

Approved

Incorporated Village of Asharoken

Board of Trustees Meeting & Public Hearing

Due to the Corona virus the Board of Trustees held the meeting via Teleconference.

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Attendance was 22

Mayor Letica: Good evening, everyone. Welcome to the call. This is the regularly scheduled Village of Asharoken Board of Trustees meeting for Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Before we get started, I would like to ask everyone on the call this evening to please put your phone on mute if you are not speaking. This way, there will not be any background noise during the meeting coming from your call. So, we will start out with the Pledge of Allegiance this evening.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

This is the regularly scheduled Village of Asharoken Board of Trustees Meeting for April 6, 2021. Nancy, this meeting was properly published and noticed?

Clerk Rittenhouse: Yes, it was.

Mayor Letica: Let's do a roll call before we go into the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Pierce	Present
Trustee Ettinger	Present
Trustee Burke	Present
Trustee Jablonski	Present
Clerk Rittenhouse	Present
Treasurer Emily Hayes	Present
Village Attorney Migatz	Present
Building Inspector Doug Adil	Present
Officer-in-Charge Mahdesian	Present
Emergency Manager Raisch	Present
Harbormaster Affrunti	Not Present
Conservation Chair Cohen	Present
Sanitation Operator	Present

Mayor Letica: Thank you very much. First order of business is to approve the minutes for the last regular board meeting of March 2, 2021.

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Mayor Leticia: Second order of business is to approve the minutes for the last Special Meeting on March 16th, 2021.

Trustee Burke made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Leticia	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Mayor Leticia: We move over to the reports of officials next, starting out with myself.

On April 23, Deputy Mayor Pierce and I met with Congressman Suozzi to view the condition of the seawall to discuss possible funding options in the proposed federal infrastructure bill.

We have decided that the village would get an estimate for the cost of the seawall and get back to the congressman. Deputy Mayor Pierce was able to find the previous estimate for the wall.

I called the United States Army Corp. of Engineers and they will be getting back to me with an estimate. Last Friday, Deputy Mayor Pierce and I met with a contractor to get an estimate for replacing the toe stones that have shifted off the wall.

We did not hear back from the contractor. His quote is \$7,200 to do the work, which involves getting a rather large machine out to the beach to move the displaced stones. Our next step is to contact the NYSDEC and work on getting a permit to perform that work.

National Grid is planning to commence the gas main replacement between Village Hall and 285 Asharoken Avenue in the next two weeks. Please drive carefully in the work zone as flag and construction workers will be on the road. Once the main is replaced, National Grid will begin connecting homes to the new main. The project is expected to be completed by the end of September. At that time, National Grid will repair Asharoken Avenue from Village Hall to 285 and the village will repair Asharoken Avenue between house numbers 355 and 501.

The village will cover the cost of the section it is repaving using the \$70,000 grant and CHIPS money that has built up over the last few years. This will be the fourth major repaving project in Asharoken Avenue since I became mayor in 2012.

I received notice from the office of Suffolk County executive Steve Bellone that the 50 percent cut to the village's public safety funding has been reversed. Therefore, it is already getting the full \$58,000 it usually receives. In Addition, it looks like the village is in line to get some financial support from the last pandemic relief bill that congress passed. The amount is still to be determined.

The village has also received notice that the state controller has once again given Asharoken the highest rating of no designation in the annual financial stress test.

The village police contract will expire at the end of May. Next Wednesday, the village will meet with the Asharoken PBA to begin formal negotiation. Over the last 30 years, the PBA in the village has negotiated multiple contracts, which has been fair to both parties. I'm optimistic that this year will be no different.

Lastly, big thanks to Russ Fredricks on Bevin Road who installed an Osprey nest just in time for the birds return. The nests on Asharoken Avenue and Duck Island Way have birds on them.

Deputy Mayor Pierce: Thank you, Mayor. Good evening, everyone. During the month, I participated in multiple COVID teleconferences and, as the Mayor mentioned, worked on the sea wall, both with Congressman Suozzi and Stan Thompson for repositioning the boulders that have popped out over time. I also reviewed the minutes of both meetings. The vouchers, the police report, the budget for 2021/2022 and the stormwater report.

