

Approved

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 2, 2024
seconded by Trustee Burke.

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

Motioned Carried.

Mayors Report: Mayor Letica reported, “The 4th of July was a day to remember with nice weather followed by the Village’s traditional fireworks and bonfires. I thank and commend everyone for your cooperation in making fires that complied with the Village code. Your understanding made for another safe and fun holiday. Big thanks go out to Carole Casamassima, Linda Letica, and Kerry Kruckel for their efforts to fund raise \$11,000 to support the fireworks. I also thank the Asharoken Police Department, under the leadership of Officer in Charge Ray Mahdesian, for their efforts on the 4th of July to ensure a safe day for everyone.

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please ensure that any vegetation surrounding it is cleared to ensure that the fire department can find and access it quickly.

The Village plans to restripe Asharoken Avenue from Village Hall to 285 Asharoken Avenue in the next few weeks. The work is expected to be done at night so there should be minimal impact on traffic. Once a final date is set, I will let you know.

The Village is continuing to work with the NYS DOT to finalize the master agreement to allow the Village to utilize the \$1,000,000 earmark from Senator Schumer to do an interim repair to the seawall. The Village will meet with GEI in the next week or two to have a kick-off meeting for engineering for seawall replacement and beach restoration. In addition, GEI will be looking at what

49 the Village can do as a short- term project to bolster the most damaged part of the wall. The Village
50 still has approximately \$25,000 of grant money to support this type of repair. I thank State
51 Assemblyman Keith Brown for securing this grant for Asharoken.

52 Officer Jeff Josephson, who has worked on the Asharoken PD for 40 years, has accepted the Village's
53 retirement incentive. He will be resigning as a full time officer in September but will remain on the
54 force as a part time officer. Jeff has been an exemplary police officer and is a well respected
55 member of the Asharoken family. I want to thank him for his service and his commitment to
56 continue serving the Village."

57 **Trustees:**

58 Deputy Mayor Pierce: I am very happy to be back here. I have been immune compromised due to
59 cancer therapy and I have finally been let out of the house. I have been kept apprised of all village
60 business. During the month I reviewed the vouchers, police report, tent permits and the road opening
61 application from SCWA.

62 *Mayor Letica remarked that this entire time that Deputy Mayor Pierce was undergoing treatment she*
63 *has been working steadily on behalf of the village and was very much involved in the whole process of*
64 *hiring an engineering firm for the seawall, all the grant work and many other things. She has been*
65 *absent in person only.*

66 Trustee Ettinger: During the past month I had numerous meetings and conversations with Officer-
67 in-Charge Ray Mahdesian regarding a number of police related matters. Once again, I am happy to
68 report that we had another "good month" that Ray Mahdesian will comment on further, in his
69 report. I want to take this opportunity to update you on the status of the Resolution that we passed
70 at last's month's BOT Meeting regarding the Retirement Offer that we were presenting to the full-
71 time Asharoken Police Officers. After the approval of the Resolution, Officer Jeff Josephson accepted
72 our offer and will be retiring at the end of September. Jeff has been with us for more than 41 years
73 and has been a great asset to the department, the Village and to our residents. Jeff intends to remain
74 with the APD as a part time officer.

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

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79 Trustee Burke: During the month I reviewed the minutes, abstract, vouchers and police report.

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81 Trustee Jablonski: During the month; I reviewed the minutes, vouchers, police report, and the
82 seawall proposal.

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84 **Attorney Migatz:** It was a quiet month, the Planning Board did not meet, the Zoning Board did not
85 meet. The Zoning Board is meeting this month, August 19th.

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87 **Village Treasurer:** Emily Hayes reported for the month of July. The vouchers totaled \$74,813.43.
88 Included in the vouchers this month was the invoice for the fireworks barge of \$14,500 and a
89 payment of \$13,115.39 to the Village of Northport for Fire tax received from NYS. There will be a
90 separate resolution to approve the vouchers. There were no budget transfers this month.

