Argo Civic Association Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2025

1900 hours

Location: via Zoom

Board Members:

Present:

Utricia Charles- President

Bernard Jaramillo – Treasurer

Gwedolyn Palmer – Secretary

Lizbeth Villafañe – Recording Secretary

Excused

Varrett Kennedy – Vice President

Proceedings:

President Utricia Charles called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. Last month’s meeting approved.

1. Bernard Jaramillo – Treasurer There is $4,426.44. The account is in good standing.

* No new members and no renewals for membership.

1. Steve Fredericks – District 7 Sanitation Supervisor

* Sanitation is getting two new trucks. These trucks were ordered in 2023
* Street Sweepers are the Highway Department. He will reach out to the Highway Dept. for assistance regarding community concern on Nassau Street.
* Do not wait till meetings if assistance is needed by his office. Call.

1. Mr. Marion Small – Board of Education, Elmont Union Free School District

* 2025/2026 Budget Presentation
* Meetings start in October
* Budget hearing tomorrow, required by law
* Final stage of process, budget vote May 20
* To participate in the annual budget referendum, you must be a registered voter
* Evening voter registration with be held May 12, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Elmont Road School ONLY.
* Voter Registration inquiries, contact the District Clerk (516) 434-2003
* May 20th, polls with be open from 6:00pm-9:00pm

1. Regina Agrusa & Kevin O’Brian – Sewanhaka Central High School District Superintendents. Sewanhaka Central High School Budget Presentation

* 2025/2026 Budget Presentation
* Largest public school district in Nassau County
* Three parts addressed ( Administrative, the Program & the Capital)
* New building constructed.
* Budget $264, 214.795
* May 20th, polls with be open from 6:00pm-9:00pm
* May 20th ballet will have additional proposition for a new capital reserve at no cost to tax payers.
* Review of line by line budget is available on the district website. As well as the presentation in its entirely.

1. Jene Simpson, Elmont Library Director & Frank Marino, Library Business Manager

* Serves the largest population
* Is the busiest library in Nassau County
* Largest facility
* Lowest per capita
* Has various programs/services
* Has scholarship programs
* 2.5 million dollar budget (one of the biggest in the county). Budget can be found on the library database.

1. Sandy Figueroa – Chairmen for Argo Civic Association Committee

* Seven applicants – applications have already been reviewed
* Meeting on Monday the 19th to go over applications to see who winners will actually be.
* For next year, marketing to faculty and guidance counselor for students 75 and above.
* Avenues of opportunity to volunteer in the community.
* Reach out to her via email or WhatsApp.

1. Dwayne Palmer – Water Tower update

* The strip coat was completed two weeks ago
* Begun applying mid coat paint 5-7 business days
* Final coat applies after
* Stenciling will done on top of the tower
* Hopeful end of June, early July rehabilitation projected should be completed

Misc:

\*Next meeting is Monday, June 9th

\*Presentation for next month is on Long Term Care and Estate Planning

\*Encourage family and friends to become a member the Argo Civic. $25.00 per year, per household.

\*Renee Delorenzo of the Long Island Herald Newspaper would like to write an article on the Argo Civic Association; three things to do about the civic that people might not know.

\*St Boniface Church food pantry is now open

Lizbeth Villafañe

Recording Secretary