Trustee Ettinger: Good evening, everyone. Firstly, I hope that each of you, your families and all your loved ones are safe and healthy at this time and that you all had a happy holiday season. It's hard for me to believe that it's now exactly one year since we held our last in-person board meeting other than last month's budget review meeting. I look forward to having them resume, hopefully, sometime later this year. During the month, I continue to have numerous conversations with Officer-In-Charge Ray Mahdesian regarding several police related matters. I'm, once again, pleased that our Police Department continues to perform well and that all of our officers remain healthy. Following the resolution that we passed at last month's Board of Trustees meeting, when we ratified and adopted the final Asharoken Police Reform Plan, I am happy to report that the mayor signed the plan and that our Village Clerk Nancy Rittenhouse sent the plan to the governor's office on March 24th before the deadline of April 1. I want to thank our Officer-In-Charge Ray Mahdesian for all his hard work in helping to develop the plan and I also want to thank Nancy for all the help she gave me in distributing the plan for the various stakeholders and for assisting in getting the plan published on our website and, of course, presenting it to the governor's office. Thank you both very much. I really appreciate it. On March 16th, I attended the Special Board of Trustee Meeting at Village Hall, where we discussed the budget that we will be reviewing and discussing at tonight's meeting. As I mentioned, it was the first in-person board meeting that we had in more than a year and it was good for all of us to finally get together face-to-face. Some other matters that I was involved in during the month were as follows. I reviewed the initial drainage program plans. I reviewed the initial draft of the MS4 annual stormwater report. I reviewed a few foils that were submitted. I also reviewed last month's Board of Trustees regular minutes and special meeting minutes. And, finally, I reviewed this month's payment vouchers. End of report. Mayor.

Trustee Burke: Yes, good evening, Mayor. I also reviewed the annual MS4 stormwater report. I attended the March 16th work session for the budget, reviewed the minutes from last month's prior meeting, reviewed the vouchers, abstract and the police report. End of report.

Trustee Jablonski: This month, I reviewed the minutes of both meetings. I reviewed the vouchers, the police report, the budget, the stormwater report, and residence correspondences. I attended the special meeting held on March 16th and I had some correspondence with our engineers to adjust our plans for the drainage project. End of report.

Attorney Migatz: Good evening, everyone. The planning board and zoning board did not meet in the month of March. I will give you an update on the litigation between the villages of Huntington Bay and Lloyd Harbor. They have commenced an action, as you may recall, against the Town of Huntington, challenging the new mooring law that the town adopted. I last reported that there were pending motions. The village's motion for preliminary injunction and the town's motion for summary judgment were pending. They had been adjourned and they have been adjourned further.

They are presently scheduled to be heard on April 22nd, but, on April 2nd, a letter was sent to the court asking for a further adjournment to May 27th. In the letter, the Village Attorney discusses that there are ongoing settlement discussions and that the parties will be reaching out to Asharoken and

Northport since we are affected by this, for our input into a potential settlement. So, there seems to be some positive progress and I will continue to keep following the case for you. That is my report.

Treasurer Hayes: The highlights for the month of March as far as revenues nothing unusual to report. The total vouchers for the month of March are \$69,961.53. Included in the vouchers this month is the annual workers comp insurance bill for \$23,287.74, our 2020 snow removal bill from the Town of Huntington for \$5,336.13, an invoice from the Village of Northport for an increase in the Paramedic fire service of \$5,475 and then, finally, an invoice to replace the water heater in Village Hall for \$2,000. There is a separate resolution for the vouchers and several budget transfers.

Officer-In-Charge Mahdesian: We had a good month. Officers issued 41 summonses, a speed of 62 was ticketed. It is unbelievable that people drive that fast. We had one arrest, driving while intoxicated. The department is beginning to train with the Suffolk County Police Academy on topics related to the reinvention of policing, according to Governor Cuomo's mandate that was recently submitted in our report. The rest of the month was basically routine, and I am happy to say that we're in good shape. No problems. End of report.

Mayor Leticia: Thank you, Ray. Good job by you and the rest of the force this month as always.

Sanitation Operator Bradley: Sanitation report for the month of March 2021. The total tonnage for the month was 33.07 tons, which, at 31 days, equals 1.07 tons per day. Total tonnage for recycling 7.01 tons, which is around 28 percent of the total pick up. Big Blue still needs that new transmission wire harness and Northport Spring was looking for one and they found that International is the only company can make one up. So, we will be getting that within three weeks. That. Also, Big Blue will have to go in for its spring tune up to get it all squared away for the summer. We also had a nail in one of the tires, which was expected due to all the construction in the village. Almost every day I find nails and screws on the road when I'm out picking up the refuse. That is the report.

