

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
June 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops home and abroad. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Paul Ziems, Robert Gluck, Kathrine Soscia, Martin Bailey and Jean Hartling.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Announcements and Officer Reports** were suspended to allow time for the guest speakers.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Suffolk County Comptroller John M. Kennedy, Jr.** gave an overview of changes made during the last year with merger of the County Comptroller and Treasurer's positions. He indicated a salary savings of one million dollars. Efforts in progress include quicker processing of delinquent property taxes; replacement of old computers with updated technology operations; bond-indebted interest savings through shorter term, lower interest; upgrading financial management with electronic fund transfer; shrinking the size of acquisitions and departments; enforcement of the Hotel-Motel tax that supports parks, historic sites, and tourism; and the Comptrollers Fraud Hotline. Complaint Forms for the Fraud Hotline were provided to Civic members.

A question and answer period followed. Members raised questions about Section 8 Housing issues, county bond ratings, collection of delinquent property taxes, "zombie" homes, and the top areas the Comptroller felt might yield additional savings. Mr. Kennedy identified reduced overtime, restricted supplies procurement, better payment system, salaries and economic development as areas for savings.

**Officer Gibaldi of the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct** discussed the recent problems at the Home Depot shopping center outlined efforts of the Police Department and community to reduce these problems. He provided call statistics for the past four weeks and noted the monthly Precinct Community Meeting will be combined with the July 25

Coram Civic meeting. Members and encouraged attend, meet representatives of the department and bring questions they may have.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President Erma Gluck** reported on the April 21 meeting with Police Commissioner Timothy Sini, concern with the lack of a loitering law, recent work of the Middle Country Road Task Force, and the newly formed Coram Plaza Task Force Revitalization Committee. She described the new businesses opening in Coram (auto repair, medical supply and full service car wash). She also announced: Town of Brookhaven Jitney service, an adult day care center on the corner of Winfield Davis and Middle Country Road, and the July 23 recycling and drug take back sponsored by Councilman Michael Loguercio.

**Board Member and BNL Representative Paul Ziems** updated recent discussions.

1. Radioisotope Research Production for Cardiac Procedures and Breast Cancer. These isotopes are produced only at BNL and Las Alamos. BNL must send them to Los Alamos to be distributed to hospitals and clinics and is working to get government approval to do their own shipping.
2. Batteries. BNL is receiving funds from the NYS Redevelopment Agency to continue research on longer life batteries.
3. Medical Isotope Research and Production. There has been targeted success in treatments of bone cancer; some success in 14 hours previously taking six months.
4. Summer Sundays July 10, 17, 24 and 31. Great events for kids of all ages.

### **50/50 DRAWING:**

The 50/50 was won by Kathy Nohe who took home \$14.00.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling,  
Recording Secretary