

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2013

A special meeting of the Executive Board was held prior to the general meeting to discuss sharing the donation made by Hunt Enterprises. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. The board voted unanimously to donate \$100 each to 5 local food pantries. Paul Ziems made a motion to close the meeting at 7:15 pm, seconded by Kathrine Soscia.

The general meeting was called to order by President Erma Gluck at 7:36pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the troops. Martin Bailey – Vice President, Carol Bedell – Membership Secretary, W. Paul Ziems – Treasurer, Kathrine Soscia – Corresponding Secretary and Bob Gluck - Sergeant-At-Arms were present. Margaret Colarossi – Recording Secretary was absent with prior notice.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Erma Gluck welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer W. Paul Ziems reports that the balance in the treasury as of December 31, 2012 is \$4,150.78. Paul reported on the donation from Hunt Ent. (owner of the Coram McDonalds) and the board's decision to donate to 5 local food pantries. Paul also updated the membership on the last BNL meeting. Past ground water pollution at the lab is expected to be fully contained.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Carol Bedell reports we have 43 paid members. Please renew your membership! Be sure to pick up your membership card. Can't get your discount from Bella Roma without it!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

No correspondence to report.

PLANNING & LAND USE

Planning and land use issues were posted on a display created by Chris Reilly.

HIGHWAY REPORTS

None

NEWSLETTER

Back issues are available. Send email request to info@coramcivic.org. Latest issue just went out.

POLICE

None

WEBSITE

Chris Reilly reported that a video of the Civic Christmas gathering is available under the Video/Pictures tab and there are many ongoing updates under Community News. Comments, questions and observations, please email us at info@coramcivic.org.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

GUEST SPEAKERS

Congressman Tim Bishop

Swore in our new officers – President Erma Gluck, Vice President Martin Bailey and Treasurer Paul Ziems were sworn in for another term.

Congressman Bishop gave a Washington Update. He spoke on a number of issues and took questions and comments from the membership.

Just passed Sandy Supplemental \$50.4 billion disaster relief for New Jersey, New York and Connecticut handled through FEMA, CDBG and ACOE.

Fiscal Cliff matters – important dates/deadlines Congress will need to act on (March 1, March 27 and May 17). The nation's debt is a complicated problem that needs to be solved.

Marianne Garvin – President CEO Community Development Corporation (CDC)

Marianne Garvin updated the membership on the progress of Wincoram Commons. The project was affected by Superstorm Sandy as it delayed the State application submission from Nov to January. The grant application is now with the State and they expect to hear from the State in March. They continue to work on other grants as well as Engineering. They hope to break ground by the end of the summer.

In conjunction with the County, CDC will be going door to door to about 600 homes in a 2 mile radius around the project to conduct a survey. The first survey will be conducted in March/April, with follow up surveys conducted a year after and two years after. They hope to get 300 completed surveys. The survey will be trying to measure how the community is affected by the project. Questions about Superstorm Sandy will also be asked. Martin Bailey suggested they hand out membership flyers for our Civic as well.

OPEN FLOOR TO MEMBERSHIP

The storage of "Sandy" hurricane cars at Kmart and other sites across Long Island was discussed.

50/50 DRAWING

Tonight's 50/50 was drawn by Bob Gluck. Winner, Tom Lyons, took home \$15.00.

Next meeting: Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

Guests will include the candidates for Superintendent of Highways; Kathleen Walsh & Dan Losquadro.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Martin Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm. Seconded by Kathrine Soscia. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathrine Soscia
Corresponding Secretary
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