

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
April 26, 2021
(First meeting since February 2020 due to Covid pandemic)

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 those who lost due to the pandemic. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Bob Gluck, Vana McClure, Chris Reilly, Kathrine Soscia, Frank Muraca, Kareem Nugdalla and Jean Hartling. There were approximately 24 members and guests in attendance.

Officer Reports:

President (Erma Gluck):

1. TOB parking passes are now available. Information may be found on the TOB website.
2. Brookhaven recycling events will be held on May 15, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center, and June 9, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Town Hall.
3. The Great Brookhaven Cleanup is set for May 15. The Civic will participate with fifty-one people having signed up so far. We will meet at the Coram Plaza at noon.
4. The Longwood Memorial Day remembrance ceremony takes place Monday, May 31 at 10:00 AM at Bartlett Pond Park, Middle Island.
5. The Davis House Annual Craft Fair and Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday September 18 (rain date Sunday, September 19); the Victorian Tea date is Saturday, October 16.

Special Events (Jean Hartling):

The Civic fourth annual Summer Community Concert will be Friday, July 16, 7:00 PM (rain date Sunday, July 18 at 5:00 PM). Ed Travers Band, Long Island's Jimmy Buffett tribute band will perform. The event will be held at the Coram Fire Department 303 Middle Country Road, Coram. Flyers for the event were distributed to members.

Membership (Vana McClure):

There are 87 Civic Members to date.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Frank Muraca, former Longwood School Board member and current Civic Board member, reported on the Longwood School District budget and upcoming vote for Dr. Michael Lonergan who was unable to attend due to an emergency. Thanks to recent Federal funding, the district was able to maintain forty-two teachers whose positions were in jeopardy. The school budget again remains within the required

tax cap. There are three Board positions to be filled. The Longwood District vote is Tuesday, May 18.

6th Precinct Report:

Officer Casey Berry provided an overview of district work during the past year of pandemic. There has been an increase in harassment and domestic calls, speeding and motor vehicle accidents. Patrol cars have been making frequent trips to problem areas. Officer Berry asked citizens to report problems they see in their areas. It was noted people are living in the vacant Norton House. Officer Berry will report that information so that the owner may be contacted for permission to remove the squatters.

Business Development and Planning (Chris Reilly):

Chris reported on construction of the new Taco Bell, resurfacing and painting of the Stop & Shop parking lot, and PSEG phone pole replacement along Rt. 25. The Civic would like to focus on beautification of Middle Country Road from Rt. 112 to Coram Mount Sinai Road. Better signage for Coram Plaza is needed and historic looking street lamps for the roadway in that area would be an improvement. Input from members on issue, ideas, increased membership and volunteers are essential for growth and strength of the organization.

Coram Fire Department (Van Johnson):

The meeting room is available to a few community groups but not yet to the general public for rental due to Covid restrictions. The paramedics have been on call continuously since the pandemic began and have done a fantastic work handling these emergencies. Residents are advised to check their non-brick chimneys as these have been a growing source of house fires recently.

Town and County Office Representatives:

Representatives present each introduced themselves. These included Nicole Reaber (Jane Bonner's office), James Canale (Mike Loguercio's office), and Jennifer Sactchel (Legislator Sarah Anker's office).

50/50 Drawing:

The 50/50 was won by Denise DeSoiza who took home \$14.00.

Motion to Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Hartling
Recording Secretary