

## THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

January 22, 2018

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 home and abroad. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Paul Ziems, Vana McClure, Chris Reilly, and Jean Hartling. There were approximately 29 members and guests in attendance.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine** conducted the swearing in of Civic Board officers for a new two-year term: **Chris Reilly**, Vice President, **Vana McClure**, Membership Secretary and **Jean Hartling**, Recording Secretary. Supervisor Romaine then provided a Town update focusing on three main areas:

1. Town Landfill - will need to close in six to seven years resulting in a great loss of revenue for the Town. A regional plan for waste management is needed as well as an emphasis on recycling. When the site is fully closed, there will be a total of seventy acres of capped landfill area. A plan is needed to account for post-closure costs.
2. Possible Energy Park – the capped landfill will provide an accessible solar energy site (no trees to be removed) as well as location for methane gas collection systems. Both of these have income potential with the sale of energy and gas.
3. Zombie Homes – the TOB is working with State and Federal governments to reduce zombie homes. The Town demolishes one home per week due to deteriorated conditions. It is seeking money from the State fund to rehab homes, in condition to do so, and use the rehabbed homes to provide affordable housing for first time homeowners and vets.

The TOB budget complies with all spending, tax and debt caps; has paid down or refinanced debt and upgraded its bond ratings.

**Officer John Efstathiou of the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct** provided an overview of crime statistics for the period for the past month compared with the same period last year. There is a downward trend overall. Members were invited to participate in two upcoming events:

1. "Coffee with a Cop" to be held at the Chic-fil-A in Port Jefferson Station on Thursday, January 25 from 12:30 to 2:00PM and,
2. "The Ugly Truth" to be held February 5 at 7:00PM at Newfield High School in Selden. This is a heroin and prescription drug education and awareness program. Flyers were available for both. Officer Efstathiou also provided information on "Nixle", a free community notifications app available from the SC Police Department.

The 50/50 was won by Georgia Duggan who took home \$25.00.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling, Recording Secretary