

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Martin Bailey, Chris Reilly, Carol Bedell, Bob Gluck, Paul Ziems, and Jean Hartling.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Erma Gluck announced: 1) The lottery for Wincoram Commons was held on March 19th at the Fire House. About half of the 176 apartments will open in early summer. 2) Town of Brookhaven 2015 Seasonal Resident Parking Stickers are available at locations throughout the town. A handout with detailed information was distributed. 3) The Coalition for a Brighter Long Island will hold a Support Caithness II Rally on March 24, 10:00 AM at the Fire House. An informational flyer was available. 4) The Middle Country Road Task Force, consisting of community leaders in schools, civic organizations, fire and police departments, meets to address issues of concern to all. Current topics being discussed include the homeless behind the Mott House, numerous non-working street lights, police outreach to business owners, video monitoring systems, and clean up of the beverage center near Wincoram Commons. 5) The 8th Annual Great Brookhaven Cleanup to take place Saturday May 16. The civic will be participating. Volunteers were asked to sign up at the end of the meeting. 6) Council woman Jane Bonner sent notice of the egg hunt to take place at the Robert Miner Park, Hallock Landing, March 28, 1:30 PM. 7) Legislator Kara Hann sent notice of the Narcan Training March 31, 7:00 PM, Comsewogue Public Library.

6TH PRECINCT UPDATE

Police Officer Gabaldi of the 6th Precinct discussed current police matters, the precinct community meetings held the third week of each month, and Operation Medicine Cabinet (flyer provided). Individuals interested may register for the Police Officer Civil Service Test to be held on June 13th. Applications are due by April 1st (information at: JOINSCPD.com).

DAVIS TOWN MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY INC.

Chris Reilly announced the Annual Plant Sale to take place at the Davis Town Meeting House (a/k/a Lester H. Davis House) on May 23rd from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine discussed the state of Brookhaven Town during the past two years with a focus on finances. Year 2014 ended with a surplus for the first time in twelve years. The Town has been given a AA+ rating. Budgets comply with debt and spending tax caps. TOB has a Vacant Building Registry

which requires properties to be maintained or risk fines or demolition. Residents may notify the Town of problem buildings. Single Stream Recycling has been very successful with a 24% increase in recycling since it began in January. A letter has been sent to the State Legislature and Governor requesting a Consumer Advocate for Utilities to provide oversight. Forty states already have this position. A question and answer period followed. Topics included the OTB proposed casino in Medford, functioning of sewage treatment plants, Carmen's River Plan, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, and Town savings provided by more efficient sources of lighting, insulation, windows and vehicles.

Supervisor Romaine swore into office for a two-year term the following Civic Officers:

President – Erma Gluck; **Treasurer** – Paul Ziems; **Sergeant-at-Arms** – Bob Gluck.

Suzanne Johnson, Director of Longwood Public Library spoke on progress of the library renovation and the Tuesday, April 14th budget vote. The proposed budget does not override the tax cap, involves a less than 1% increase and is among the lowest in Brookhaven. Absentee ballots are available.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Kathleen Nohe who took home \$41.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING – April 27th. Guests: Superintendent of Longwood Schools Dr. Michael Lonergan and Louise Burnell, Dress for Success, TOB

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling
Recording Secretary