith Brown to get the Federal Highway Administration to release the \$1,000,000 allocated to the Village from a Senator Schumer earmark to rebuild the most compromised area of the wall. I am optimistic that the Village will have a final answer in the very near future.

The tentative assessment roll is available for review at Village Hall and on the Village website asharoken.com.

The holiday party at the Northport Yacht Club on Saturday January 13th was a terrific evening. Almost 100 Village residents had a great night socializing, dining on delicious food and dancing. The raffle of many exceptional prizes raised a lot of money to support the July 4th fireworks. Trustee Laura Burke was honored for her years of service to the Village. I would like to thank Carole Casamassima for all her hard work to make the party such an incredible success. Carole outdoes herself every year and is already planning next year's event.