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NEWSLETTER

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NCVOA April 2015 General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2015 -6:30PM
La Marmite Restaurant
Williston Park, NY

[FEMA /New York Rising to Update NCVOA:](#)

Jamie Rubin, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and Jon Kaiman, Special Advisor to Governor Cuomo on Storm Recovery will provide an update on New York Rising, the NYS Sandy relief program, to the Nassau County Village Officials Association at the Association's April 15 meeting. Rubin and Kaiman will discuss current policies being implemented in the housing recovery program, approaching deadlines in a number of the NY Rising programs, and the overall financial output of the NY Rising

[Dave Daly, PSEG Chief to Address NCVOA:](#)

David Daly, President and COO of PSEG Long Island will update the NCVOA membership on PSEG's progress since the New Jersey based utility replaced LIPA as Long Island's electricity provider just over a year ago.

Mr. Daly has indicated that he also plans to give an overview and status update in where PSEG-Long Island are 16 months into running the system and 3 months into the rate case.

Mr. Daly first addressed the NCVOA just prior to the PSEG deal being finalized. At that time, he outlined an ambitious plan for the company and particularly touted PSEG's high customer

service ratings. It will be interesting to see how his perceptions compare to the experiences of our village officials and their residents.

From the President's Desk:



NCVOA President Peter Cavallaro addressed the crowd

Dear Mayors, Trustees and Friends:

Last month, our guest speaker, E.J. McMahon of Empire Center for Public Policy, gave one of the most interesting (and frightening) talks we've had. His focus was on the cost of providing government services here in New York State.

NCVOA President Peter Cavallaro addressed the crowd

While he confirmed what we all know – that government is very expensive here in New York – he gave a very convincing economic and statistical basis to prove it. He compared Nassau County (and elsewhere in New York) with similarly demographic and economic counties elsewhere, and it was disturbing to see the premium paid for living in New York due to the higher costs of services. He did give credit to our local village governments for being more efficient and more responsive to residents. But, unfortunately, he did not have any real answers or solutions to the big problems of pension overhangs, school taxes and costs, police contracts, etc. I thank him for a most enlightening and sobering discussion.

This month, we will be hearing from Jon Kaiman, Special Advisor to Governor Cuomo on Storm Recovery, about the status of the state FEMA match. Many villages have been inquiring as to the status of the 10% payment to be made by the State as a result of Super Storm Sandy, and Mr. Kaiman will be here to let us know where we stand. The main speaker this month will be PSEG's David Daly, CEO, who will update the NCVOA membership on PSEG's progress since the New Jersey based utility replaced LIPA as Long Island's electricity provider just over a year ago.

Here are a few updates from our last meeting:

- Warren Tackenberg, myself and members of our Election Machine Committee have met several times with members of the Nassau Board of Elections and Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel and her staff, as well as had multiple conversations with Senator Jack Martins and his staff, about the possibility of relief from the sun setting of the law that allows our sue of the mechanical lever action voting machines. While at this time it is unclear that Albany will provide any relief, we do think that it is possible that the state budget may offer the Nassau BOE some resources to accommodate village (and school and special district) elections going forward. We continue to monitor this very actively and will report further.
- NCVOA and the County have announced (see the press release reproduced in this newsletter) a joint initiative creating a platform for villages to partner with the county in complying with Governor Cuomo's tax rebate program. Villages that opt into the initiative can have their efficiency plans incorporated into the county's plan and report, and make their residents eligible for a tax rebate from the state. Several emails have been sent to all members already asking for their opt-in or –out, and for certain information about past and future cost savings measures. It is important that, if you have not yet responded, you do so as soon as possible, so that we can get a sense of which villages will be participating.

Please plan on coming to our April meeting, on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, back at La Marmite. There is a lot to discuss, so please join us and be a part of the conversation.

Peter I. Cavallaro

President Cavallaro Names 2015-2016 Nominating Committee:

NCVOA President Peter Cavallaro has made the following appointments to the Nominating Committee for the 2015-2016 NCVOA chair officer positions:

Mayor Ralph Kreitzman, Village of Great Neck- Chair

Mayor Francis Murray, Village of Rockville Centre

Mayor David Tanner, Village of East Williston

Mayor Jerry Trangredi, Village of Stewart Manor

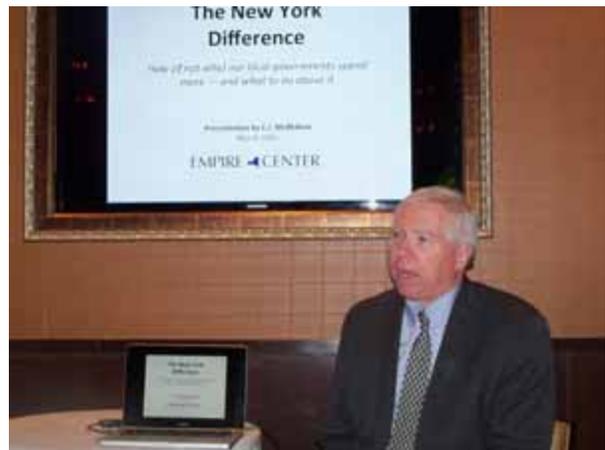
Deputy Mayor Dennis Sgambati, Village of North Hills

Any NCVOA mayor or trustee whose village is a member in good standing and is interested in being considered for the position of **President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President** or **Treasurer** should send his/her resume, highlighting governmental experience, to Warren Tackenberg at exec@ncvoa.org no later than Monday , June 1, 2015.

March 2015 Meeting Attendees



NCVOA Officers with Guest Speaker E.J. McMahon
Treasurer Robert Kennedy President Peter Cavallaro
and 1st Vice President Barbara Donno



Guest Speaker E. J. McMahon, president of Empire Center, addressed the membership about the value of local governments, citing villages as The best level of local government



NCVOA President Peter Cavallaro and Great Neck Mayor and NCVOA Past President Ralph Kreitzman



NCVOA Treasurer Robert Kennedy and Baxter Estates Trustee Nora Haagenson



Bellerose Deputy Mayor John Tweedy and Trustee Joe Juliano with Bert Patterson from the Town of Hempstead



Sands Point Village Clerk Liz Gaynor and Garden City Trustee Robert Bolebruch



Farmingdale Mayor Ralph Ekstrand, Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen, and Trustee Cheryl Parisi



NCVOA President Peter Cavallaro, Guest Speaker E.J. McMahon, and NCVOA Executive Director Warren Tackenberg





The Last Word:

"The will to do, the soul to dare."

Sir Walter Scott