

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

January 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Paul Ziems, Chris Reilly, Robert Gluck, and Jean Hartling,

OFFICER REPORTS:

Officer reports were suspended to allow time for the guest speakers.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine stated that while keeping to the one tenth of one percent tax cap, the town will continue its investment in the Davis house, will advocate to the State Department of Transportation for improvements along Rt. 25 Coram through Middle Island and south on Rt. 112, work toward cleaning up the K-Mart eyesore in Middle Island, make zoning to limit traffic congestion and keep communities together through better planning and architectural control. He said the Town Board opposes the proposed video lottery terminal in Medford. Civic members asked question about job producing industries that may be coming to the Town of Brookhaven, status of the rail terminal in Yaphank, concern about the world wide economy, process for reducing “zombie” homes and removal of signs placed on public right-of-way. Discussion followed.

Newly elected **Town Councilman Michael Loguercio** addressed questions raised by Civic members particularly the need to reduce “zombie” homes; loitering, homelessness and street garbage; burglaries and prostitution, possible establishment of community watch, road conditions, clean up of the abandoned K-Mart, and illegal rental of homes with multiple residents. He stressed that residents notify his office with issued of concern so they may be addressed.

Officer Bradshaw of the 6th Precinct highlighted crime statistics for the period of December 14 to present. Overall crime was down for this period. Officer Bradshaw explained that the Precinct works with Town officials in addressing complaints. He illustrated the “Cops Who Care” drug test kits which are available at the Precinct.

Fire Commissioner Van Johnson thanked the membership for supporting his recent election. He identified recent EMS and fire incidents. He stressed that homeowners clean dryer vents and chimneys regularly and have oil burners checked to avoid hazardous conditions. Fire departments coordinate with others in close proximity to provide faster response to alarms.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Davis House Committee Chair Maryanne Douglas reported that a NYS grant for \$125,000 has been received. Work on the building inside will begin soon with the help of Robert Kessler, Yaphank Historical Society. A 5th anniversary celebration of the Davis House Society with descendants of the Davis family is planned for Saturday, April 30.

Other: It was announced that the Coram Civic Association Community Service Scholarship applications are due by March 31. Application forms may be found on the web site.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Robert Gluck who donated the \$28.00 back to the Civic.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling,
Recording Secretary