Superintendent of Buildings Adil: For the month of March, I reviewed some construction drawings for a swimming pool at a home on Bevin Road. The revised plans were accepted and approved for a building permit. This will become the fourth swimming pool project that we will have underway. Reviewed preliminary construction drawings for a detached accessory structure at a home on Clam Shell Lane and a letter of denial was previously issued because the need for a special use permit. I reviewed construction plans for a generator installation for a home on Asharoken Avenue, #178. The plan was approved to proceed. In addition, I performed several inspections that are in construction. A number of these projects are approaching the phase of inspection of insulation either preliminary or file inspections on installation. More are turning out to be spray foam. It's coming down a little bit in price and it's becoming more economical. That is my report for the month of March.

Conservation Chair Cohen: We also had a very busy month and April is starting out very busy as well. But I must say, all the years I have been doing this, there has never been a stretch like these last few months and it's continuing with the tree work. But the committee is functioning well, and we are getting it done. End of report.

Mayor Leticia: All right. And we really appreciate the entire committee's efforts. I know exactly how much stuff you have been asked to review and approved. And at least the good news is the weather has warmed up because, for a while there, it was a little bit challenging with the weather as well.

Emergency Manager Raisch: The public health emergency plan has been made available to our village employees and our Village Attorney was also requested to make sure that we did any filing. I do not understand it to be a specific filing requirement on that, but I did lean on Nancy to reach out to Bruce in that regard. Other than that, I have begun reviewing of our current emergency management plan, which was initially developed and based on some state requirements, but to simplify it, make it easier for use. End of report.

Mayor Letica: Our next order of business is to move on to the public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. I would like to ask Nancy to please read the notice of public hearing.

Clerk Rittenhouse: Legal Notice for public hearing on the Fiscal Year End Budget 05/31/2022. Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Asharoken will hold a public hearing via teleconference. The meeting is being conducted in accordance with Executive Order 202.1. The public will have an opportunity to state their comments at the budget hearing teleconference, which will be held on April 6, 2021 at 6:30 PM to consider the tentative budget pursuant to Section 5-508 on village law. The call-in number is 866 -705-2554 and the guest pass code is 137432. The tentative budget for the Village of Asharoken has been prepared and filed with the Village Clerk at the Village of Asharoken 1 Asharoken Avenue, Northport, New York. The tentative budget will be available on the website at www.asharoken.com. The publication's dated March 19, 2021 and was published on March 25, 2021.

Mayor Letica: Thank you very much, Nancy. Before I open the public hearing for public comments, I would like to make some opening remarks. Often it answers questions. So, the proposed tentative budget for Fiscal Year Ending 5/31/2022 proposes no village tax increase and a tax levy that stays under the NYS 2% Tax Cap Law. This will be the sixth consecutive budget with no tax increase. In addition, for the last six years, the office of the State Controller has performed a fiscal stress test on local governments. Each year, Asharoken was awarded the highest possible rating, No Designation. The 2021/2022 budget maintains all the services that the village provides for its residents and reserves money for future need, without raising taxes for the next fiscal year. Highlighting several items within the tentative budget, public safety revenue has decreased due to lower County sales tax revenue. And, as I reported earlier, that revenue loss will be made whole. Building permit fee has increased due to increased activity. Our New York State pension fund increased due to higher pension rates. We should see this rate decrease next year to reflect the current markets. Police personnel and the fire EMS paramedic service contract with the Northport Fire District has also increased. Other increases occurred in sanitation costs, the landfill and operating costs. Once again, I would like to thank Clerk Nancy Rittenhouse and Treasurer Emily Hayes for helping prepare the budget together. They worked on the last 13 budgets along with me.

Mayor Letica: I will open up the public hearing for public comments, if you have any questions, state your name, our general policy is three minutes per person. So, this is now open for any public comments. There do not appear to be any comments from the public.

Mayor Letica made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Resolutions:

Resolution (2021-26) Be It Resolved that the Village Board approves the budget transfers for the month of March 2021.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Resolution (2021-27) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$69,961.53.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Resolution (2021-28) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the scheduling of a public hearing on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:30pm via teleconference on the MS4 Stormwater Annual Report for year-end March 9th, 2021.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Resolution (2021-29) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the services of Breakwater Marine in the amount of \$5000 for the tugboat and \$3500 for the barge for the fireworks display on July 4th, 2021 (rain-date July 5th, 2021).

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE

Mayor Letica AYE
Motioned Carried

Resolution (2021-30) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby appoint Joseph Affrunti as the Fireworks Safety Officer for the 2021 fireworks display.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski AYE
Trustee Burke AYE
Trustee Ettinger AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
Mayor Letica AYE
Motioned Carried

Resolution (2021-31) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the services of Village of Northport to clean out our eight (8) catch basins and leaching pools at a cost of \$1850.00.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski AYE
Trustee Burke AYE
Trustee Ettinger AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
Mayor Letica AYE
Motioned Carried

Resolution (2021-32) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the firearms permit for Anthony Greco located at 230 Asharoken Avenue, for clay pigeon and skeet shooting off the beach over the LI Sound.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

This request is very similar to the application we denied at 218 Asharoken Ave, this is on the sound side. This is not a good idea to give a firearm permit for the same reasons, I will not be supporting this. Trustee Ettinger agreed.

Trustee Jablonski NAY
Trustee Burke NAY
Trustee Ettinger NAY
Deputy Mayor Pierce NAY
Mayor Letica NAY
Motioned not Carried.

Resolution (2021-33) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the services of Gordon Plumbing and Heating Inc. to replace the Village Hall's hot water heater for a cost not to exceed \$2000.00.

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Letica

Trustee Jablonski AYE
Trustee Burke AYE
Trustee Ettinger AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
Mayor Letica AYE
Motioned Carried

Resolution (2021-34) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the adjustment to the tentative budget as follows; increase account A3389.000 (Other Public Safety) by \$28,489.00, decrease account A1000.000 (Start Income Cash) by \$13,489.00 and decrease account A1000.000 (Tax Stabilization Reserve) by \$15,000.00.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried

Resolution (2021-35) Be it Resolved that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to sign the renewal contract for one year between the Village of Asharoken and Global Commercial Cleaning Services, Inc. for cleaning services at a monthly cost of \$475.00; approve as to form by Attorney Migatz.

Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried

Resolution (2021-36) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the village annual budget with the approved modifications (resolution 2021-34) for fiscal year end 5/31/2022.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried

Resolution (2021-37) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the Tax Warrant for the fiscal year end 5/31/2022.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried

Resolution (2021-38) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby appoint Village Treasurer, Emily Hayes and Village Clerk, Nancy Rittenhouse to collect taxes that may be due for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, during Village Hall hours by appointment.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

Trustee Burke asked if residents will be able to drop off their taxes in the mailbox, Village Clerk noted that tax payments can be placed in the locked mailbox or mail them in or drop them off to Village Hall by appointment.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Leticia	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Resolution (2021-39) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize, that pursuant to Section 1428 of the Real Property Tax Law the Warrant and Tax Roll for Collection of Village taxes of the Incorporated Village of Asharoken will be filed with the Village Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021, taxes will be received at the Village Hall, One Asharoken Avenue, Northport, NY 11768, from June 1, 2021 through and including July 1, 2021 without penalty. Five percent will be added to taxes received after July 1, 2021 and one percent for each month thereafter until paid in full.

Mayor Leticia made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Leticia	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Resolution (2021-40) Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the transfer of \$2000.00 from the Building Reserve Fund (#5059) to the Money Market Account (#5018) for the payment of the hot water heater.

Mayor Leticia made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Leticia	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Resolution (2021-41) Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the services of Thompson Bros. Pile Corp to repair several sections of the rock revetment seawall for a cost not to exceed \$8000.00.

Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Leticia	AYE
Motioned Carried	

Mayor Letica: A couple things to discuss before we go into public session. Fireworks for 2021, it is my long-term view that by the time July rolls around it's going to be perfectly appropriate to have our annual fireworks display. You look at what is going on with the vaccines. You look at what is going on in New York State in terms of much larger gatherings are permitted at private properties. You look at other states like California which is planning to kind of open almost entirely I believe in the middle of May. I think that it is time for the Village to kind of plan to get back to a little bit more normal lifestyle. And this would be a great way to do it. I think it would really mean a lot to the people of the Village. I spoke with Scott Cooper over at Grucci Fireworks yesterday. We do have until May 4th to decide not to do the fireworks display without any penalty to the Village. If we decide to change our mind by June 4th then there is a 15% penalty which would be about \$4,500. But I would like to hear from the board and see what the board thinks in terms of going forward with this.

Deputy Mayor Pierce: Yes, I agree, Mayor. I think by July 4th especially being outside it should not be a problem.

Trustee Ettinger: Yes, even I agree, Greg. And you know that I have probably been the most reluctant to do anything since this pandemic started up until maybe the last couple of weeks because of what I see. I even had some family members over the last weekend which was great. So, I am in total agreement. I think it is due and I think our residents will be very happy that we are going to it this year.

Trustee Burke: I agree with you, Greg. Your reasoning is sound.

