

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

April 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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, Bob Gluck, Kathrine Soscia, Paul Ziems, Vana McClure, Chris Reilly, and Jean Hartling. There were approximately 50 members and guests in attendance.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Erma Gluck requested members wishing to participate in the Great Brookhaven Clean Up on Saturday, May 20th sign up at this meeting. Registration is needed in order to have sufficient supplies for the event. The Yaphank Civic Association provided a petition for preservation of lakes and rivers for fishing and boating; members may sign the petition at the end of the meeting. Additional announcements:

1. Town of Brookhaven "Cancel the Keg" Hotline number is 631-852-KEGS.
2. The donations to the pet food drive sponsored by Legislator Sarah may be brought to her office at 620 Rt. 25A, Suite B.
3. Drug abuse test kits are available free to residents from the Town of Brookhaven.
4. The Suffolk County Police Department "Unity Night" is held the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
5. The Fotunato Breast Health Center is holding a "Wall for Hope on Saturday, May 6th.
6. The Brookhaven Lions Club Chinese Auction will take place on Tuesday, May 2nd.
7. The Davis Town Meeting House Society will hold its first annual Victorian Tea Party on Saturday, May 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Old Coram Fire House. Reservations are required.

The remainder of the business meeting was suspended to allow for presentations by guest speakers.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Councilman Michael Loguercio gave an overview of the financial strength of Brookhaven Town, which maintains the AAA bond rating. He outlined recent community efforts including clean up of the Home Depot shopping center, removal of homeless encampments, closing of the beverage distributor, and demolition of "zombie" homes. Continuing efforts will focus on business and job development, land use review and planning and making greater community connections with clergy, community and civic leaders. Councilman Loguercio noted that, after a five-year absence, the Longwood Fair will take place this year on September 9 and 10. A question and answer period followed. Civic members raised questions about how PILOTS (payments in lieu of taxes) of business vs. rental units affect tax revenue, funds available to combat the opiate problem, needed road repair, the dangerous intersection at state road 25 and Coram Mt. Sinai Road, and new development of Starbucks and McDonalds on Rt. 112.

Dr. Michael Lonergan, Superintendent, Longwood Central School District presented highlights of the proposed school budget for 2017-2018. The budget meets all the requirements of the tax cap and includes a proposal for a reserve fund for needed repairs. He highlighted some of the district's achievements, which include a 97% high school graduation rate, partnerships with BNL and Suffolk Community College, and receipt of an AA rating for fiscal integrity. Dr. Lonergan invited residents to visit the schools to view its many programs. He provided a leaflet outlining the budget and notable district programs. Civic members asked

questions about programs for families and children at risk, how the reserve fund works, and what would happen if the budget failed. The vote takes place of Tuesday, May 16.

Scholarship Award Presentation: Erma Gluck presented the \$500.00 Coram Civic Association Community Service Scholarship to Longwood High School student **Smelanda Adam**. Ms. Adam will attend Stony Brook University in September and plans to study Health Sciences and Pediatrics.

Sergeant Langdon of the 6th Precinct outlined local crime statistics for the period March 27 to April 4. Statistics remain low with the exception of heroin and fentanyl abuse. He encouraged residents to report suspected incidents to the precinct or on line.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Sally Kubik who took home \$23.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling,
Recording Secretary