

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

January 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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, Paul Ziems, Vana McClure, Chris Reilly, Kathrine Soscia and Jean Hartling.

There were approximately 31 members and guests in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Suffolk County Supervisor Ed Romaine conducted the swearing in ceremony of recently elected Civic officers: Erma Gluck, President; Kathrine Soscia, Corresponding Secretary; Paul Ziems, Treasurer and Robert Gluck, Sergeant-at-Arms. Supervisor Romaine then provided an overview of the state of Brookhaven Town:

1. The Town maintains a structurally balanced budget, a number of reserve funds, and a triple A bond rating.
2. Recycling has returned to dual stream from single stream due to lack of a world market for recycled materials.

Civic members asked questions on many topics including:

1. The recently passed Town Council term limits
2. Impacts of the State budget on local towns and villages (elimination of the "Assistance and Incentives for Municipalities")
3. State proposals on legalization of recreational marijuana
4. Implication of closing of the landfill in 2024
5. Economic development needed along the Rt. 25 corridor
6. Transit oriented development
7. Removal of abandoned "zombie" homes
8. Encouragement of cable competition in Brookhaven Town.

Other Items and announcements:

Chris Reilly discussed Civic participation in the January 19th Martin Luther King Longwood Unity Walk. A brochure was prepared for the event in both English and Spanish. Members were encouraged to take a copy home to share with family and friends.

The Civic will hold a second Country Line Dance event on Friday, March 29th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Coram Fire House. Cost is \$15.00 and funds will support our student scholarship. Registration leaflets were available for members to take.

50/50 Drawing:

The 50/50 was won by Fran Muraca who donated winnings of \$15.00 back to the Civic.

Motion to Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Hartling
Recording Secretary