

## Mayor's Report February 4, 2025

During the month the Village and the NYS DOT worked together to begin the process of changing the \$1,000,000 earmark from Senator Schumer from a repair project to allocating the money for the complete seawall replacement. The Village will be submitting the required paperwork to the DOT in the near future.

The Village has had extensive discussions with its stone supplier, contractor and Parking Lot 13 to complete all of the needed agreements to commence adding about 40 five ton stones to the seaward side of the sheet steel in the area of the most significant damage. This project will be completed as soon as possible. There are approximately only two three-day tidal windows a month when it can get done, and good weather will also be needed on those days.

The Village has completed an Intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Northport for sharing various services such as: Marine Patrol, Public works equipment and labor, fire marshall, police dispatch, and Village justices. I would like to thank Mayor Donna Koch for her incredible cooperation in helping forge this agreement. There is a resolution to approve the IMA on tonight's agenda.

The Village will have a tax grievance day on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Village certified the unpaid taxes at a special meeting on Jan 21st. There are \$23,705.88 in unpaid taxes of today. The Village will hold a tax sale in March for any taxes that remain as of that date.

The NYS auditors have completed their field work and are in the process of preparing their report on their claims audit. I look forward to their suggestions as they can only help the Village do a better job for its residents. I will let you know when more information becomes available.

The Village held a meeting with the Asharoken PBA to start negotiations on a new contract. The existing contract expires at the end of May.

I congratulate Village resident and Northport High School senior Dora Fields for being named a Regeneron Science Talent semifinalist. She was one of only 49 students on Long Island who were recognized. This is quite an achievement! Excellent job Dora.

Alex Janow, a retired Marine and Village Trustee, is collecting magazines for the Veterans at the VA hospital. There is a box in the lobby for residents to drop off their used magazines. Great job by Alex to help the vets.

I would like to thank Police Officer Rob Cafiero and Village Photographer Dee Lento for making two beautiful banners celebrating the centennial of the Village. The banners are both displayed at Village Hall.