

Draft Minutes

Officers Present:

Greg Letica, Mayor
Melvin Ettinger, Trustee
Laura Burke, Trustee

Officials & Appointees Present:

Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney
Emily Hayes, Treasurer
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge
Joe Affrunti, Harbormaster

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Mayor presented the volunteer Sea Scouts with Certificates of Appreciation for their beach clean up work.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for May 7, 2024, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.

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

Motioned Carried.

Mayors Report: This has been infrastructure month in the Village. On May 17th, Bevin Road and Asharoken Avenue (from Bevin Road to 563 Asharoken Avenue) were repaved. The Asharoken Avenue section was also re-striped a few days later. These projects were fully funded by PSEG, grants, and CHIPS funds and therefore did not need any Village of Asharoken taxpayer funding. I thank Trustee Ian Jablonski who oversaw this project. Ian did a great job coordinating the pavers and the residents on Bevin Road. I also thank the residents of Bevin Road, Bevin E/W, Kew Court, and Pheasant Lane for their understanding during the construction. In my 12 years as Mayor, I am pleased to report that every village-owned road has been repaved.

During the month, Deputy Mayor Pierce and Village Consultant Engineer Steve Hyduk conducted extensive interviews with the following engineering firms that submitted Requests For Proposals for a full redesign for the seawall area: Race Coastal, Cashin Associated, GEI, and GPI. The Village received a total of six RFPs from very qualified firms and is in the process of making a final decision on awarding the contract.

In addition, the Village has made significant progress with the New York State Department of Transportation to access the \$1,000,000 earmark that Senator Schumer secured to fix the most damaged section of the seawall. I expect that within two months the Village will be able to request RFPs from engineering work for this project.

49 I attended the Pride flag raising at Northport Village Hall and the Memorial Day ceremonies in
50 Northport Park.

51 **Trustees:**

52 Trustee Ettinger: During the past month, I had numerous meetings and conversations with Officer-
53 in-Charge Ray Mahdesian regarding a number of police related matters. Once again, I am happy to
54 report that we had another “good month” that Ray Mahdesian will comment on further, in his
55 report.

56 I also want to update you on the status of some grants that we have applied for and/or received.

57 At last month’s meeting, I reported on the FY25 Federal Community Grant Funding Grant that we
58 applied for that we submitted a Grant Request for two (2) fully outfitted Police Cars, totaling
59 \$150,000 to replace our two oldest police cars.

60 Well, I am happy to report that I received a call from Congressman Nick LaLota’s office that our
61 Grant Request was accepted and that it was consolidated within the Congressman’s final Grant
62 Submission to Congress. Let’s keep our fingers crossed that we are successful and that we are
63 awarded the monies for the Grant!!

64 I also want take this opportunity to advise you of a \$54,499 Grant that we received from the NYS
65 Division of Criminal Justice Services’ (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) grant program
66 for the Village police department. The money will be used to purchase three new mobile computers
67 and printers for our marked police cars, as well to purchase some upgrades for our License Plate
68 Reading System.

69 I especially want to thank Officer Brian O’Connor who heard about this grant from a friend and
70 jumped on the opportunity to apply. His many years of continued dedication to the Village and
71 especially all the grants that he has helped us obtain is greatly appreciated! Thanks Brian!!

72 In addition, some other matters that I was involved in during the month were as follows:

73 I reviewed some correspondences that we received from some residents, I also reviewed the foils
74 that we received,

75 I also reviewed last month’s BOT Regular Meeting’s Minutes and finally I also reviewed this month’s
76 Abstract for the Payment Vouchers.

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78 Trustee Burke: Reviewed the minutes from prior meeting, police report, vouchers and reviewed
79 questions for engineering firms, village correspondence, assisted Village Clerk in mailing tax bills.

80 Trustee Jablonski: (read by Mayor Letica) Reviewed minutes, vouchers, RFP responses, and various
81 communications from residents.

82 Emailed Several Communications to residents before, during, and after paving of Bevin. Created and
83 hung signs on Bevin Road regarding paving. Walked the streets several times during milling.

84 Visited and spoke with several residents to address various concerns before, during, and after the
85 paving. Walked the streets several times during the paving.

86 Inspected Bevin Road after 2 major rainfalls – Happy to report that all eight pooling water
87 situations are resolved.

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89 **Attorney Migatz:** The Zoning Board met on May 23rd, one application, William Haugland. An
90 application for a Special Use permit to construct a 6ft high fence seaward of the house at 411
91 Asharoken Avenue and that was granted. That is all.

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94 **Village Treasurer:** Emily Hayes reported for the month of May. The vouchers totaled \$271,594.16.
95 Included in the vouchers this month is payment to Posillico in the amount of \$190,351.10 for
96 paving Bevin Rd. and Asharoken Ave, Auto Service Center of Northport for \$8,204.89 which is for
97 auto repairs for the police cars for the fiscal year and Hartt/Borg Insurance for \$9,725.00 for the
98 yearly boat insurance. There will be a separate resolution for the budget transfers this month.
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100 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported that the police department was busy this past month
101 with 64 summonses. Of the 64 summonses, 21 were for speed and of the 21 nine were 50 mph or
102 higher. Officer Mahdesian thanked Harbormaster Joe Affrunti for all his hard work helping the
103 police boat.
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105 **Superintendent of Buildings:** Reviewed the MS4 annual Stormwater report, provided feedback to
106 the Village clerk.

