Farmingville, NY – On November 28, the Town of Brookhaven hosted the first ever Taste of Italy – An Italian American Heritage and Culture Event at Town Hall in Farmingville. Co-sponsored by the Sons of Italy, the event showcased the many contributions that Italian Americans have made, while celebrating Italian culture. The evening’s festivities included live performances of traditional Italian music, poetry, artwork, cultural displays and food and refreshments with an Italian flare generously donated by area restaurants and businesses. Supervisor Ed Romaine (seated fourth from right) provided opening remarks at the event.

Those honored included (seated left to right) former Bellport Village Mayor Frank Trotta; Town Receiver of Taxes Lou Marcoccia; Councilman Dan Panico; Councilman Michael A. Loguercio, Jr.; State President of the Order Sons of Italy in America Carolyn Reres; Superintendent of Highways Daniel P. Losquadro and Councilman Kevin LaValle. Patchogue Village Mayor Paul Pontieri was honored, but was unable to attend. Also pictured are County Legislator Leslie Kennedy (seated at right), and in the back row are Councilman Neil Foley (left) and Suffolk County Comptroller John Kennedy (center).