

## Mayor's Report November 12 2024

The Village submitted all of the required paperwork to the New York State Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Services to request FEMA to change the scope of the Hazard Mitigation grant to include a feasibility study and engineering to move Bevin Road away from the seawall. As soon as more information is available, I will let you know.

The Village met with Hayduk Engineering to get their opinion on a short-term patch for the seawall in the area where the sheet steel was pulled up. There is a resolution on the agenda to engage them to create a plan. This repair project will be funded by the remainder of the DASNY grant that Assemblyman Keith Brown got for the Village a couple of years ago.

The Village has a meeting planned with GEI and the NYS DEC on November 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of placing groins on the beach by the seawall. In recent communications with the DEC they have expressed the opinion that the agency may now be in favor of them.

The Village is continuing to evaluate the best way to use the \$1,000,000 earmark from Senator Schumer for an intermediate repair of the seawall.

The Village received the Court audit from Skinnon and Faber CPAs. They reported that "As a result of our examination, it is our opinion that the Village of Asharoken is substantially in compliance with its fiscal responsibilities as outlined in the Handbook for Town and Village Justices and Court Clerks." I would like to thank Police Officer Brian O'Connor for his terrific work as Court Clerk and preparation of materials needed for the audit.

I thank Rita Rover for bringing her award-winning Chrysanthemum to display on the steps of Village Hall. Every year Rita grows these incredible plants and enters them into competitions. This year she got Best in Group at the New Jersey State Chrysanthemum Society. At the Long Island Chrysanthemum Society she was awarded First Award and Best Container Grown in Show.

On election day for about thirty minutes two Bald Eagles were soaring over Village hall and then landed in a tree across the street. Just before they left a third eagle did a fly by. Many of the people who were voting got a chance enjoy the sight of our national bird as they arrived at Village Hall. It was an awe inspiring sight and was so symbolic of the fact that we are a great nation even if we have differing political preferences.