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MAYORAL SPEECH  
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Good morning everyone.

Could I please ask you to rise for  
the Pledge of Allegiance and  
National Anthem.

[PLEDGE AND ANTHEM]

Good morning and Happy 4th of  
July! Another beautiful day!

Please allow me to introduce my  
fellow trustees:

Deputy Mayor - Brian Vail  
Trustees - Rosie Connell  
- Sherry Neff  
- Len Emma  
And our Clerk and Treasurer - Cathy Spier  
Village Justice - David Desmond  
And Special Guest - Suffolk County  
Legislator,  
Sarah Anker -  
Welcome Sarah

It's our pleasure as well to  
introduce our new Deputy Clerk and  
Deputy Treasurer, Adrienne Kessel.  
Adrienne couldn't make it today,  
but we did want to welcome her  
aboard ... along with our new  
assistant to our Clerk and  
Treasurer, Cathy Silverstein.  
Welcome Cathy!

We'd also like to acknowledge our  
Commissioners and Board and  
Committee Members ... many of whom  
are here today ... thank you all

... with special thanks to Joe  
Abata, Larry Kogel and my brother,  
John, for getting our beach in  
order ... it was a tall order  
indeed given the beach erosion  
we've suffered these past months  
... but with true perseverance  
they got it done!

And special thanks as well to John Scrimenti, who will be stepping down as our Village Hall Commissioner after 14 years of dedicated service to our community ... thank you John.

And our friends at the Shoreham Country Club ... and The Village Association ... for all they do for the community.

And to all those helping with today's celebration ... our banners, flags, sound system, lunch ... our Junior Olympics and ball game, all adding to a festive day.

And to Shorehamites who have just moved into our community ... a hearty welcome aboard!

And of course our color guard ... thank you guys ... and our Million Dollar Band ... Bob, please take a bow.

And we would be remiss if we didn't recognize the assistance and guidance given us by our friends at the Town, County (thanks Sarah), State and Federal levels, who have all helped us immeasurably.

Indeed, so many people needed to keep our community the beautiful and special place it is ... so many to thank.

And when I think about all these people and the enthusiasm, volunteerism and spirit being shown here today

... and being shown in other communities ... both large and small across this Great Land

... I can't help but to think about a writing that was part of our 4th of July celebration some 26 years ago ... a letter to the community about our then new Village Hall.

Dated July 4, 1991, the letter, which announced the start of a fund raising drive, talked about our beautiful bucolic setting, our traditions, and our unending spirit to accomplish what we set out to do ... the completion of a new Village Hall

... proudly proclaiming the accomplishment as a transposition from a wishful concept to a beautiful reality

... and if you will, a symbol for what small communities across our nation and our nation as a whole can achieve ... given the "American Spirit" we all hold dear.

It goes on to say that the true fiber of our community can be seen in those who run the various aspects of our Village government, The Village Association and the Shoreham Country Club

... and in those people who have contributed ... and continue to contribute ... to the interest of making Shoreham a better place to live ... a motto we use in Village communications to this very day.



The writing then asserts that we should all be proud of what we have accomplished, not with the building per se, but with our ability to keep alive ... that very "American Spirit"

... one that motivated over 50 people to volunteer their services and financial support to the reconstruction of our Village Hall

... one that most assuredly made the fund raising a success

... and one that has preserved, and will continue to preserve, our wonderful heritage for all these years ... to the present day ... and is, in fact, the very essence of our community ... indeed, the very essence of our country.

So on this special day, allow me to pass along words similar to those I've expressed before.

As you enjoy the festivities of the day,

... always be reminded of the spirit symbolized by the reconstruction of our Village Hall ... the enthusiasm you see all around you today ... and the traditions we hold so dear across America

... always be reminded of those in our Armed Forces who keep us safe

... and above all, always be reminded of this "Great Land" and the liberty and freedom ... with which we've been blessed.

Happy 4th of July ... let's enjoy the day!