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93 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported that July is a very busy month. There were 66
94 summonses issued and 2 arrests. Suffolk County Police Department came to Asharoken for taser
95 instruction for the Asharoken PD.
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97 **Superintendent of Buildings:** Doug Adil reported the following: Responded to a resident concern
98 regarding stormwater runoff eroding the shoulder of Bevin Road. Storm runoff travels from
99 Pheasant Lane across Bevin Road, and then follows the shoulder of Bevin, eroding the soil there. If
100 the two stormwater basins on Pheasant were properly graded to capture runoff, there wouldn't be
101 an issue at Bevin Road. Reviewed drawings for a proposed PV Solar installation at 399 Asharoken
102 Av and returned them "Revise & Resubmit" for corrections. Responded to an inquiry from Eaton
103 Harbors Corp. as to whether a Building permit is required to do road work on Cove Road. The
104 Village responded that a permit is not required for road drainage improvements. Reviewed
105 construction drawings for additions to 71 Bevin Road and provided revision comments. Issued a
106 Letter of Denial for installation of a new non-conforming fence at 301 Asharoken Av. Responded to
107 a resident complaint regarding the neighbor's dumpster on their property. There currently is no
108 language in the code that prohibits the use of a dumpster nor is there any specific time limit for that
109 use. Re-reviewed plans for installation of a soaking pool at 161 Asharoken Av. Plans were returned
110 again for corrections. Reviewed construction drawings for a new detached garage at 159 Asharoken
111 Av. and returned the plans as "Revise & Resubmit. Inspected the hot tub at 204 Asharoken Av.,
112 installed without a permit. The tub appeared to conform to zoning requirements but there was no
113 evidence of a recent electrical inspection, which the Village requested to issue a Certificate of
114 Compliance. An updated inspection report was subsequently submitted. Conducted various
115 inspections and gas pressure test.
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120 **Resolutions:**

121 **Resolution (2024-100)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers
122 for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$74,813.43. 38, check numbers 11418 to 11455.
123 Trustee Ettinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Letica.
124 Trustee Jablonski AYE
125 Trustee Burke AYE
126 Trustee Ettinger AYE
127 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
128 Mayor Letica AYE
129 Motioned Carried
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131 **Resolution (2024-101)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board, does hereby approve the scheduling
132 of a public hearing on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024, at 6:30pm at Village Hall for a proposed local law
133 amending Chapter 86 of the code of the Village of Asharoken entitled "Noise".
134 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ettinger.
135 Trustee Jablonski AYE
136 Trustee Burke AYE
137 Trustee Ettinger AYE
138 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE
139 Mayor Letica AYE
140 Motioned Carried
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142 **Resolution (2024-102)** Be It Resolved that the Village board does hereby ratify the tent permit
143 issued to Marianne Mere at 303 Asharoken Ave for August 2nd through August 4th.
144 Trustee Jablonski made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.
145 Trustee Jablonski AYE
146 Trustee Burke AYE
147 Trustee Ettinger AYE

148 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

149 Mayor Letica AYE

150 Motioned Carried

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152 **Resolution (2024-103)** Be It Resolved that the Village board does hereby ratify the tent permit
153 issued to Kevie Murphy at 277 Asharoken Ave for July 5th through July 7th.

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

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 **Resolution (2024-104)** Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve a SCWA
163 application for a 4' x 4' road opening to install water service to 399 Asharoken Ave.

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

165 Trustee Jablonski AYE

166 Trustee Burke AYE

167 Trustee Ettinger AYE

168 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

169 Mayor Letica AYE

170 Motioned Carried

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172 **Resolution (2024-105)** Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor,
173 Treasurer and Village Clerk as signatories on the Village's bank accounts. Two signers are required
174 to authorize payments.

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

176 Trustee Jablonski AYE

177 Trustee Burke AYE

178 Trustee Ettinger AYE

179 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

180 Mayor Letica Abstain

181 Motioned Carried

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183 **Resolution (2024-106)** Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby ratify the purchase of a 3
184 month CD from TD Bank for \$240,000 at an interest rate of 4.99%.

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

186 Trustee Jablonski AYE

187 Trustee Burke AYE

188 Trustee Ettinger AYE

189 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

190 Mayor Letica AYE

191 Motioned Carried

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193 **Resolution (2024-107)** Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Asharoken
194 Police Department to utilize Dix Hills Car Wash at a rate of \$100 per month for the cleaning of the
195 police vehicles.

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

197 Trustee Jablonski AYE

198 Trustee Burke AYE

199 Trustee Ettinger AYE

200 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

201 Mayor Letica AYE

202 Motioned Carried

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205 **New or Old Business:**

206 Mayor Letica and the Board of Trustees discussed the possible acquisition of a small piece of
207 underwater land adjoining 117 – 121 Asharoken Ave that is currently owned by Suffolk County. The
208 Board decided not to pursue the purchase of the land.

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210 **Mayor Letica opened Public Session:**

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212 1. A discussion took place regarding the easement between Cove Road and Bevin Road and it's
213 availability during emergencies.

214 2. There was also discussion regarding the Village's 100 year anniversary celebration.

215 3. A resident discussed options for the seawall

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

218 Trustee Jablonski AYE

219 Trustee Burke AYE

220 Trustee Ettinger AYE

221 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

222 Mayor Letica AYE

223 Motioned Carried

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

226 Trustee Jablonski AYE

227 Trustee Burke AYE

228 Trustee Ettinger AYE

229 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

230 Mayor Letica AYE

231 Motioned Carried

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234 The August 6, 2024, board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at approximately
235 7:20pm.

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237 Signed: _____

238 Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk