

Approved

Officers Present:

Greg Letica, Mayor
Pam Pierce, Deputy Mayor
Melvin Ettinger, Trustee
Laura Burke, Trustee
Ian Jablonski, Trustee

Officials & Appointees Present:

Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk
Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney
Emily Hayes, Treasurer
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge
Doug Adil, Building Inspector
Bill Raisch, Emergency Manager
Joe Affrunti, Harbormaster

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
Publication of meeting was confirmed.

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for May 3, 2022, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

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

Motioned Carried.

Mayors Report: Mayor Letica reported, “The primary focus of the Village during the last month was to complete and submit two complete \$1,117,000 FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant applications for engineering, design and permitting for the seawall. The Village had previously applied for a \$955,000 BRIC grant and is waiting to hear if the grant was approved. Asharoken is working with Congressman Suozzi for \$1,200,000 of Congressional Community Project for repair work to the wall, as well as Senator Schumer for an additional \$1,200,000 of Congressional Direct Spending for seawall repair work. The Village is also working with Senator Schumer to secure \$14,500,000 of Congressional Direct Spending to be used for seawall replacement. In summary, since January 1st of this year, the Village submitted 5 separate requests for either grants or Congressional Directed Spending to repair and replace the seawall.

I would like to take a moment to thank Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce for the incredible job she has done to oversee all the grant and federal fund requests. Each of these applications were very complicated and time consuming to complete. On every occasion, Pam made sure that all the required paperwork was done in a professional and timely fashion. The Village is lucky to have a Deputy Mayor like Pam who is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done for Asharoken. Thanks again Pam.

51 In other seawall news, I wrote to Huntington Town Supervisor Ed Smyth on May 23rd to request
52 that the Town formally partner with the Village to fix the seawall. On June 3rd, Deputy Mayor Pam
53 Pierce and I met with Huntington Supervisor Smyth, Deputy Supervisor John McCarron and Deputy
54 Director of Maritime Services Grant Chelius to discuss the letter I submitted and begin to formulate
55 a plan going forward. It was an extremely productive meeting and I look forward to working with
56 the Town going forward.

57 The Village also arranged a seawall site visit, scheduled for next week, with the US Army Corps of
58 Engineers to review the area of the seawall that is collapsing and have the Corps suggest some type
59 of short-term stabilization. During the month I also had conversation with Huntington Town
60 Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino to secure the Town's assistance in implementing this
61 short- term repair.

62 In 2017, 2018 and 2021 the Town and Village worked together to do major maintenance projects
63 on the wall and share in the costs of the projects. This unique partnership has defrayed costs for
64 the Village and made these complicated projects much easier to mobilize and complete. The Village
65 owes former Town Highway Superintendents Gunther and Orelli a debt of gratitude for their
66 terrific cooperation.

67 Lastly, and maybe most importantly, I would like to make one more comment on the seawall. At
68 last month's BOT meeting a resident claimed that the Village owes \$500,000 for the seawall. That
69 unfounded allegation was subsequently morphed in a letter he sent to residents accusing the
70 Village of spending over \$500,000 of Village money to fix the seawall. Let me be as clear as I can,
71 there is no truth to any of these allegations. They are simply ludicrous. The Village has not spent
72 \$500,000 on the seawall and is not obligated, nor does it owe any funds for the seawall on June 7th,
73 2022.

74 These are the facts. In 2018 the Village purchased \$11,094.30 worth of stones to secure a sink hole
75 that had developed. Also, in 2018 the Village paid \$7778.75 for engineering and supervision costs
76 for the sink hole repair The Town provided in kind help by placing the stones. In 2021 the Village
77 spent \$3850 to replace toes stones that had been displaced. The Town paid for half of this project.
78 In 2022 the Village spent \$8500 to secure the services of an engineering firm, GEI, to assist with
79 completion of the two FEMA Hazard Mitigation grants and provide the Village with a template to
80 facilitate the Village, in the future, independently complete these complicated grant applications.
81 These are the facts of what has been spent on the wall. Anything to the contrary that you may read
82 or be told is completely wrong.

83 People often have asked me how the Village has managed to go seven years without a tax increase.
84 There are many components that have helped the Village not to raise taxes: careful and thorough
85 budgeting, increases in building permit fees from a substantial increase in construction, increases in
86 the assessment role resulting from new houses being built, buying out a full time police officer and
87 replacing him with one starting out at a much lower base salary, going to outside carting, using
88 shared services with other communities to lower costs, applying for and securing grants to defray
89 costs (\$1.4 million to date) and developing excellent personal relationships with outside agencies.
90 Additionally, having a Village Clerk and Treasurer each with 14 years of experience working on
91 Village budgets gives Asharoken an excellent perspective on how to keep costs down and find
92 outside sources of revenue. In summary, seven years without a tax increase has been the result of a
93 lot of hard work and careful planning.

94 Moving on to road paving. On June 1st the Village received bids to pave two sections of Asharoken.
95 The first one is from Village Hall to 285 Asharoken to restore the roadway to its condition prior to

96 the National Grid gas main replacement. National Grid will pay the complete cost of resurfacing this
97 section. The second section of road paving will extend from 355 to 501 Asharoken Avenue as well
98 as repair the extended shoulder. The cost of this section will be paid for by a \$70,000 Multimodal
99 Grant, the Village's accrued CHIPS money and the balance will come out of the Village's Highway
100 reserve fund. This evening the Village will evaluate the bids and I expect that a bidder will be
101 selected. When both sections are completed, I can proudly say that during my 10 years as Mayor all
102 Asharoken Avenue, from Village Hall to 563 Asharoken Avenue will have been resurfaced.

103 **Trustees:**

104 Deputy Mayor Pierce: During the month I spent time on the grants for the seawall. Mayor Letica and
105 I met with engineers from H2M regarding consulting work for future grants and I also witnessed
106 the bid openings for the paving contracts. I visited 138 Asharoken Avenue for exposed metal
107 connections between the groins and an area on the west side of the beach. This will be discussed
108 during new business. I reviewed the minutes, vouchers, and police report.
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110 Trustee Ettinger: During the month I had discussions with Officer Mahdesian regarding police
111 matters. Our police department did not have any COVID cases. The police department had a good
112 month. I worked with officer-in-Charge and Clerk Rittenhouse on the DASNY grant support
113 documents. I discussed with officer Mahdesian the staff needed for the fourth of July. Reviewed the
114 paving bids, vouchers, foils, minutes, abstract and payment vouchers, and police report.
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116 Trustee Burke: During the month I reviewed the minutes, paving bids, abstract, vouchers, police
117 report, worked with Deputy Mayor Pierce reviewing the groins on the sound side beach. The
118 blessing of the fleet is this Saturday at 10:00am.
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120 Trustee Jablonski: During the month; I reviewed, the minutes, payment vouchers, police report,
121 paving bids, and various correspondences.
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123 **Attorney Migatz:** During the month the zoning board met on May 24th they heard three
124 applications.

- 125 1. Nancy & Peter Zimiles 279 Asharoken Avenue, this was a continuation of the hearing on
126 March 22, 2022, the applicants filed for several side yard variances to construct a new
127 single-family dwelling and accessory structure and special use permit for that accessory
128 dwelling. That application was granted.
- 129 2. The second case was Lucy Verdone 285 Asharoken Avenue this hearing was continued from
130 December 21·2021, this application was for a side and rear yard setback variance for a free-
131 standing solar array. The natural grade of the rear yard and the proposed location of the
132 solar array is to be lowered by three feet. The application was granted subject to the
133 issuance of an excavation permit per Chapter 64 of the Village Code.
- 134 3. The third case was Scott Hartinger 15 North Harbor Road an application for a use variance
135 for an alteration of an accessory structure for use of an art studio needing a rear yard
136 setback variance for that structure; the applicant did not have representation. I informed
137 the applicant that the application presents complex issues with law being a use variance
138 and should consider an adjournment and coming back with counsel. The adjournment was
139 granted to another date to be continued.
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141 The planning board did not meet in May.

142 We have a pending lawsuit with Ackeson and Guinta against the village, that litigation is challenging
143 the denial of dock permits. The village board denied those permits and the applicants challenged
144 that in the supreme court, the supreme court upheld the villages determination. The applicants
145 appealed to the appellate division about a year and half ago. I received notice that the case will soon
146 be placed for argument on the appellate division calendar, but no exact date has been determined.

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Village Treasurer: Emily Hayes reported for the month of May. The village received a \$69,500 grant from NYS for the dune restoration project. The vouchers totaled \$111,707.55. Included in the vouchers this month was a bill from Hartt Borg Insurance for \$43,435.28 and a repayment of a village tax lien in the amount of \$11,527.60 and second payment to Grucci Fireworks for \$11,250.00. There will be a separate resolution to approve the vouchers and budget transfers.

Police Report: Officer Mahdesian reported 43 summonses. He reported an accident past Bevin Road, the car was upside down, five people were in the car. We have a good relationship with our neighboring municipalities, Northport Police responded, we had to shut down the road for about an hour. Summer season is starting, and we still are working on getting an engine for the police boat. We will be getting assistance from our surrounding marine patrol to fill in. Officer Mahdesian discussed the incident in Texas and reported that we train under the Homeland Security training procedures. We perform active shooter drills at 4:00am in the malls and Huntington Hospital. We carry patrol rifles in the cars. I want to ensure you that we are prepared.

Mayor Letica noted that officer Josephson is one of the best firearm officers. We are fortunate to have many of our officers in our department.

Superintendent of Buildings: Doug Adil reported the following: responded to a homeowner question regarding finishing the area between their Belgian block and apron. Inspected a new driveway. Met with a builder to discuss fire sprinkler requirements. Reviewed construction drawings for a new dwelling 219 Asharoken Avenue. Re-reviewed plans for 399, permit was issued. Discussed requirements for fencing. Performed 15 Inspection.

Emergency Manger: Bill Raisch noted that he is reaching out to key agencies to discuss planning and resources if we lose access to Asharoken Avenue near the seawall. We are working with Suffolk County public works, the ACOE, NYSDEC and Town of Huntington highway department and will have a virtual call to discuss the plan to put in place in the next two weeks.

Harbormaster: Joe Affrunti has been in communication with the Huntington Harbormaster office regarding stray boats and sections of docks. We repaired the police boat trailer. We are working on getting the 5MPH signs in the water. I have been promised that tomorrow they will be installed. Mayor noted that officer Rogin was very helpful transporting the boat to have the trailer fixed.

Clerk Rittenhouse presented the bids.

Presentation of Bids: Bids were opened on June 1st at 2:00pm; Officer Josephson and Deputy Mayor Pierce were present.

Paving and Striping Part of Asharoken Avenue From 355 Asharoken Ave. to 501 Asharoken Ave. and extended shoulder repair.

Bids:

Rosemar \$243,000 from 355 Ash to 501 Ash; Alt. #1 Milled Material for Shoulder \$3000.00 Alt #2 Paved Material for Shoulder \$12,500.00.

Pioneer Paving \$265,920 from 355 Ash to 501 Ash; Alt #1 Milled Material for Shoulder \$10,000 Alt #2 Paved Material for Shoulder \$0.00.

Posillico Paving \$278,025.60 from 355 Ash to 501 Ash; Alt #1 Milled Material for Shoulder \$30,000 Alt #2 Paved Material for Shoulder \$35,000.

Graci Paving \$296,434.00 from 355 Ash to 501 Ash; Alt #1 Milled Material for Shoulder \$6,885.00 Alt #2 Paved Material for Shoulder \$59,000.00.

Gazebo Contracting \$525,780.00 from 355 Ash to 501 Ash; Alt #1 Milled Material for Shoulder \$64,600.00 Alt #2 Paved Material for Shoulder \$134,160.00.

199 **Paving and Striping Part of Asharoken Avenue from Village Hall To Duck Island Lane and**
200 **Entrance to Beach Plum Drive (this portion will be paid by National Grid).**

201 Posillico Paving \$269,580.60
202 Rosemar \$283,893.00
203 Pioneer Paving \$344,303.50
204 Graci Paving \$384,867.50
205 Gazebo Contracting \$728,735.00

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207 **Resolutions:**

208 **Resolution (2022-55)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board approves the budget transfers for the
209 month of May 2022.

210 Trustee Jablonski made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

211 Trustee Jablonski AYE
212 Trustee Burke AYE
213 Trustee Ettinger AYE
214 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
215 Mayor Letica AYE
216 Motioned Carried

217 **Resolution (2022-56)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for
218 the month of May 2022 in the amount of \$111,707.55.

219 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

220 Trustee Jablonski AYE
221 Trustee Burke AYE
222 Trustee Ettinger AYE
223 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
224 Mayor Letica AYE
225 Motioned Carried

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227 **Resolution (2022-57)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
228 Dominic Marino located at 103 Asharoken Avenue from July 22, 2022, thru July 24, 2022.

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

230 Trustee Jablonski AYE
231 Trustee Burke AYE
232 Trustee Ettinger AYE
233 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
234 Mayor Letica AYE
235 Motioned Carried

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237 **Resolution (2022-58)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
238 Tim and Jen Bisson located at 23 Bevin Road from June 23, 2022, thru June 26, 2022.

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

240 Trustee Jablonski AYE
241 Trustee Burke AYE
242 Trustee Ettinger AYE
243 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
244 Mayor Letica AYE
245 Motioned Carried

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247 **Resolution (2022-59)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
248 Jason Morgese who lives at 2 Lobster Way location of tent would be Duck Island Corp, the old boat
249 house foundation by the causeway from May 25th, 2022, thru September 30, 2022.

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

251 Trustee Jablonski AYE

252 Trustee Burke AYE

253 Trustee Ettinger AYE

254 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

255 Mayor Letica AYE

256 Motioned Carried

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258 **Resolution (2022-60)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
259 Linda Orofino located at 275 Asharoken Avenue from July 3, 2022, thru July 6, 2022.

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

261 Trustee Jablonski AYE

262 Trustee Burke AYE

263 Trustee Ettinger AYE

264 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

265 Mayor Letica AYE

266 Motioned Carried

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268 **Resolution (2022-61)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
269 Ray D'Antoni located at 100 Cove Road from June 25, 2022, thru June 26, 2022.

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

271 Trustee Jablonski AYE

272 Trustee Burke AYE

273 Trustee Ettinger AYE

274 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

275 Mayor Letica AYE

276 Motioned Carried

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278 **Resolution (2022-62)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve street work
279 permit to National Grid for a new gas service at 224 Asharoken Avenue.

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

281 Trustee Jablonski AYE

282 Trustee Burke AYE

283 Trustee Ettinger AYE

284 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

285 Mayor Letica AYE

286 Motioned Carried

287 **Resolution (2022-63)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the estimate not
288 to exceed \$2860.00 to codify the eight local laws passed into our Ecode360, the remaining local
289 laws will be included on the Disposition List at the end of our Code. See attached estimate.

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

291 Trustee Jablonski AYE

292 Trustee Burke AYE

293 Trustee Ettinger AYE

294 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

295 Mayor Letica AYE

296 Motioned Carried

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298 **Resolution (2022-64)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby ratify the proposal from
299 GEI Consultants to prepare two grant applications DR-4480 (COVID) and DR-4615 (Ida), project
300 cost for each grant application is \$1,117,000 for planning and design and development for the Sea
301 Wall Shoreline/Rehabilitation Project Scoping, GEI consultant fee is \$8500.00; in addition, GEI

302 Consultants assisted on the BRIC grant application for planning and design and development at no
303 cost.

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

305 Trustee Jablonski AYE

306 Trustee Burke AYE

307 Trustee Ettinger AYE

308 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

309 Mayor Letica AYE

310 Motioned Carried

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312 **Resolution (2022-65)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby ratify the Hazard
313 Mitigation Program Match Commitment, the commitment is to meet the matching fund
314 requirements for the Sea Wall Shoreline/Rehabilitation Project Scoping, the local matching fund
315 requirement is \$107,600.00.

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

317 Trustee Jablonski AYE

318 Trustee Burke AYE

319 Trustee Ettinger AYE

320 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

321 Mayor Letica AYE

322 Motioned Carried

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324 These matching funds are related to the two grant applications submitted (DR-4480 (COVID) and
325 DR-4615 (Ida) for planning and design and development for the Sea Wall Shoreline/Rehabilitation
326 Project Scoping.

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328 **Resolution (2022-66)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to
329 sign the agreement with Rosemar Contracting Inc. to Mill, Pave, Stripe part of Asharoken Avenue
330 from 355 Asharoken Ave. to 501 Asharoken Ave. at a cost of \$243,000.00 and extended shoulder
331 repair using Alt #2 paved material at a cost of \$12,500.00.

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

333 Trustee Jablonski AYE

334 Trustee Burke AYE

335 Trustee Ettinger AYE

336 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

337 Mayor Letica AYE

338 Motioned Carried

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340 **Resolution (2022-67)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to
341 sign the agreement with Posillico Civil, Inc to Mill, Pave, Stripe part of Asharoken Avenue from
342 Village Hall to Duck Island Lane and entrance to Beach Plum Drive at a cost of \$269,580.60.

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

344 Trustee Jablonski AYE

345 Trustee Burke AYE

346 Trustee Ettinger AYE

347 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

348 Mayor Letica AYE

349 Motioned Carried

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351 **New Business:**

352 1. DASNY Grant modification: Mayor Letica noted that we originally put in for a police car and
353 guide rail. The amount of funds we are getting will be insufficient to cover the costs of these
354 projects. I am suggesting that we look towards re-paving Bevin Road. We have police

355 reserves to cover a new police car. We received an estimate to pave Bevin Road and it is
356 close to the grant amount of \$100,000. The board agreed to modify the DASNY grant
357 application.

358 2. We have old groins that are exposed again. Deputy Mayor Pierce noted that we were
359 contacted by the resident at 138 Asharoken Avenue. These 1950 groins have become
360 exposed again. Deputy Mayor Pierce and Trustee Burke visited the two groin sites on the
361 sound side beach. Mayor Letica noted that maybe we can encase in concrete. The board
362 decided to have a contractor look at both sites.

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364 **Mayor Letica opened Public Session:**

365 1. A resident asked about the paving section between Duck Island Lane and 355 Asharoken
366 Avenue. Clerk Rittenhouse noted that the section was paved several years ago.

367 2. A resident asked about the engine for the police boat and noted that if he could locate an
368 engine would that be helpful. He noted that there is dealer in California that may have
369 inventory.

370 3. A resident asked about DR4480 and DR4615 grant applications and the matching fund
371 requirements of \$107,600.00.

372 Mayor Letica noted that if the village accepts the grant the matching funds are \$107,600.00
373 per grant, but only one grant would be accepted since its for the same purpose.

374 Second question is about the matching funds commitment letter resolution.

375 Mayor Letica noted that the commitment letter that was submitted with the application on
376 June 1st was just ratified at this meeting. The resident asked if the application for DR4480
377 and DR4615 was incomplete.

378 The mayor said no, both applications were complete when submitted on June 1st.

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380 Attorney Migatz explained the resolution about ratifying the commitment letter. He noted
381 that the board passed a resolution based on their prior conversation that occurred prior to
382 the June 1st deadline since it was at time sensitive matter.

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384 4. A resident asked about the metal groins further down the beach towards the west side. She
385 asked about the shoulder repair work.

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387 Mayor Letica made a motion to exit public session, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

- 388 Trustee Jablonski AYE
- 389 Trustee Burke AYE
- 390 Trustee Ettinger AYE
- 391 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
- 392 Mayor Letica AYE
- 393 Motioned Carried

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

- 395 Trustee Jablonski AYE
- 396 Trustee Burke AYE
- 397 Trustee Ettinger AYE
- 398 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
- 399 Mayor Letica AYE
- 400 Motioned Carried.

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402 The June 7, 2022, Regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately
403 7:30pm.

404 Signed: _____
405 Nancy Rittenhouse, Village Clerk