

Dear Neighbors,

In keeping with our commitment to transparency and communication in the Village of Asharoken, here is my Mayor's report for the month:

I would like to recognize the outstanding efforts of several Trustees this month:

Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce worked diligently to submit federal funding applications for federal funding for the seawall to the offices of Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and Congressman LaLota. She also completed the Village's portion of the Suffolk County Emergency Management Plan. These were complex and time-sensitive tasks, and Pam once again went above and beyond to ensure they were completed. Thank you, Pam.

Trustee Laura Burke, with assistance from Trustee Ian Jablonski, submitted a grant request exceeding \$50,000 for records management. If awarded, this funding will support the digitization of all property records. This was another complex and time-intensive effort, and both Laura and Ian did an excellent job bringing it to completion.

During the month, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) sent representatives to the Village to confirm that National Grid is complying with its sand placement permit. The ACOE and DEC were scheduled to meet with National Grid today to present their findings and any required remediation. I will provide updates as more information becomes available.

The Village also continued its efforts to secure funding from Governor Hochul for seawall replacement. Our consultant, Empire Government Strategies, delivered over 800 signed and bound petitions to the Governor, as well as to Assembly Speaker Hastie and Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. The village also had a zoom meeting with members of the NYS Senate finance committee. The New York State budget has not been finalized and the Village has not yet received any updates.

The Board met on March 24 to finalize the proposed 2026–27 fiscal year budget. The budget was emailed to residents and posted on the Village website. A public hearing will be held later this evening.

The final claims audit report from the New York State Comptroller's Office was received in early March. The report, along with the Village's response and corrective action plan, was shared with residents and posted online. The Village has implemented all eight recommendations.

During the month, I also reviewed all letters of opposition regarding DeLuca's request for a poultry permit.

Lastly, Linda and I attended the ENFD installation dinner, and the Osprey returned to Asharoken.

I attached to this email a beautiful sunrise over Asharoken, photograph taken by Village photographer Dee Lento. She has an amazing series of sunrises just as beautiful as this one. You can follow her work on Instagram @ deeler.

I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Mayor Dr. Gregory Letica