

APPROVED

Officers Present:

- Greg Letica, Mayor
- Melvin Ettinger, Trustee
- Laura Burke, Trustee
- Ian Jablonski, Trustee

Officials & Appointees Present:

- Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk
- 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 April 9, 2024, seconded by Trustee Jablonski

- Trustee Jablonski AYE
- Trustee Ettinger AYE
- Trustee Burke AYE
- Mayor Letica AYE

Motioned Carried.

Mayors Report:

The Village is planning to pave Bevin Road and Asharoken Avenue from Bevin to 563 Asharoken Avenue the week of May 13th. As I communicated earlier in an email, Bevin Road will be closed for about 5 hours a day for two days to complete the project. The closure is planned from about 9am – 2pm. The homes closest to Asharoken Avenue will have more access as the work will start at the intersection of Bevin E/W and continue to the Avenue. Trustee Ian Jablonski is coordinating this project and will have more information for the Bevin residents later this week.

In 2017 two Village property owners applied for dock permits for their homes in the Ida Smith section of Northport Bay. After a thorough review by the Environmental Review Board, the Board of Trustees decided to deny both dock permits. The denial was based on the negative impacts the docks would have on the environment as enumerated in the Village Code. The property owners subsequently sued the Village to have the Board decision overturned. In September of 2019 the Supreme Court, Suffolk County ruled in favor of the Village. The property owners subsequently appealed the lower court decision. This week the Appellate Court upheld the lower court decision and ruled in favor of the Village. In the decision the Court wrote, “The Board’s determination also did not violate the petitioners’ riparian rights, as the Boards determination enforced the Village

49 Code, which constituted a reasonable restriction of those rights." I would like to thank the Village
50 Attorney Bruce Migatz for successfully representing the Village in this matter.

51 On May 1st the Village met with the DOT to resume conversations as to how to access the Senator
52 Schumer \$1,000,000 earmark to fix the most damaged 200 feet of the seawall. The meeting was
53 very productive, and the Village expects to get moving on this process in the next few weeks.

54 This Friday the Village will hold a summit meeting on the seawall. Invitees include the USACOE,
55 NYSDEC, NYSDOT, Huntington Highway, State Senator Mattera, State Assemblyman Keith Brown
56 and Suffolk Legislator Stephanie Bontempi. Representatives from Senator Schumer's office and
57 Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth's office are also expected. I will report next week on the outcome
58 of this meeting.

59 I would like to thank Carole Cassamasima, Linda Letica and Kerry Kruckel for all of their hard work
60 to raise \$11,000 for the 4th of July Fireworks.
61 Lastly, I would like to thank resident Bob Hoey for bringing in 6 Sea Scouts who did a beach cleanup
62 last Saturday. The Village will award the participants community service awards at the next BOT
63 meeting.

64 **Trustees:**

65 Trustee Ettinger: During the past month, as usual, I had numerous meetings and conversations with
66 Officer-in-Charge Ray Mahdesian regarding a number of police related matters.

67 On April 26th, at the request of Mayor Letica, I attended a Webinar, sponsored by Congressman
68 Nick LaLota' office, regarding the FY25 Federal Community Grant Funding Options, to see if there
69 were any potential grants that would be available for our Police Department. Fortunately, I was
70 advised that there was an opportunity for us to apply for a Grant for Police Patrol Vehicles. Over the
71 next few days, with the help of Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce, Officer In Charge Ray Mahdesian and
72 Mayor Letica, we submitted a Grant Request for two (2) fully outfitted Police Cars, totaling
73 \$150,000 to replace our two oldest police cars. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we are
74 successful and that we are awarded the monies for the grant!!

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76 On behalf of the Village, I want to express our sincere thanks to Congressman Nick LaLota for giving
77 us this opportunity, and also to Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce, OIC Ray Mahdesian and Mayor Greg
78 Letica for all their help in submitting the Grant.

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80 In addition, I reviewed the MS4 Stormwater Annual Report that we will be discussing tonight, I also
81 reviewed the decision of the Appellate Division affirming the lower court's decision upholding the
82 Village's denial of the two dock permit applications. I would like to thank our Village Attorney Bruce
83 Migatz for a job well done, I also reviewed some correspondence and foils that we received, last
84 month's BOT Regular Meeting's Minutes and this month's payment vouchers.

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87 Trustee Burke: I reviewed six proposals submitted from the Engineering Firms for partial seawall
88 redesign and restoration, the police report, minutes from the prior meeting, Attended LI Clean
89 Water Symposium at the Northport Yacht Club on April 18, and attended the DOT meeting with the
90 Mayor and the Village Clerk on May 3rd, as mentioned in the Mayor's report.

91 Trustee Jablonski: During the month; I reviewed the minutes, payment vouchers, police report,
92 stormwater report, attended the paving company meeting and helped coordinate the Bevin Rd
93 closures.

94 **Village Treasurer:** Emily Hayes reported for the month of April. Payment vouchers totaled
95 \$61,364.33. There will be a separate resolution to approve the vouchers.
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97 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported 48 summons and 1 arrest for the month of April. He
98 thanked Harbormaster Joe Affrunti for getting the Police boat in order.
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100 **Superintendent of Buildings:** Doug Adil reported the following:
101 Reviewed a dock application for 10 New Harbor Road and provided comments to the Town of
102 Huntington.
103 Provided the applicant for construction of a new home on Duck Island with a letter which
104 concurred with the NYSDEC determination of "No Jurisdiction" for the new home.
105 Reviewed and commented to the proposed fencing at 238 Asharoken Av., provided feedback to the
106 owner regarding required maximum height and location of the proposed fencing.
107 Reviewed and commented to the proposed fencing at 411 Asharoken Av., provided feedback to the
108 owner regarding required maximum height and location of the proposed fencing.
109 Re-reviewed construction drawings for 284 Asharoken Av. Plans for conversion/alteration of the
110 existing garage were returned Approved as Noted.
111 Re-reviewed construction drawings for 35 Bevin Rd. Plans for interior alterations were returned
112 were returned Approved as Noted.
113 Reviewed plans for installation of a soaking pool at 161 Asharoken Av. Plans were returned for
114 corrections.
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116 **Emergency Manager:** Bill Raisch noted that hurricane season begins June 1st. The water ski bouys
117 are being prepped and the speed limit signs are being cleaned in preparation for the oysters.
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119 **Harbormaster:** Joe Affrunti brought the police boat down for be prepared for the summer season.
120 The speed limit signs will be in the water prior to Memorial Day weekend.
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122 **Public Hearing: Stormwater Annual Report for year-end 3/9/2024.**

123 Clerk Glennon read the publication.
124 Mayor Letica opened the public hearing.
125 No comments were made on the stormwater annual report.
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127 Mayor Letica made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
128 Trustee Jablonski AYE
129 Trustee Burke AYE
130 Trustee Ettinger AYE
131 Mayor Letica AYE
132 Motioned Carried.
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134 **Resolution (2024-44)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for
135 the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$61,364.22. Mayor Letica made a motion to approve
136 seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
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138 Trustee Jablonski AYE
139 Trustee Burke AYE
140 Trustee Ettinger AYE
141 Mayor Letica AYE
142 Motioned Carried.

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144 **Resolution (2024-45)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to
145 sign the MS4 Stormwater Annual Report for year-end March 9th, 2024. Motion to approve made by
146 Trustee Ettinger, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

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148 Trustee Jablonski AYE

149 Trustee Burke AYE

150 Trustee Ettinger AYE

151 Mayor Letica AYE

152 Motioned Carried.

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154 **Resolution (2024-46)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby appoint the following
155 election inspectors, Hillary Candelora as Chairperson, Debbie Manning, Francesca Catalanatto and
156 Stephanie Bernhardt for the June 18, 2024 Village Election from 12 Noon to 9PM. Mayor Letica
157 made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

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159 **ROLL CALL:**

160 **Trustee Jablonski AYE**

161 **Trustee Burke AYE**

162 **Trustee Ettinger AYE**

163 **Mayor Letica AYE**

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165 **Resolution (2024-47)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to
166 sign the Breakwater Marine contract for the 2024 4th of July fireworks barge in the amount of
167 \$14,500.00. Motion to approve made by Trustee Ettinger, seconded by Trustee Burke.

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169 Trustee Jablonski AYE

170 Trustee Burke AYE

171 Trustee Ettinger AYE

172 Mayor Letica AYE

173 Motioned Carried.

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175 **Resolution (2024-48)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby accept the donation from
176 "AVT-Shirts" committee in the amount of \$2,000 which funds will support the cost of the barge,
177 tugboat and the 2024 Fireworks Event. Motion made by Mayor Letica, seconded by Trustee
178 Ettinger.

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180 Trustee Jablonski AYE

181 Trustee Burke AYE

182 Trustee Ettinger AYE

183 Mayor Letica AYE

184 Motioned Carried.

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186 **Resolution (2024-49)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby accept the donation from
187 "Save the Fireworks" committee in the amount of \$9,000 which funds will support the cost of the
188 barge, tugboat and the 2024 Fireworks Event. Motion made by Mayor Letica, seconded by Trustee
189 Ettinger.

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191 Trustee Jablonski AYE

192 Trustee Burke AYE

193 Trustee Ettinger AYE

194 Mayor Letica AYE

195 Motioned Carried.

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197 **Resolution (2024-50)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
198 Michael Kaufman at 5 Pheasant Lane from May 24th to May 26th, 2024. Motion made by Trustee
199 Jablonski seconded by Trustee Burke.
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201 Trustee Jablonski AYE
202 Trustee Burke AYE
203 Trustee Ettinger AYE
204 Mayor Letica AYE
205 Motioned Carried.
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207 **Resolution (2024-51)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
208 Ian Jablonski at 20 Bevin Rd from May 22nd to May 28th, 2024. Motion made by Mayor Letica,
209 seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
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211 Trustee Jablonski Abstain
212 Trustee Burke AYE
213 Trustee Ettinger AYE
214 Mayor Letica AYE
215 Motioned Carried.
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217 **Resolution (2024-52)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the hiring of
218 Patrick McCarthy of Duck Island Builders to repair the seawall staircase for the amount of
219 \$4,565.00. Motion made by Mayor Letica, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.
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222 Trustee Jablonski AYE
223 Trustee Burke AYE
224 Trustee Ettinger AYE
225 Mayor Letica AYE
226 Motioned Carried.
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228 **Resolution (2024-53)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby appoint Joseph Affrunti as
229 the Fireworks Safety Officer for the 2024 fireworks display. Motion made by Trustee Ettinger
230 seconded by Mayor Letica.
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232 Trustee Jablonski AYE
233 Trustee Burke AYE
234 Trustee Ettinger AYE
235 Mayor Letica AYE
236 Motioned Carried.
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238 **Resolution (2024-54)** Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby make a negative
239 declaration pursuant to SEQRA based on the Conservation Board's recommendation and SEAF (part
240 2) Impact Assessment regarding the Graci fill permit application at 1 Lobster Way. Motion made by
241 Mayor Letica, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.
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243 Trustee Jablonski AYE
244 Trustee Burke AYE
245 Trustee Ettinger AYE
246 Mayor Letica AYE
247 Motioned Carried.
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249 **Public Session** – Mayor Letica opened public session.

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251 -A resident spoke regarding the seawall.

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253 -A resident asked if was possible to get a grant to purchase a new police boat. The
254 Harbormaster noted that the boat is not owned by the village but by New York state.

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256 -A resident asked about the condition of a lot on Bevin Rd.

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

259 Trustee Jablonski AYE

260 Trustee Burke AYE

261 Trustee Ettinger AYE

262 Mayor Letica AYE

263 Motioned Carried

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

265 Trustee Jablonski AYE

266 Trustee Burke AYE

267 Trustee Ettinger AYE

268 Mayor Letica AYE

269 Motioned Carried.

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271 The May 7, 2024, Regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately
272 7:13pm.

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274 Signed: 

275 Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk