

## THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**General Membership Meeting**

**March 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Bob Gluck, Kathrine Soscia, Paul Ziems, Vana McClure, Chris Reilly, and Jean Hartling. There were approximately 45 members and guests in attendance.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President Erma Gluck** announced the Great Brookhaven Clean Up scheduled for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The membership was asked to volunteer for this event on the sign up sheet provided at the meeting entrance. The remainder of the business meeting was suspended to allow for presentations by guest speakers.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine** provided an overview of the state of Brookhaven Town. This is the third year in which the Town budget ended with a surplus and maintained a triple A bond rating. The Town does not borrow for operating expenses; reserve accounts are set aside for future expenses. The Town landfill will need to close in nine years. Supervisor Romaine stressed the need for everyone to recycle, including school districts, which do not currently do so. He suggested the Civic plan a tour of the four-year-old single stream recycling plant. The supervisor also highlighted other environmental issues including LED street light replacements, Town land for community gardens, and placing utility lines underground to lessen storm damage. A question and answer period followed. The membership had questions regarding blighted home reduction, use of paper or plastic for leaf collection, status of the closed beer distributor, and noise from the Plaza 99 center.

**Lisa Jacobs, Longwood Public Library Director**, invited residents to attend the Earth Day Fair scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon at the Library. She gave an overview of energy cost reductions as a result of green sustainable choices. The library is LEED certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). Ms. Jacobs provided a brochure outlining the proposed budget. This information has also been mailed to all residents in the library district. The budget vote is on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The proposed budget is within the 2% tax cap.

**Officer Frank Ribaldo, of the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct**, reviewed statistics covering the past month. Crime statistics were 20% lower than the same period last year. He discussed member questions regarding the Home Depot shopping area and drug activity in local neighborhoods.

### **OFFICER REPORTS (continued): President Erma Gluck** announced:

1. The SCPD and Longwood School District Heroin and Drug Prevention Education program titled "The Ugly Truth" Wednesday, March 29, 7:00PM.
2. The Town of Brookhaven Distracted Driving Course, March 29, 6:00 to 8:00PM, Town Hall.
3. Blessings in a Backpack fundraiser, April 1, 6:00 PM, Mill Pond Country Club.
4. Legislator Sarah Anker and Long Island Cares pet food drive now though April 30; food to be dropped off at her Mount Sinai office.
5. Davis Town House Meeting House Society Victorian Tea, May 13, 2:00 to 4:00PM at the Coram Fire House.
6. The Coram Civic Association student scholarship applications are due March 30.

**Davis Town Meeting House Society (Chris Reilly):**

TOB electricians are working on the wiring. The Town and County, who own property surrounding the house lot, have agreed to fund a walking trail and small parking area on that property. The matching grant application (\$125,000.00) to the Gardiner Foundation has been completed. The Brookhaven Open Space Council has agreed to try to save the Norton House.

**Treasurer's Report (Paul Ziems):** Checking account holds \$3,300.00 and there is a \$500 reserve for the Civic scholarship.

**Membership Report (Vana McClure):** There are 90 members to date.

**BNL Report (Paul Ziems):** The recent meeting discussed groundwater assessment (radioactive contamination and other type spills going back to WW2 is under control) and thinning of excessive deer population.

**50/50 DRAWING:**

The 50/50 was won by Stan Truk. He received \$17.00 and donated \$7.00 back to the Civic.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling,  
Recording Secretary