



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
Wednesday, March 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM

February Borough Updates:

- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 25; Fire = 35; Police = 711
- **Code Enforcement** – 6 Summons; 1 Warnings; 10 Reports; 16 Inspections; 6 Permits; 6 OPRA
- **Building Department** – 37 Inspections where 25 Passed; 8 Failed; 0 Not Ready; 22 Permits issued
- **Regionalization to include Sea Bright** – There are no legal reasons holding us back, Mayors' talks ongoing.
- **Land Use Board** – 326 Shore Dr. SeaStreak application had 1st hearing on 12/18 for Zoning & Parking improvements. The second hearing date has not been scheduled yet. Affordable Housing Update from Board Planner. Sharkey 9 Shrewsbury extension request Resolution memorialized. Solar Powered 44 Miller was moved to 3/12. LW Management & Maintenance 17 Locust Street extension approved.
- **Shadowlawn AINR** – The approved plan for the property is a five-story building with 292 units, with 44 affordable. There will be a scenic overlook for the public to use and installation of curbs & sidewalks from Linden to Scenic Drive. Environmental studies will be completed before any construction occurs.
- **Captain's Cove AINR** – A prospective redeveloper has expressed interest but has not yet submitted plans.
- **Bay Avenue AINR** – 289 Bay Developer's Agreement completed, they are waiting County approvals.

Current Project Updates- Weather Permitting

- **Tide Valves Replacement** – 3 @ Coves & 1 on Jackson. Two 18" at Coves done 1/21.
- **Frank Hall Park Updates & Overlook Park Creation** – Majority of hardscape work done by late Jan.

Grants won – projects to be permitted & awarded

- **Linden, WW, Bay & Snug Harbor Drainage Improvements** – Estimated \$1.7 Million project to on these roads \$1.3 Million from NJDOT Local Aid Grant. Waiting for DEP Letter of Support of the project to go out to bid.
- **Grand Tour Drainage Improvements** – Project estimate \$1.1 million, Grant \$420,323. Work moved to 2026.
- **County Open Space** – Won \$225,050 to resurface playgrounds at Vets, Huddy and Rec, also fix courts at Snug.

Grants submitted waiting to hear back

- **REPI Living Shoreline & Bulkhead** - DEP & Army Corp permits approved. Implementation should hear 5/2026.
- **NJ Agritourism** – Video link to the J.T. White Clam Plant to be displayed on TV in Borough Hall.
- **Flood mitigation & Green Infrastructure** – Project = \$16,205,280, reapplied for Congressional Funding.
- **Hudson River Foundation** - Building Community Capacity for Resiliency Program – Upgrade/replace all outfalls.

Grants being explored

- **Sanitary Sewer Phase II** – NJ Water Bank, USDA Water, NJ Champs & other options being explored.
- **Overpass Walkway over R36** – Looking to resubmit for funding with State & County options.
- **New First Ad & DPW HQ** – Garden State Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program.
- **New Pumper Truck for FD** – Put seed money in the 2025 budget & exploring grant options for purchase.
- **Bronze Huddy Statute** – The proposed installation will be located at Huddy Park, just 150 feet from where he was hanged without benefit of a trial in 1782. We are looking for County & State grants.

Community Rating System [CRS] Update

The CRS Certification process continues as we work with property owners in the flood zone to build resiliently. Floodplain Town Hall workshop, watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_xlr6_ff-Q
Floodplain Design Guidelines can be found here: bit.ly/CBDFloodplainDesignGuideline We are setting up a meeting with the County before the end of the year.