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Officers Present:

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

Officials & Appointees Present:

Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk
Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney
Emily Hayes, Treasurer
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge
Doug Adil, Building Inspector

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

Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for July 6, 2023, seconded by Trustee Burke.

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

Motioned Carried.

Mayors Report: Mayor Letica reported, "On July 21st the Village received notice that it had been awarded a 1,076,000 grant from FEMA for Sea Wall Shoreline/Rehabilitation project Scoping. This grant comes with a Federal share of \$968,400 and a local share of \$107,600. In addition, sub-recipient's (the Village) managements costs, not to exceed \$41,000, are included and funded at 100% Federal Share. The money from this grant will be used to create a design, permit and prepare a bid package for a full reconstruction of the seawall and adjacent beach.

I would like to thank Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce for her herculean effort to create the grant documents and guide the grant through the application process. These grants are very competitive and are extremely difficult to get. If it were not for Pam's hard work and dogged determination it is likely that the Village would not have gotten this grant.

In the next few weeks, I will be getting in touch with Town of Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth to request their assistance in paying for the local share. The Town and the Village have worked cooperatively over the last ten years to maintain the seawall. I am hopeful that they will agree to be partners in the funding as well.

47 Strating on August 6th the Village and Town will work together to do a temporary repair on the wall. This
48 project is being funded through a \$50,000 grant that NYS Assemblyman Keith Brown secured for
49 Asharoken. I would like to thank Keith for his ongoing efforts to make a seawall replacement a reality.

50 **Trustees:**

51 Deputy Mayor Pierce: Good evening, everyone. During July I worked on the application for the
52 \$1,000,000 grant for the seawall repair. I participated in 3 conference calls regarding the seawall with
53 Assemblyman Brown and a consulting firm he recommended, as well as GEI for the upcoming sink hole
54 repair. Also, I'm in the process of updating our Hazard Mitigation Plan. I reviewed the vouchers, police
55 report, the July minutes, and the quote from Harris Corporation for the new tax software.

56 Trustee Ettinger: Firstly, I want to publicly congratulate both our Mayor Greg Letica and our Deputy
57 Mayor Pam Pierce for all their hard work and on their success in obtaining the \$1,000,000 FEMA Grant
58 to fund the design, permitting and bid solicitation for the seawall rehabilitation project. This grant,
59 together with the other grant of another \$1,000,000 that we recently received will form the basis for the
60 beginning of the rehabilitation of the seawall, that is desperately needed.

61 During the past month, as usual, I spent time meeting with Officer-in-Charge Ray Mahdesian on various
62 Police related matters and once again, I'm happy to report that we had another good month, that Ray
63 will comment on further in his report.

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65 Also, during the month the new Ford Interceptor Police Vehicle, now referred to as A-5, that we
66 received last month, is now a part of our active police car fleet and is performing well. We are currently
67 converting our older police car, A-4, to become the new unmarked police car. We will then begin the
68 process of selling our current unmarked car, the old Ford Crown Vic.

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70 I also want to advise you that our new Part -Time Police Officer Pat Ennis, that was sworn in at last
71 month's BOT Meeting, has been undergoing his initial training during the month and will soon be
72 performing assigned tours later this month.

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74 Some other matters that I was involved in during the month are as follows:

75 I reviewed correspondence that we received from some of our residents, foils that were received during
76 the past month, last month's BOT Regular Meeting's Minutes and this month's Abstracts for the
77 Payment Vouchers.

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79 Trustee Burke: During the month I reviewed the minutes, abstract, vouchers and police report. I
80 continued to review the correspondence received from many residents regarding the proposed
81 noise ordinance and I would like to thank the residents for their responses. There is a consensus
82 that there is a problem, especially with the landscapers.

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84 Trustee Jablonski: During the month; I reviewed the minutes, vouchers, police report, and various
85 correspondence.

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87 **Village Treasurer:** Emily Hayes reported for the month of July. The vouchers totaled \$67,077.39.
88 Included in the vouchers this month was a payment of \$13,115.39 to the Village of Northport for
89 Fire tax received from NYS. There will be a separate resolution to approve the vouchers. There
90 were no budget transfers this month. I have set up and reconciled all accounts in Quickbooks. The
91 Village will be using this system going forward.

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93 **Attorney Migatz:** Planning Board did not meet, the Zoning Board did not meet. The Zoning Board is
94 meeting this month, August 17th, just one case on the agenda. The appeal in the dock litigation was
95 not schedule in June they do not hear arguments in July and August so hopefully in September that
96 will be on the calendar.
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98 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported we had a great month as there was no crime. 44
99 summonses were issued. The Village Fourth of July celebration was successful.
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101 **Superintendent of Buildings:** Doug Adil reported the following: Coordinated foundation wall
102 inspections for 399 Asharoken Ave, inspected a wood deck on the sound side beach lots that
103 appears new but was a repair to an existing structure, inspected footings and foundation walls at
104 276 Asharoken Ave, reviewed pile installations logs for a new swimming pool at 148 Asharoken
105 Ave, re-reviewed plans for a new home at 238 Asharoken Ave which were approved for a Building
106 Permit, Informed the Village and property owner that there was construction equipment located on
107 a vacant lot on Cove Rd, the equipment was subsequently removed from the site, reviewed the
108 Electrical Inspection report for 160 Asharoken Ave, provided a Letter of Denial for proposed
109 alterations to a home at 3 Bevin Rd. Performed 11 Inspections.
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111 **Resolutions:**

112 **Resolution (2023-87)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for
113 the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$67,077.39.

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

115 Trustee Jablonski AYE

116 Trustee Burke AYE

117 Trustee Ettinger AYE

118 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

119 Mayor Letica AYE

120 Motioned Carried
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122 **Resolution (2023-88)** Be It Resolved that the Village board does hereby authorize the Mayor to
123 sign the agreement with Harris Local Government in order to upgrade the village tax system, not to
124 exceed \$13,000.

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

126 Trustee Jablonski AYE

127 Trustee Burke AYE

128 Trustee Ettinger AYE

129 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

130 Mayor Letica AYE

131 Motioned Carried
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133 **Resolution (2023-89)** Be It Resolved that the Mayor does hereby appoint Bart Kipnes as an
134 uncompensated member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term to end 7/1/2028.

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

136 Trustee Jablonski AYE

137 Trustee Burke AYE

138 Trustee Ettinger AYE

139 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

140 Mayor Letica AYE

141 Motioned Carried
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143 **New or Old Business:**

144 No new business
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146 **Mayor Letica opened Public Session:**

- 147 1. A property owner asked if the public access was still on the table, the mayor responded that
148 there would be no public access involved with the grants that were just received by the
149 Village.
150 2. A discussion took place regarding the repair of the seawall and the DEC and Army Corp of
151 Engineers' involvement.
152 3. Another resident asked if the 'coastal hazard erosion line' was still alive.

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

155 Trustee Jablonski AYE

156 Trustee Burke AYE

157 Trustee Ettinger AYE

158 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

159 Mayor Letica AYE

160 Motioned Carried

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

163 Trustee Jablonski AYE

164 Trustee Burke AYE

165 Trustee Ettinger AYE

166 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

167 Mayor Letica AYE

168 Motioned Carried

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171 The August 1, 2023, board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately
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174 Signed: _____

175 Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk