

Mayor's Report January 2024

The Village received the draft copy of its audit from Skinnon and Faber, CPAs. The Village continues to be on very strong financial footing. The audit stated that "The administration has been diligent in controlling expenses while continuing to provide efficient services to residents." A copy of the audit will be placed on the Village website this week and a copy will also be available for review at Village Hall.

During the month I reached out to US Congressman Nick Lalota to see if his office could assist with the Village's request to have the ACOE help with the seawall reconstruction. Senator Lalota's District Director Lauren Lembo contacted the ACOE on behalf of the Village. Subsequently she emailed me with the following, "I checked in with the Army Corps and, as suspected, they informed me "normally HQ will deny a small, locally preferred plan (LPP) because there is too much residual risk. Structures and infrastructure would remain at risk if the protection were focused only on the road. The risk of damages to the road would be reduced, but not as much as it would be with a comprehensive plan." I would like to thank Lauren for getting this answer from ACOE.

I received notice today that the PSEG work of installing the underground wire from Bevin Road to North Creek Road is almost done. Starting in mid-January PSEG will begin storm hardening work in the Village and Eaton's Neck. These upgrades include installing stronger poles, creating narrow profiles by installing shorter cross arms, upgrading deteriorated equipment and replacing current wire with stronger wire. A letter will be sent by PSEG to residents with more details.

During the month I completed the required Workplace Violence Prevention and Sexual Harassment Prevention seminars.

Santa and Mrs. Claus came to the Village on the afternoon of December 16th. As usual it was a great time and many kids got to share their Christmas wishes with Santa. Thanks to Beefy and Jeanne Varese for their fantastic job subbing for the real Saint Nick who, unfortunately, was too busy packing his sleigh to attend.

In closing, I would like to send my condolences out to the family of former Asharoken Police Officer Ron Scudder. Ron did a great job on the Village's police boat for many years.