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March 2007

General Membership Meeting

The Inn at New Hyde Park
200 Jericho Turnpike
New Hyde Park, NY

Community Land Trust...
Is it for Nassau County?

Preserving:

- Affordability one generation after another
- Public subsidies, lands, and inclusionary units
- Condition and design of publicly-funded amenities

Guest Speaker:

Robert Mulvey, Esq.

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Cash Bar: 7 p.m.

Dinner/Program: 7:30 p.m.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Annual Meeting

Election and Installation of Officers

Hon. John Venditto, Supervisor, Town of Oyster Bay



From the Desk of the President

Dear Colleagues.

I want to report on the highlights of the annual NYCOM lobbying meeting held in Albany late last month where there was opportunity to interface with executive and legislative branch leaders.

There definitely is a new spirit of willingness to listen to and address the concerns of municipalities across the state as evidenced by Joe Bruno, Majority Leader of the Senate, and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver for the first time entering into a real dialog with the audience after their prepared remarks.

Also, for the first time, there was a commitment to, while not repeal, at least substantially modify, the Wicks Law with its bidding requirements that substantially add to the cost of municipal projects. In his address, Governor Spitzer stressed the critical importance of property tax relief and indicated that funds could be available though the State taking direct control of Medicaid and rooting out mismanagement and fraud. (This proposal is already drawing fire from all quarters.)

There was consensus that proposed legislation (Bodsky Bill) that would strip us of the right to charge communications providers such as Cablevision and Verizon for use of our right-of-ways is dead on arrival.

There was good news and bad news on the burden of payments into the State Pension Fund. The good news was that first the first time there was a detailed explanation of why payments have increased and top level Controllor's Office staffers responded in detail to the questions that bombarded them

The bad news is that a strong case was made for pretty much continuing the current contribution level despite the success (until recently) of the stock market.

Among the reasons: More people are taking early retirement; they're living much longer and the benefit levels and lack of employee contribution are set by the legislature. Unlike many other states whose plans are teetering on the brink of insolvency, New York's is fully funded. A solution would be for the legislature in the future to either reduce benefits or require further employee contributions.

Other hot button subjects brought up were maintaining revenue sharing across the board along with CHIPS funding.

At an early morning meeting prior to start of regular business, there was a meeting, called by our Executive Director, of the moribund Tri-County Municipal Officers Association that represents Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties. It was agreed by the more than dozen participants from all

three counties that our suburban area has priorities that may not always agree with those of New York City and Upstate. We discussed a number of pending and possible bills that could affect us and voted to impose modest dues and meet again in early summer after receiving opinions and suggestions for action.

Short takes: The speaker who drew the most applause was our own ex-Senator Mike Balboni, now Deputy Secretary for Public Safety, the State's top Homeland Security Official ...although the Nassau delegation was smaller than in recent years, its presence was felt more than any other group by their comments and questions from the floor... the next NYCOM president will be Executive Board member Ernie Strada.

Among the exhibitors at the conference was one that caught my eye. While I'm not in the habit of giving commercials, Swiftreach Networks is worthy of your attention. For just 3 1/2 cents per completed call, using phone, PDA or internet, you can alert your residents to any emergency or news. There are no setup or maintenance charges, and you can even tailor who receives messages. It all seems to be good to be true, but our village is meeting with them. The telephone is 1-800-swift911; E-mail info@swiftreach.com; and website www.swiftreach.com

I've been working on my budget for the next fiscal year, and I hope that you're having an easier time than Bayville Mayor Siegel and I are having. We've been blindsided by a tremendous jump in the basic fire protection contract due to new OSHA requirements that unfortunately were all legitimate when we studied the budget, item by item.

But the biggest problem is a LOSAP connected suit brought by several 65-plus fire company members who appear to have won a decision on an age discrimination basis that their retirement benefits did not continue to be funded. The liability is well into six figures, including payments to widows! So beware.

Sincerely, **Hon. Jack Williams**
NCVOA President

Annual Dinner - May 8

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 as the NCVOA will hold its Annual Testimonial Dinner at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. This year the association will honor Centre Island Mayor John Williams for his service as NCVOA President for 2006-2007.

Since it will be in early spring, we look forward to possibly enjoying our cocktail hour outdoors, overlooking the beautiful gardens and pool area of the Crest Hollow. Please see the reservation form and journal ad contract on pages 3 and 4.

Nassau County Village Officials Association

2007/2008 Annual Journal-Advertising Order

To be printed and distributed in conjunction with our 82st Annual Dinner honoring

Mayor John Williams

Mayor of the Village of Centre Island, New York

at the

Crest Hollow County Club

8325 Jericho Turnpike

Woodbury, New York

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

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Reservation Form

82nd Anniversary Dinner Meeting

Honoring

Mayor John Williams

Mayor of the Village of Center Island

Crest Hollow Country Club – Woodbury, NY

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. • Dinner/Program 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Please reserve _____ seats @\$90.00 each for the Annual Dinner/Testimonial Meeting to be held at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, NY on **Tuesday, May 8, 2007.**

Please make all checks payable to the NCVOA.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Please note there will be no tickets issued for this event. Upon receipt of your order and check, we will fax you back a confirmation of receipt. Tables will be assigned and posted the night of the dinner. Please send in your reservation and checks as soon as possible to ensure the best seating.

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NCVOA - Warren Tackenberg, Executive Director
525 South 13th Street, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-5572**

Nominations for Officers to Close March 20

On March 20, 2007 the Nominating Committee will close the nominations for NCVOA officers for 2007-2008. According to Article VIII of the Association's By-laws:

Section 3 – All nominations for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Treasurer shall be made in writing and shall be signed by a least a majority of the Nominating Committee or by not less than twenty-five (25) elected officials representing not less than five (5) Member Villages of the Association.

Section 4 – Nominations made by the Nominating Committee shall be filed in writing with the Executive Director not less than twenty (20) days before the date of the annual meeting of the Association. A copy of such written report of nominations shall be

transmitted by the Executive Director to each Member Village at least fifteen (15) days before the annual meeting.

Section 5 – Nominations other than those made by the Nominating Committee shall comply with Section 3 above and shall be filed in writing with the Executive Director of the Association not less than ten (10) days before the date of the annual meeting of the Association. A copy of such written report shall be transmitted by the Executive Director to each Member Village at least five (5) days before the date of the annual meeting.

Any member interested in being considered for an officer position must apply prior to March 20. For additional information, please contact Mayor Victoria Siegel, nominating committee chair, at 628-1439, ext. 24.

New Position

Congratulations to Port Washington Mayor Bob Weitzner on his appointment as Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House.

The Last Word

“When you are making a success of something, it's not work. It's a way of life. You enjoy yourself because you are making your contribution to the world.”
- Andy Granattelli

**Remember to log on to NCVOA.org
for the latest information.**