

ITHE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
March 26, 2018

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 and for the victims of recent gun violence. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Bob Gluck, Paul Ziems, Kathrine Soscia, Vana McClure and Jean Hartling. There were approximately 45 members and guests in attendance.

**Announcements:** 1) Operation Initiative Foundation for Veterans and Caregivers will hold a session at the Trinity Church on Rocky Point on April 14 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. 2) The Great Brookhaven Cleanup is Saturday, May 19. The Civic will participate with clean up of the area by Home Depot at Coram Plaza Shopping Center from 10:00 am to noon. Members were asked to sign up if planning to help out. 3) The Civic will hold a country line dance event on Friday, July 13, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Coram firehouse. Cost is \$15.00 and includes 1½ hours of dance instruction, a 50/50 and refreshments. 4) The second annual Coram Community Concert will take place at Coram Fire Sub Station 2, Monday August 13 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Southbound will be the band performing. 5) The Davis House Historical Society holds its second annual Victorian Tea on Saturday, May 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Maryanne Douglas distributed flyers with registration. Reservations are required. 6) Kathrine Soscia reported that applications for the annual Civic Community Service Student Scholarship are due on March 31.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Lisa Jacobs of the Longwood Public Library** gave a presentation on the proposed budget coming up for a vote on April 10, 8:00 am to 9:00 pm at the library. Absentee ballots are available. She described budget components which include Programs, Data Bases, Equipment, Operations and Staff Salaries and Benefits. The proposed budget is under the tax and will cost residents \$7.22 per year. Budget details have been sent to all residents.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Davis Town Meeting House Society:** Maryanne Douglas gave an update on progress of interior work. Some walls have been completed, heat and AC are in progress, and the septic tank is still needed. A donation of historical furniture has been offered to the Society. The memorial Ceremony for Jean and Lester Davis is set for April 7, 3:00 pm at the Davis House.

**Brookhaven National Lab Citizens Advisory Committee:** Paul Ziems reported the last meeting covered facility plans. Summer Sundays will begin in July and include some children's events as well as those for adults. All are welcome to attend.

**SCPD-6<sup>th</sup> Precinct update:** Officer John Efstathiou reviewed statistics for the past month in Coram. He outlined the process for use of an Affidavit of Trespass. The next "Coffee with a Cop" will be Monday, April 16 at Joe's Campus; the next will follow at the Longwood Public Library on Friday, May 18. "Kicking it with a Cop" (soccer skill training for 6 to 12 year olds) takes place at KK Athletics, Farmingville on April 21. The next 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community meeting is April 17, 7:00 pm at the precinct.

**GUEST SPEAKERS (Continued): Suffolk County Comptroller John Kennedy** discussed his department emphasis of executing more audits and reducing debts in order to manage fiscal responsibility. The Fraud Hot Line has received 85 complaints since 2015 and has completed 21 audits. He described several cases that resulted in recovery of millions of dollars. The next focus will be on employee medical health plans (out of network providers), a domestic violence provider, and electronic upgrades that save money. The reduction in the number and length of General Obligation Bonds, and assuring better quality rated bonds also reduces the cost of debt. Civic members asked questions about the length of time required to take deeds for nonpayment of tax, financial implications of the US Open in Southampton, and Jakes 58 (OTB).

**50/50 Drawing** was drawn by Comptroller Kennedy and won by Robert Gluck who donated the \$30.00 back to the Civic.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Hartling, Recording Secretary