107 Reviewed "as built" conditions for a new garage at 276 Asharoken. Working with the homeowner
108 and Village to bring the garage into compliance with a Special Use Permit.

109 Investigated construction of a deck without a building permit on Cove Road, with Police assistance.
110 Homeowner was informed that they need a building permit to continue work.

111 Contacted the homeowner at 250 Asharoken Av. to follow up on dune restoration at his property.

112 The Village previously notified them that they have modified the existing dunes at their rear yard,
113 and such dunes must be restored to their original condition. Subsequently, the Village issued a
114 Notice of Violation. I also stopped by after a week to check progress on dune restoration, but
115 progress was very slow.

116 Issued a Letter of Denial for installation of a new Generator at 9 Clamshell Lane.

117 Re-reviewed construction drawings for 35 Bevin Rd. Plans for interior alterations were returned
118 were returned Approved as Noted.

119 Reviewed plans for installation of a soaking pool at 161 Asharoken Av. Plans were returned for
120 corrections.
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122 **Harbormaster:** Joe Affrunti said the repaired speed sign was installed.
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124 **Deputy Harbormaster:** Bill Raisch said they are expecting 6,000 oysters in early July and will add
125 them to the speed limit signs.
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127 **Resolutions:**

128 **Resolution (2024-55)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board approves the budget transfers for the
129 month of May 2024.

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

131 Trustee Burke AYE

132 Trustee Ettinger AYE

133 Mayor Letica AYE

134 Motioned Carried

135 **Resolution (2024-56)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for
136 the month of May 2024 in the amount of \$271,594.16.

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

138 Trustee Burke AYE

139 Trustee Ettinger AYE

140 Mayor Letica AYE

141 Motioned Carried

142 **Resolution (2024-57)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the budget
143 adjustment to increase Miscellaneous Income (2700.000) and increase Highway Maintenance

144 (5110.432) for the engineering and paving of Asharoken Avenue from Bevin Rd to 561 Asharoken
145 Avenue in the amount of \$102,866.00.
146 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.
147 Trustee Burke AYE
148 Trustee Ettinger AYE
149 Mayor Letica AYE
150 Motioned Carried
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152 **Resolution (2024-58)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the budget
153 adjustment to increase Other General Government Aid (3089.000) and increase Highway
154 Maintenance (5110.432) for the engineering and paving of Bevin Road in the amount of
155 \$100,000.00.
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157 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.
158 Trustee Burke AYE
159 Trustee Ettinger AYE
160 Mayor Letica AYE
161 Motioned Carried
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163 **Resolution (2024-59)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the budget
164 adjustment to increase Other General Government Aid (3089.000) and increase Highway
165 Maintenance (5110.432) for the engineering and paving of Bevin Road in the amount of \$9,485.00.
166 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.
167 Trustee Burke AYE
168 Trustee Ettinger AYE
169 Mayor Letica AYE
170 Motioned Carried
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172 **Resolution (2024-60)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the budget
173 adjustment to increase Other General Government Aid (3089.000) and increase Highway Repairs
174 (5110.451) for the repair of the seawall in the amount of \$11,466.00.
175 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.
176 Trustee Burke AYE
177 Trustee Ettinger AYE
178 Mayor Letica AYE
179 Motioned Carried
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181 **Resolution (2024-61)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
182 Emma Cox at 225 Asharoken from June 19th through June 24th, 2024.
183 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.
184 Trustee Burke AYE
185 Trustee Ettinger AYE
186 Mayor Letica AYE
187 Motioned Carried
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189 **Resolution (2024-62)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a tent permit for
190 Jeannine & David Halpern at 3 Clam Shell Lane from July 1st to July 8th, 2024.
191 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.
192 Trustee Burke AYE
193 Trustee Ettinger AYE
194 Mayor Letica AYE
195 Motioned Carried
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198 **New Business:** The Mayor discussed interviewing several firms who submitted RFP's for the
199 seawall project. Stephen Hayduck, Deputy Mayor Pierce and Mayor Letica came to the conclusion
200 based on their interviews, qualifications and proposals that GEI Consultants would be the best firm
201 to use. Unless there are any objections from the board the mayor would like to start negotiating the
202 contract.

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204 **Public Session:** Mayor Letica opened public session

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206 A question was asked when a dock plaintiff can file an appeal by.

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208 Another question was asked regarding the seawall.

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

211 Trustee Burke AYE

212 Trustee Ettinger AYE

213 Mayor Letica AYE

214 Motioned Carried

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

216 Trustee Burke AYE

217 Trustee Ettinger AYE

218 Mayor Letica AYE

219 Motioned Carried.

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221 The June 4, 2024, Regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately
222 6:54pm.

223 Signed: _____

224 Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk