

Mayor's Report July 2 2024

I congratulate Trustees Mel Ettinger and Laura Burke on their re-election last month. I look forward to working with them in the coming two years.

Last Friday, Treasurer Emily Hays, Clerk Michelle Glennon, and I held an entrance conference with two representatives from the NYS Comptroller's office to discuss their planned on-site risk assessment of the Village of Asharoken. This assessment aims to determine which, if any, of the various services that the NYS Comptroller's office provides is warranted. Among these could be a performance audit of one or more Village of Asharoken operations. Following the risk assessment, the Comptroller's office will provide the Village with a report to identify potential opportunities to improve operations. The Comptroller's office is expected to return the week of July 15th.

The Village has finalized the contract with GEI to create a comprehensive plan for a new seawall and beach design. The completion date of this project is expected to be January 2026. This project is funded by a \$1,000,000 hazard mitigation grant with a 10% local share. It is anticipated that the Village will have to contribute approximately \$30,000 for the design. The paperwork to make an interim seawall repair is moving through the NYS Department of Transportation. As more information becomes available, I will report on it.

Today marks the sixteenth anniversary of the Asharoken website. The Village's online presence was begun by Eric Maffei and Steve Trombetti. Congratulations and thank you, Eric and Steve, for such an amazing job for the Village for all these years.

I thank two residents, who wish to remain anonymous, for donations this month. One resident donated \$10,000 to support the annual fireworks display and a second resident donated \$500 to be used at the Village's discretion. I thank these people for their incredible support and generosity.

In closing, I wish everyone an amazing 4th of July. It looks like it is going to be a beautiful day. If you plan to have a fire on the beach please make sure you comply with the regulations in the Village code and comply with any requests of the Asharoken PD. Fires are not permitted before 8PM and if there is an onshore wind. If the fires are called off, the PD will blow airhorns at 8 PM. The Village's long-standing tradition of fires can only go on if everyone uses common sense and extreme caution. And I am sure everyone will. Finally, please remember that personal fireworks are not permitted. The fireworks are scheduled for 9:15 PM. Have a fun day!