Trustee Jablonski: Same, I agree.

Mayor Letica: So, we will play it by ear between now and May 4th. Clearly if the situation is not looking like it is degenerating in that time span where the Governor starts locking the state down or something like that, we will tell Grucci to go ahead to plan for the display on July 4th.

The second thing we want to talk about is the seawall. I think we kind of covered it all earlier. We received a fair quote from Stan Thompson who is a very well-known coastal contractor, he has built multiple bulkheads in the Village. He is built multiple seawalls like the one that we have down by Bevin Road. We now must arrange modify a permit from NYSDEC. We are the owners of the seawall and are required to perform maintenance on the seawall.

There really is no funding in sight in the short term to fix the seawall so we really do need to maintain it in the best condition that we can, and this will certainly help. I will also reach out to Huntington and see if they want to participate in this project. They have helped us out previously, I do not know if they will or will not but certainly it's one of things where making a request can't possibly hurt.

I will reach out to the supervisor on this in the next week or so and see if we can get them to split the cost.

Deputy Mayor Pierce: Yes, I agree, Mayor, I think we have to do this because those boulders need to be put back so that more displacement doesn't take place. I also agree with the Huntington relationship.

Trustee Burke: Will this help reduce the wash over?

Mayor Letica: No. It will do nothing to change the wash over at all. But will keep the stones from sliding down.

Mayor Letica: Lastly the drainage project.

Trustee Jablonski: The engineer did not add the four rings north of 105 Ash. So those plans will be revised, and when our contractor returns from a bit of holiday, we are going to do a sample test whole to see the water depth. We will be doing that in a few weeks and then we will know better if we are going to proceed down that path.

Mayor Letica: We are going to have to kind of coordinate a little bit with the gas main replacement because obviously both of us cannot be working there simultaneously, but we'll work that out.

Mayor Letica: All right, very good. I just want to mention that family of George Ayer, very, very long-time resident of the village of former Police Commissioner passed away this month in his late 90's. Many of you who walked the Asharoken Sound Side beach would recognize the Ayer's house, it is a unique home. George was really a wonderful guy. A World War II vet. A loving family man. Loved the village, had one of the most incredible senses of humor I ever seen. Super funny guy, super smart guy. And to give you a little idea of the sense of humor, when he turned 90, I sent him a birthday card congratulating him on his birthday, and he sent me back a note with his copy of a card he got from President Obama saying thanks for your card, but I got one from the President. So, it was funny because that was the way George was. But he will be missed dearly. He is just a wonderful, wonderful guy and my condolences go out to his kids. So, a bit of a sad day in the village, and we did fly the flag at half staff in his memory for about a week.

We will go into public session:

Barry Bradley: I just want to say that Stan Thompson has to be one of the best picks we can make. I have known him for a long, long time and he does excellent work.

Jane Schneider: Hi everybody. I am a little concerned because of the Fourth of July with the condition of the dunes as they are now. It is too late that we can't do anything about it because of the plovers, is that correct?

Mayor Letica: Well, it is the plovers, but we don't have the money yet, either. But even if we were to get the money, the plovers are going to probably block the ability to fix that dune right now.

Jane Schneider: Have you had any update on the money part?

Mayor Letica: We contact them monthly, trying to find out when they are going to release the money. I would think that there is a possibility that with the relief act that Congress passed, similarly to what Suffolk County did with the public safety money, the state will be releasing some of these grants.

Jane Schneider: Well, I wish you would keep up on that. Also, it's all well and good when you live down here and you're having people come over to an invited party and you know most of them are vaccinated, but you know what goes on at the beach lots when the general public starts showing up, so I am concerned about that. Last year, the police did a great job, even though we didn't have the

fireworks, and they were walking up and down. So, I would imagine this year, and especially the condition of the dunes with people just walking straight over, especially toward the beginning of them, that you are going to have a lot of police down here?

Mayor Letica: You can bet on it. We will do the standard great job that our cops do on the Fourth of July under truly difficult conditions.

Jane Schneider: Wow, I mean yes, you can say a lot of people are vaccinated, but those are people that you know, and a lot of strangers show up down at the beach lots as you know, so that is my concern. I mean, I will be down there probably with just a few, maybe eight people.

Mayor Letica: Anybody else?

Mayor Letica made a motion to close public session, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motion Carried.

Mayor Letica: I would like to thank everybody who joined the call this evening.

Mayor Letica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Trustee Ettinger	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motion Carried.

The April 6, 2021 Regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Signed: _____
Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk