

INSIDE: MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2009

All Village of
Arden Residents are
Encouraged to
Attend the next

Town Meeting

**Monday, March 23, 2009
In the Buzz Ware Village Center, 7:30 p.m.
2119 The Highway, Arden, Delaware**

AGENDA ITEM

1. Election for Town Officers and Election for Town Committees

All are welcome hither

Please note: Those attending Town Meetings are eligible to vote if they have resided in the Village of Arden the six months prior to the Meeting, and are 18 years of age, or older.

VILLAGE OF ARDEN
TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2009

THE FOLLOWING WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JANUARY
TOWN MEETING:

Ruth Bean	Betty O'Regan
Dale Brumbaugh	Denis O'Regan
Dela Bryan	Ron Ozer
John Cartier, New County Council (NV)	Liz Resko
Marianne Cinaglia	Deborah Ricard
Felise Cressman	Clay Ridings
Mike Curtis	Toby Ridings
Dorinda Dove	Hugh Roberts
Keri del Tufo	Marjorie Roberts
Willard Glenn	Charles E. Robinson
Barbara Henry	Nanette Robinson
Elaine Hickey	Shelly Robyn
Rodney Jester	Ed Rohrbach
June Kleban	Warren Rosenkranz
Lynda Kolski	Sue Rothrock
Sean Lawrence (NV)	Danny Schweers
Barbara Macklem	Sally Sharp
Mary Marconi	Sadie Sommerville
Connee McKinney	Bill Theis
Ron Meick	Steven Threefoot
Lisa Mullinax	Elizabeth Varley
Denise Nordheimer	Cecilia Vore
Cookie Ohlson	Larry Walker
Jeff Politis	Laura Wallace
Amy Pollock (NV)	Gail Watt (NV)
	Tom Wheeler

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1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:38 pm at the Arden Gild Hall by Town Chairman Steven Threeefoot

1.2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 22, 2008 Town Meeting were Corrected and Approved

1.3 NEW RESIDENTS

- Eric Walker said he had just moved into 1911 Orleans Road.
- Bill Lombardo just moved into one of Liz Resko's apartments.
- Gail Watt, visiting Delaware from Sweden, found Arden's website, and was curious to see our pure democracy in action. An elected official himself, he has an interest in making governments more participatory and democratic through use of the Internet. (After the meeting, he suggested to Danny Schweers that Arden residents might someday participate in Town Meetings via an interactive webcast.)

1.4 RECOGNITION OF THE DEPARTED

Steven said that the there were five individuals who should be recognized.

- Barney King's Memorial was a full house at the Gild Hall the previous day. He had served on Town Committees, and was active in the social life of the community.
- Mamie Woolery was the oldest resident of Arden at the time of her death.
- Leila Roberts, sister-in-law of Hugh Roberts, lived in Arden in the 1950's, raising her children here.
- Dorothy Houes lived in Arden most of her life. When the family moved to Arden her parents were caretakers of the Gild Hall.

- Ann Smock was one of the descendants of the Whiteside family, who were early residents of Arden. She a cheerful social lady who was always active in Arden affairs and folk dancing, plus taking photos.

There was a moment of silence by the Assembly

1.5 COMMUNICATIONS

Steven reviewed the communications received since the last Town Meeting.

Robin Krawitz, the former Preservationist with the Historic Preservation Office of the State, helped the Ardens obtain the National Historic Register of Historic Places status a number of years ago. Steven represented the Village at a reception to thank her for her years of help with obtaining National Register Status, and for her attempt to obtain National Landmark status. Robin is moving to a new position out of state.

Tom Wheeler, Executor of the Johanne Schroeder Estate, notified Steven that in addition to house sale proceeds, there was a small investment in stocks, and those funds will be turned over to the Town soon. These funds will be managed in accordance with the Endowment Management Policy presented at the last June Town Meeting.

The Department of Public Safety of New Castle County has set up a program so that witnesses can “Text” information and tips to the Police completely confidentially. Some people who had information were not willing to share it with the Police unless there was complete anonymity. Contact New Castle County, Division of Police, for more information on how the program works.

Every year the Village has submitted a Local Services Application to the County, and the Chairman of the Town Assembly had previously continued the same services as in previous years. Prior to submission this year, the Advisory Committee was consulted in selecting the various County Services contracted for with the County. We did retain the same services.

The US Census Bureau asked the Chairman of the Town Assembly to

confirm that the boundaries of the Village of Arden were still the same as this time last year, and Steven did so. This is one of the first steps in conducting the National Census.

1.6 VISITORS

John Cartier, our County Councilman, said he looked forward to working with Arden in the coming year. The Listening Campaign with Chris Coons has started, and the next Session in the Brandywine Hundred will be on February 4, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Brandywine Library. He felt the sessions were very worthwhile to attend.

John said he had discussions with various people in the Ardens about asking for additional changes in Land Use Regulations, and he is aware of the long history of "Arden Exceptions," which he has helped to make law in the past, notably the recent ADU Process. He said he would gladly sponsor the needed legislation to accomplish the changes that the Ardens thought were appropriate for their situation.

John brought a check for \$1000 to match the G3 contributions for making the BWVC more energy efficient. He presented the check to Connie McKinney, (Applause) who thanked John for the money. Connee also thanked everyone for contributing to the G3 Fund.

Denis O'Regan asked about getting an exception to eliminate Instant Ticketing for Arden, and he asked how long it would take for the legislation to be passed. John replied that it in New Castle County, the legislative process is fairly simple, and an ordinance could be passed in two to three months.

Amy Pollock gave an update of the FAA Lawsuit. She said she is the representative for the Ardens in the FAA lawsuit, and by e-mail she received the 160 pages of the Government's Response Briefing, which is public information. The e-mail read as follows:

Subject: FAA Airspace Redesign-Appeal

Hot off the presses. Attached please find the 160 pages of the

Government's Response Briefing in opposition to our appeal of the Record of Decision regarding the airspace redesign. These are public, and you may share them as you wish. We will provide you with our analysis over the next week. I understand that there will likely be a lot of questions, so please write them down so that we may address them. Also, keep in mind that some of what you read will be "argument" or "puffery" by the Government, which is clearly skewed and in favor of the Government's position.

If anyone wants more information, they can sign up to get e-mails from Amy on the progress of the lawsuit. The Report (160 pages long) she recently received was certainly full of "puffery" and she did not read it all.

Ed Rohrbach asked if all of the 160 pages were the complaints filed by our lawyers, and Amy said no, that it was the FAA reply. Amy said that already some of the proposed flight patterns had been started on a number of flights, starting on December 17, 2008. This is only a partial implementation, but she had not observed any particular changes in flight patterns recently. Amy said that the FAA had said that they felt there would be fewer airplanes over the Ardens, but no one knows if that will be true. There are 470,000 flights per year in and out of the Philadelphia Airport, and about half of them go over the Ardens. Ed asked what might be done. Amy replied that "Delaware River approaches" and more rapid descents would keep airplanes higher, which would reduce the noise. Ed said that when the airplanes are landing, they are more bothersome and noisy, but the takeoffs are less of a problem because the airplanes fan out in all directions. Ed felt that it appeared to him that there have been fewer flights over Arden recently.

Steven asked individuals to meet with Amy for the details, as the suit is complex, and will not be resolved soon. So stay abreast of things by communicating with Amy

Tom Wheeler said that Mike Kelly, the attorney handling our FAA Lawsuit, has now accumulated \$100,000 in legal fees on this case. Tom suggested that anyone interested in making a contribution to defray the legal costs should send their contributions to Amy.

Marianne Cinaglia reported on the first of the Listening Sessions held by New Castle County Executive Chris Coons.

County “Listening Meeting”
January 22, 2009 at Edgemoor Community Center

County Participants included NCC Executive, Chris Coons, Council President Paul Clark, and County Councilman John Cartier.

Chris Coons began by trying to clarify that the Budget he was going to talk about was the County Budget, and did not include the School Taxes. School Taxes are the majority of the taxes collected every year. He discussed the present services offered by the County and how much of the Budget was devoted to each. A little more than 50% of the current \$240.3 million Budget is devoted to Public Safety Departments, including Police, Paramedics, Volunteer Fire Company support, and School Crossing Guards. Other services include Sewers, Parks and Recreation, Libraries, Senior Services, Code Enforcement, and Administrative costs. Approximately 75% of the Budget is devoted to paying the 1,478 County Employees.

Coons stated that easy budget cuts have all been made, and that now the County has to either cut services, or increase revenue. The 50% tax increase mentioned in the presentation would preserve the current level of services through the next Fiscal Year, but will not be adequate for the following years, unless the economy turns around enough to raise revenue. By State law, New Castle County is limited to collecting revenue only from property taxes, real estate transfer fees, and sewer charges.

Some ideas to increase revenue, or suggested cost cuts, mentioned either by Coons, or by the audience were:

- Close lesser used libraries.
- Institute, or increase, user fees for many County services, including an annual fee for library use.
- Hotel tax, similar to the City of Wilmington.
- Apartment Dwellers head tax.
- Tax cell phones, similar to tax on land lines.

- Negate the exemption from paying the real estate transfer tax by first time home buyers. Some purchasers of \$800,000 houses pay no transfer tax.
- Impose Comcast property tax.
- Charge for paramedic service.
- Charge rental car tax.

A County Finance task force has requested that the State allow NCC to increase revenue from a number of these sources, but the State has continued to say “No.”

Re-assessment was discussed, but by Delaware Law, it must be revenue neutral, Naturally, taxpayers would have to finance the re-assessment. Increasing efforts to make some shopping centers, like the Merchandise Mart and the Tri-State Mall, into a larger source of revenue was mentioned. County officials said they were trying to encourage this, but property rights were an impediment.

The *News Journal* reported that the audience favored tax increases to balance the Budget, rather than cuts in service. The question Paul Clark asked was, “Would you be willing to pay an extra \$10 per month to preserve services?” If the average annual county tax bill is \$200, as was stated, then the question is fair. Chuck Landry pointed out that in Brandywine Hundred, most residents pay more than \$200 per year, and a better question would have been, how many of you are willing to pay 50% more this coming year, and possibly more over the next several years. George Losse from Claymont pointed out that the people who could least afford a tax increase were not present, namely the elderly, those on fixed income, and renters.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 4, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Brandywine Library, and it should be well worth going to.

Submitted by, Marianne Cinaglia

Felise Cressman asked if the 1,480 employees of NCC included the public school teachers, and Marianne said that the teachers were State Employees.

Denise Nordheimer thanked Marianne for going to the Meeting. Denise said that she had worked in the Office of Register of Wills, and when there is an estate with no will, the money is turned over to the County. She said that Marriage License fees are another way that the County generates revenue.

1.61 MEMORIAL GARDEN

Ruth Bean asked to make her report early, since she needed to get home to her very sick husband. She made the following report:

Town Meeting Report of Memorial Garden January 26th 2009

1. I want to let everyone know that Barbara Henry has offered to be the Assistant to the Memorial Garden Representative, with the aim to take over whenever I have to give up this position, or am asked to do so. Thank you Barbara! (Applause) We still have Cynthia Dewick serving, so there is another person informed about the Garden affairs.

2. We are solvent, thanks to the many generous donations from next of kin of people interred. Several large expenses were incurred in the last months. Bartlett Tree Co. has been treating several of our old trees, namely, the Copper Beech, the Weeping Hemlock, and the Blue Atlas Cedar, in order to extend their lives. They will also prune dead wood from trees that are in need. Some further major pruning done on a tree, and a small pine was removed, both of which would have caused damage to the Bean property and the Dewick/Gerbec property. We paid to have leaves removed from the Memorial Garden before the holidays, so that people could find the graves if they wished to put wreaths down.

3. We hope to get a simple wooden sign installed to indicate where the Memorial Garden is located. Our cemetery is not on the map that the funeral parlors use, and so we found ourselves with a problem last fall, when someone tried to deliver a coffin to the Ardentown Cemetery. Dennis O'Regan has agreed to make this sign for us. I do not know whether we need the Village approval for this or not, however, Community Planning Committee did approve the idea.

4. The Rules of the Memorial Garden are on the Arden Website, thanks to Danny Schweers, and I also have some paper copies here if anyone is interested in having one.
5. The map of the burial sites has to be revised as soon as Ed Rohrbach and I can get together, and the weather is not as cold.
6. The Memorial Garden Clean Up is scheduled for May 2, 2009, with the Rain Date on May 3, 2009.
7. The Committee would like the issue of the survey and boundaries of the Memorial Garden and the Arden Club brought up at the March Town Meeting. Previously, the Club had assumed the area where the stage was built was Club property, and the Memorial Garden assumed the area next to the swimming pool was burial ground. The recent survey of the Club Leasehold showed that the stage was in Memorial Garden area, and that several had been buried on the Club land. So far, the informal arrangement between the Club and the Memorial Garden has been working fine, but it needs to be discussed at a full Town Meeting.

Respectfully presented,
Ruth Bean
Memorial Garden Representative

There were no objections to installing a sign on Harvey Road to show where the Memorial Garden was located.

The Report of the Memorial Garden was Accepted.

2.0 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 11

This will not happen at this meeting, as the revisions are still in progress.

3.0 TRUSTEES

The Report was given by Connee McKinney, Senior Trustee;

Trustees Report Town Meeting
January 26, 2009

The Trustees have several items to report:

Finances: We have copies of the Third Quarterly Report available tonight. The Land Rent list is prepared and the Land Rent bills will be mailed to leaseholders in early to mid-February. The Land Rent is due March 24, 2009. We will be meeting with the Arden Treasurer in the upcoming months to ensure a smooth transition to Town administration of Town finances starting this Fiscal Year 2009–10.

In November, we learned that the Trust was named as beneficiary in an IRA set up by Johanne Schroeder. The IRA cash value was \$220,000. We have moved those funds from the IRA into the already existing Wilmington Trust account, and will be putting the funds into several short-term CDs.

Lease Transfers: There have been four lease transfers since the September Town Meeting. We welcome Jane and Jonathan Claney, and Ceiza and Andrew Gannon.

Surveys: If you are considering selling your leasehold and your survey is more than 10 years old, we encourage you to obtain a survey of your leasehold as soon as possible. There are often issues that surface at lease transfer, such as buildings in the setback and encroachments. Discussions on how to resolve problems involve more than the Trustees. The sooner you and we are aware of problems, the sooner they can be addressed. We do not want to delay a lease transfer.

Leasehold Administration: Per the request of the Registration Committee, we are including the Arden Book and the recycling information in the Trustees “Welcome to Arden” packet that we give to new leaseholders.

Trustee Outreach: The Trustees held an information session for our residents on our tree policy and would like your suggestions for future topics. Please contact Carl, Mike, or I if you have a particular subject that you would like to discuss that is a Trustee matter. These are public meetings,

and we do appreciate your input.

Respectfully submitted,
Connee McKinney, Arden Trustee

Lynda Kolski asked if Land Rent Bills could be itemized, so that the Leaseholder would know how much is paid for the various Rates and Factors. Connee said that it would be a great idea, but was not sure if it could be done for this year. Mike Curtis said that he would work with Elizabeth Varley to see how it could be done.

The Report of the Trustees was Accepted.

4.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Steven read the Treasurer's Report, as David Michelson was out of town.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE TOWN ASSEMBLY – January 26, 2009

I apologize for not being here tonight. I made plans to take this time off before I was ever elected Treasurer. In lieu of being at the Meeting, I asked Steven Threefoot to read into the Minutes my Report.

Currently and until the end of this Fiscal Year, the Trustees are keeping track of the revenues and expenses for the Village and Trust. At the beginning of the new Fiscal Year, the Trustees will be handling the expenses and revenues associated with the Trust, and the Treasurer will be handling the revenues and expenses associated with the Village. I will be working with the Trustees during the next two months to work out the final details of this transition.

The Estate of Johanne Schroeder gave the Town of Arden a check for \$95,000, and the funds have been invested in a six-month CD at TD Bank. The remainder of her estate is expected to be distributed to the Village by the end of March. Final details are being worked out with her Executor. Once her estate is fully distributed, Steven Threefoot and I will meet with Ron Meick to work out the implementation of the investment

strategy he developed for the Village.

The Village opened a checking account at TD Bank, and all transactions on the account require two signatures. The four officers of the Village are authorized signers. The account now has one dollar in it. It is not anticipated the account will be used until the new Fiscal Year.

The Village is participating in the Delaware Local Government Investment Pool. The DLGIP was developed by the State of Delaware so Delaware municipalities can safely invest their excess funds. The DLGIP is administered through Wilmington Trust. I anticipate using it as a short-term investment instrument for some of the funds from Johanne Schroeder's Bequest.

I will be working with the BWVC to develop a time line for constructing the Town Office. We will be requesting bids in February/March. No construction will start until the beginning of the next Fiscal Year on March 26, 2009, when funds are available.

Steven Threefoot and I will be working with Brandywine Accounting to ensure the financial reports they generate for the Village will be timely, accurate and meet the needs of the Village and its committees. To ensure this happens we will be developing an accounting procedure and policy manual with input from all stakeholders. These policies and procedures will include checks and balances in the accounting system. For example, all bank statements will be opened and initialed by a member of either the Audit or Budget Committees. This type of procedure creates a higher level of transparency for the Village finances.

Respectfully submitted,
David Michelson, Town Treasurer

NOTE: The Quarterly Financial Report is at the end of the Minutes.

The Report of the Treasurer was Accepted.

5.0 ADVISORY

Bill Theis yielded to Cecilia Vore of the Registration Committee so she could present Nominations for the various Town Committees. Cecilia Vore said the deadline for accepting nominations will be the March Advisory Committee Meeting on March 2, 2009, but tonight she would welcome nominations from the floor. There is now a revised document on the Town's website, and it is "Arden: How it Works" This gives a brief description of what each committee does, and how much time is required of the members during the year.

Cecilia presented the list of Committees and the Nominees, which was as follows:

Archives

* Terry Colgan
Laura Johnson
* June Kleban
* Lisa Mullinax
Debbie Ricard
Becky Sutton
Mary Vernon

Two More Candidates are Needed

Civic

* Dale Brumbaugh
Rodney Jester
Sharon Lawrence
Liz Resko
* Susan Rothrock
One More Candidate is Needed

Audit

* Lizzie Broadbent
Elaine Hickey
Ed Rohrbach
* Laura Wallace

Community Planning

? *Terry Colgan
*Ray Siegfried
*Ron Meick
Sally Sharp
Two More Candidates are Needed

Budget

* Jeff Politis
* Steve Tanzer
Four More Candidates are Needed

Forest

Jen Borders
Dawn Chang
Carol Larson
Debbie Ricard
Two More Candidates are Needed

BWVC

* Willard Glenn
Debbie Ricard
Bill Theis
• Laura Wallace

Playground

Pat Barry
*Derrick Kennedy
T.L. Kearney
Deriel Milligan
* Mary Vernon
One More Candidate is Needed

Safety

* Randy Hoopes
Greg Morrison
* Peter Renzetti
* Denis O'Regan
Two More Candidates are Needed.
Town Officers

Registration

* Ruth Bean
Shelly Robyn
• Beth Stevenson
Elizabeth Varley

Town Assembly Chair

Steven Threefoot

Town Secretary

Larry Walker

Advisory Chairperson

Bill Theis

Cecilia noted that two nominees are not needed for the positions of the Town Officers.

The Report of the Advisory Committee was Accepted

6.0 SAFTEY

Denis O'Regan reported that things have been quiet in Arden recently, and no criminal or suspicious activities have been reported to him.

The signs on Sherwood Road at the Sub Shop will be changed, saying "Local Traffic Only." They will start ONE WAY traffic at the last drive-way on Sherwood nearest Marsh Road, and signs will be installed.

Submitted by,
Denis O'Regan, Chairman

Steven thanked the Safety Committee for the refreshments.

The Report of the Safety Committee was Accepted.

7.0 REGISTRATION

Report to the Town Assembly
Registration Committee
Jan 26, 2009

The Registration Committee conducted the annual Budget Referendum and election of the Board of Assessors. Ballots were counted on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008. To our best calculation, there were 360 residents eligible to vote in these elections. We received 252 valid envelopes containing ballots; There was 70% participation.

Under the rules for approval, the Budget needed 181 yes votes to pass. Every item on the Budget was approved. The votes in detail are as follows: 195 votes for “Approve Entire Budget,” 8 “Disapprove Entire Budget” and 35 ballots with itemized disapprovals. There were 3 invalid ballots. The Town Secretary was given a copy of the final tally for all items for the records. These individual **disapprovals** were as follows:

- Advisory Committee 3
- Archives..... 9
- Board of Assessors 1
- Buzz Ware Village Center:
 - Program/Administration 2
 - Maintenance 3
 - Renovations 3
- Civic – Snow Plowing..... 2
- Civic – Roads & Commons..... 4
- Community Planning..... 3
- Forests 8
- Playground Committee..... 6
- Registration Committee..... 0
- Safety Committee: General 2
- Safety- Speed Enforcement. 10
- Salary- Secretary 10

Town Admin. Expenses 3
 Donations - ACRA 1
 Donations - Arden Page 0
 Donations - Arden Library 3
 Donations - Fire Companies..... 2
 Gild Hall Rental..... 22
 Contingencies 10
 Village Office Construction 16

The following residents were elected to the Board of Assessors in order: Alton Dahl (convener), Denis O’Regan, Brooke Bovard, Walter Borders, Tom Wheeler, Mary Marconi, and Warren Rosenkranz.

Thank you to Beverly Barnett, Lou Bean, Gary Quinton, Bill Theis and Steven Threefoot, Laura Wallace who assisted the Registration Committee with the counting.

A current list of all standing committee members is now posted on the Arden Government website, as well as “Arden: How It Works,” a brief guide to Arden government.

Respectfully submitted,
 Cecilia Vore, Chair

Marianne Cinaglia learned from her daughter living in Australia that people there who do not vote are fined. She then suggested that if an Arden Resident does not vote, their Land Rent could have a small increase of, say \$25.

The Report of the Registration Committee was Accepted.

8.0 PLAYGROUND

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE TOWN MEETING, JANUARY 26, 2009

Since the September Town Meeting, the required two Playground Equip-

ment Inspections were made, and all items were adult tested for safety. All Playground Equipment is in safe, operating condition.

Nominations for the March Election to the Playground Committees have been given to the Registration Committee.

Submitted by,
Larry Walker and Mary Vernon, Co-Chairs

The Report of the Playground Committee was Accepted.

9.0 FOREST

Elizabeth Varley gave the Report for the Forest Committee.

Forest Committee Report
To Arden Town Assembly
January 26, 2009

- There are beavers along Naamans Creek upstream from Renzetti's. Jim Reynolds (Fish and Wildlife/DENREC) came out to check. He said it was an active group, but so far not a problem. He recommended keeping an eye on the situation.
- Several large trees fell across Naamans Creek from the other side again upstream from Renzetti's, and they were collecting an amazing amount of trash. After getting two estimates (\$2,000 and \$2,500) to have them removed, we were fortunate that our neighbors across the Creek took care of the removal.
- A sewer overflowed in the woods, and went into the stream by the old swimming pool for several days. New Castle County came out to fix the immediate problem, and will be examining why there was a recurring problem at that spot.
- Committee Members have cleared fallen trees from the paths, including the fire lane between Arthur Stevenson/Deborah Kenney leaseholds.

- Several Members have begun to develop a trail/path in the new five-acre area of Sherwood Forest.
- Several of the encroachment issues have been resolved, and we would like to thank the leaseholders for their cooperation.
- Kudzu along St. Martin's Lane is dormant, but will continue to be controlled manually by Committee Members, or former members.
- Candidates for Forest Committee: Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders, Deborah Ricard, and Dawn Chang. We need two others. Ruth Panella, Alton Dahl, and Mary Marconi will not be running for re-election.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Marconi, Chair

Elizabeth announced that the annual Woods Clean Up has been scheduled for April 18, 2009.

Ed Rohrbach reported that there was a large dead tree over the path to Indian Circle, and he felt it was very dangerous. Elizabeth said that the Committee had been looking into the situation, and removal will be a priority. Ed also said that the beavers have left the Arden Woods.

The Report of the Forest Committee was Accepted

10.0 COMMUNITY PLANNING

Danny Schweers read the Report, as Ray was out of town.

Community Planning Committee
Report to Town Meeting of January 26, 2009

Community Gardens:

At its January 21 meeting, the Community Planning Committee unanimously approved Shelley Robyn's proposal for ten community garden

plots on the Sherwood Green. That proposal will be made later in this Meeting.

Intersection Improvements:

Neighbors near the intersection of Harvey and Orleans proposed some simple improvements to the intersection to cut down on accidents. There were eight accidents in eight weeks at the intersection in the fall of 2008. Danny Schweers, one of the neighbors, hopes to make a detailed proposal at the March Meeting of this Committee, which may include a handsome arts-and-crafts guardrail along Harvey Road.

Additional Domicile Units:

The final list of proposed ADUs for all three villages has been compiled. Copies of the final list for Arden are available at tonight's Meeting on the sign-in table. Once approved by New Castle County, the hope is that the County will notify each leaseholder of the approval, send a letter to the trustees of each village confirming the ADU status of all the leaseholds, and include the ADU approval on the entries in the county's tax parcel database.

Instant Ticketing: Public Meeting:

The next meeting of the Community Planning Committee will be on February 18, 7:00 p.m., and it will be a public meeting to discuss the issue of Instant Ticketing by New Castle County for landscaping violations. This issue was brought before last Town Meeting, where it was suggested that Arden opt out of this program.

Nominees for Community Planning Committee:

Sally Sharpe, Ray Siegfried, Ron Merck and possibly Terry Colgan are willing to run again. Two more nominees are sought.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Schweers

Cookie Ohlson wanted to remind the Residents that there still is \$900 left from the Traffic Calming Grant, and it must be spent on capital items by March 2009.

The Report of Community Planning was Accepted.

NOTE: The List of the Certified ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) is at the end of the Minutes.

11.0 CIVIC

Sue Rothrock said that there has been little Civic Committee activity in recent months, and this has been the usual for the wintertime.

The Committee continues to work with Safety on revising Ordinance No. 11. The original Ordinance dealt with encroachments involving safety, and encroachments on to Town lands, making it a long and complicated ordinance. The current thinking is to split Ordinance No. 11 into two separate ordinances to make things clearer,

The Committee is still looking for one more nominee. The Civic Committee meets on third Monday of each month at the BWVC.

Submitted by,
Sue Rothrock, Chair

The Report of the Civic Committee was Accepted.

12.0 BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER

Willard Glenn presented the Report of the BWVC Committee.

First up is the Budget for the Buzz Ware Village Center. In the past year, the Buzz has been affected by our utility costs, and it was a sign of the times. Hopefully, the installation of the new windows will help increase energy savings in the future. Energy costs have risen as the economy has fallen.

The Buzz has been affected by our current economic stress, and our rentals are down as a result. The building is being used very much by the community, and we do have paying rentals. This has made us realize that we must cut costs when it comes to special community events. Overall, these are tough times, and our Committee will examine the most important issues facing the Buzz. At this point, the building is sound, with its new roof and windows. We are very proud of our renovations on the BBWV, but we must now re-examine our direction in this area.

A successful New Year's Day Brunch was held at the Buzz, and it was a success with many people enjoying the food and refreshments.

Submitted by,
Willard Glenn, Chairman

The Village Center Budget, as presented, is at the end of the Minutes.

Willard said that money has been raised in different ways, including various fund-raisers. The Committee is looking at insulating the ceilings to improve energy savings. The BWVC has \$6,000 invested in Arden Building and Loan, and there presently is approximately \$2,500 in the checking account.

Warren Rosenkranz of the BWVC Committee made the following Motion:

MOVED, The Venue for the Arden Town Meetings shall be changed to the Buzz Ware Village Center for the next two regular Meetings.

The Motion was Seconded

Elizabeth Varley spoke against the Motion. She said she loved the BWVC, and it has a lot of nice spaces. But the space is just not suitable for holding a large Town Meeting. There is a wall dividing Rooms One and Two, and this divides any large group meeting there. She felt that there just is not enough room.

Lynda Kolski spoke in favor of the Motion. She felt that the same money

spent for Town Meetings at the Gild Hall could be used for improvements at the BWVC, or paying for utilities. Since the Town owns the building, the Town Meeting could be held for free. Lynda felt that this move should be tried. She felt that there had been many large events there, and there were no problems of crowding.

Denis O'Regan spoke against the Motion. He felt that there was not enough room at the BWVC to hold a large Town Meeting, and he felt it was not necessary to hold a Town Meeting there to learn that it was not suitable. That large September Meeting when they had the Alternate Assessment presented a few years ago, could not have been accommodated at the BWVC. The space for a Town Meeting must be able to handle a large Town Meeting, not just the usual Town Meeting. The Arden Club provides many services to the Town, and the Town Meetings should not be moved away from this building. This issue had been brought up time and time again, and each time it had been voted down.

Cecilia Vore spoke against the Motion. She did not like the idea of those who complained about the money given as rental costs, for that part of the argument did not show the whole big picture. The Arden Club continues to serve the community. Also, the Arden Club is the largest payer of Land Rent in the Town, namely \$8,000 per year, and because they are a non-profit organization, no County Property Tax is assessed. They do not keep that money, but pay Land Rent, even when they should not have to pay. The Town gains a lot from the Arden Club, and the Town should support it. Parking has been shifting back and forth, between the Club's Parking Lot and the BWVC Parking Lot, and it has been an amicable arrangement.

Connee McKinney spoke as a Leaseholder, and spoke in favor of the Motion. She said that for a long time she "had a dream" of a municipal building, and she felt that a first step in that direction would be to give the idea a chance. As the proposal has come up so many times before, one of the best ways would be to give it a try. There have been large gatherings at the Buzz, and they have gone well. She did not feel it was a bad idea to have "wall to wall" people.

Ron Ozer spoke against the Motion. He agreed with Denis that the space must accommodate the largest of Town Meetings, say 150 people. He did not like that the idea that this idea kept being brought up again and again. Once it has been voted on and voted down, the Town should leave it alone.

Tom Wheeler spoke in favor of the Motion. He saw this as an experiment to see if it would work, and this was a way to do that.

Ed Rohrbach said that special Town Meetings had been held at the BWVC, and they were crowded. Even this January Town Meeting was an average sized meeting, and it would not have been OK to have it in the BWVC. He said the attenders could be sandwiched in, but it would not be right.

Betty O'Regan said that she would vote in favor of the Motion. She was not against the issue coming up again and again, since the population of the Village constantly changes, which could bring in different and new opinions. She felt that those who were not architects could not be sure on how people would fit in, but a "trial" Meeting would put real people in it so they could feel how it might work.

Jeff Politis asked if anyone knew what the seating capacity of the two rooms. Willard said that 70 chairs could be set up. Jeff said would vote against it, because he felt the space was too small.

Cecilia asked for the Fire Capacity of the two rooms was, and no one knew.

Steven felt that it was essential that there was in place a contingency plan for an alternate Meeting site, in case attendance, or a situation, made holding the Meeting there impossible.

Deborah Ricard said that 80 people had attended a recent event at the BWVC, and they were seated in chairs at tables. She felt that the two rooms were not crowded.

Clay Ridings said that he hosted an event there with 80 people in tables

and chairs, and it was not crowded. He was in favor of the Motion.

The Motion was Passed. There were:

Votes For – 30

Opposed – 13

Abstentions- 4

Clay Ridings asked about the condition of the two air conditioners for Rooms One and Two, and Willard said that both are shot. Because of financial constraints, and because it was winter, they were not in a rush to replace the units. Clay asked if the Committee could pursue a grant for high efficiency units, and Willard said that they would.

Cecilia said that the lack of air-conditioning in June could be a problem for the Meeting attenders. She mentioned that the date for the June Town Meeting was during the ACRA camp, and wondered if there would be a problem. Steven said that the Town Meeting had voted to move there, so it would have to be worked out by the Committee.

Denise Nordheimer said that she had rented the building, but there was no stove, which made food preparation difficult. She asked if a stove could be installed, as it would make future rentals more attractive. Willard said that there had been a stove there, but it was removed because it was a fire hazard. He said he would have to check on fire codes before a replacement stove was installed.

The Report of the BWVC was Accepted.

13.0 BUDGET

Jeff Politis said that they needed four candidates to run for the Committee.

Steven said that the Town Committees should submit their requests for the Three-Year Budget Projection soon, and they should put a little more time into making sure the requests are correct. They will be due back to the Budget Committee on February 20, 2009.

The Report of the Budget Committee was Accepted.

14.0 AUDIT

The Arden books have been reviewed for the last Quarter of 2008. All was found to be in order.

Submitted by,
Cookie Ohlson
January 26, 2009

The Report of the Audit Committee was Accepted.

15.0 ARCHIVES

Lisa Mullinax gave the report for the Archives Committee.

Report of the Archives Committee
Jan 26, 2009

In October, a well-attended Remembrance Day honored journalists Bill Frank and Cy Liberman, and their families. “Afternoon With The Artist” events continue on the last Sunday of each month.

The Committee is reviving the oral history project. If you know someone for whom an oral history should be done (It could even be you.), or if you're interested in conducting oral histories, please contact a member of the Committee.

We will mark our Fifth Anniversary this October. A celebration is being planned, so stay tuned.

The Committee would like to recognize the excellent volunteer work that Barney King did at the Museum. He will be dearly missed.

A reminder that volunteers are very welcome. You do not have to be a member of the Committee to help with a project that interests you.

Museum hours are Wednesdays 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, and Sundays 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If you have not been in the Museum lately, please stop by. Our exhibits are always changing, as we make new acquisitions and draw from the collection.

The list of Nominees for Election has been given to the Registration Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mullinax, Chair

The Report of the Archives was Accepted.

15.1 CRAFT SHOP AND MUSEUM

Tom Wheeler gave the Report for the Arden Craft Shop-Museum.

The Craft Shop continues to provide a secure home for the Arden Archives and the tenants.

Financially, we operated in the black at the close of this year, but our major challenge this past year was energy cost. Our oil heater is over 35 years old, and was in the building when it was purchased. We hope to replace the heater with an efficient gas or fuel oil boiler that has been sized to present building heating needs, so it will not waste energy with over capacity. The new system should produce heat commensurate with the weather, and incorporate controls to provide a constant radiant heat for each apartment.

Submitted by,
Tom Wheeler

The Report was Received.

16.0 ASSESSORS

Denis O'Regan announced that he was the "Acting Convenor" for the As-

sessors, and he announced that the first “Organizational Gathering” of the Assessors Committee will be tomorrow (January 27, 2009) in the BWVC to set up their meeting dates. Because the announcement of the Meeting had not been posted in advance, no substantive discussions will take place.

Submitted by,

Denis O’ Regan
Acting Convener

The Report of the Assessors Committee was Received

17.0 OLD BUSINESS

No items were brought up.

18.0 NEW BUSINESS

Shelley Robyn made the following Motion:

MOVED, The “Community Gardening Interest Group” (CGIG) will offer community garden plots to residents of the Ardens. The area to be used is on the Sherwood Green inside the fence known as the “Tot Lot”. Plots will be awarded on a first come-first served basis as long as they are available. Additional requests will be added to a waiting list. A minimal service charge will cover the cost of water, tilling, and miscellaneous equipment.

The CGIG, Civic, BWVC, and Community Planning Committees will review the project at the close of the 2009 growing season. After this review, plans will be made for future use, and reported to the next possible Arden Town Assembly.

The Motion was Seconded,

Shelley Robyn gave background for the group. Because many Arden leaseholds lack the sun required for vegetable gardening, a small group of

residents began to investigate the possibility of a community garden in Arden. Community gardens encourage self-reliance and allow people to reduce family food bills with fresh, nutritious produce. They often act as a catalyst for social interaction and community building, and create opportunities for people to enjoy each other. The community garden interest group (CGIG) has researched and contacted various community gardens to design a plan for this pilot project. The “tot lot” became the focus of our efforts because of its location in the village center. The space is seldom used and is in close proximity to a water supply. To date the CGIG has initiated the following:

- The *Arden Page* has run an ad since September to identify residents who are interested in a community garden
- Ten people have expressed a serious interest in a plot in a community garden in Arden
- The project has received support from the following committees: Civic, Community Planning, BWVC
- BWVC has agreed to accept and disperse garden funds, and to supply water
- The CGIG has measured the unmulched section of the “tot lot” and drawn ten plots approximately 8¾’ by 13¾’
- A capable Arden resident has agreed to move the jungle gym and re-plant it

She said that there are now 12 people interested in the program. Many people in Arden have been supportive, and have offered to do many things to help out. Shelly felt that the Community at large could benefit from smaller communities, like those who might participate in the Garden Plots. The Dogs on the Greens and Forest Walkers are two other such communities. The Women in the Woods is for women of all three Ardens, and it is wonderful for those who participate. The outward ripple effect of the groups has benefits for all of the larger community.

Rod Jester spoke in favor of the Motion, and said that Arden had a long tradition of community gardens. In the early days of Arden, there were community gardens, and this continued through World War II when there were Victory Gardens on the Greens. Rodney lives across from the Tot Lot, and he observed that it is not used much. He had seen dogs penned in there while the owners played basketball, so the Tot Lot had become a glorified dog pen. He offered to help out.

Sue Rothrock spoke in favor of the Motion, and she supported the idea of using the Tot Lot. She felt that the jungle gym could be used for growing vines and other plants. She liked the idea that this project will be reviewed after one year. She offered an Amendment to the Motion.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: At the time of the close of the 2009 growing season when the program would be reviewed, and/or if the program would be ended, and the area would be restored back to the present condition.

The Amendment was Seconded

Liz Resko asked who would be responsible for restoring the area, and that it should be a part of the Amendment. Sue Rothrock, the proposed the Amendment, agreed to change her Amendment so that the CGIG would be responsible for restoring the Tot Lot.

The Amended Amendment then read:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: At the time of the close of the 2009 growing season when the program would be reviewed, and/or if the program would be ended, and the CGIG would be responsible for restoring the area back to the Tot Lot.

There was a Call for the Question.

The Amendment was Approved.

Cecilia spoke in favor of the Motion, but suggested that rain barrels be included in the project, instead of using just public water.

Larry Walker presented the position of the Playground Committee on the CGIG Motion. The Playground Committee is NOT in support of the Motion as written, and our opposition is only about the location of the garden plots in an existing playground area. It would appear that the main interest in that particular location is that the area is fenced-in, which probably the group hopes would minimize dogs, children, and others entering and trampling the crops. Just because an area is fenced-in is not a good enough reason to change the use of this playground. Also, the grassy area is quite small, so each of the projected ten participants would only have a plot measuring 10 ft. by 15 ft.

In order to utilize just the grassy area, which measures 30 ft by 50 ft., the jungle gym and three half-buried tires would have to be removed, and that would require large equipment to do the work. The estimated cost for the removals would be \$300, based on a conversation with an Arden contractor. The estimated cost of \$725 to re-install the jungle gym would have to be put in escrow to ensure the equipment can be re-installed and area returned to its previous state. So, the CGIG would have to raise and deposit with the Town Treasurer the amount of \$1,025 before even starting to till the earth for the garden plots.

Putting up an identical new chain link fence would cost, for materials only, \$45 per ten-foot long section, so fencing a same sized area would cost approximately \$750. Installation could be done with volunteer labor. Other fencing options would be cheaper and less substantial.

The CGIG could effectively use areas on the Sherwood Green near the basketball court, for the water hydrant is nearby, the ground is level, and the areas are equally sunny.

The Playground Committee strongly recommends that the location for the garden plots be moved from the “Tot Lot” Playground to another area.

Betty O'Regan was not sure how she would vote. As former Town Watch Coordinator, she was aware that this area was a gathering place for people, and it was a frequent site for vandalism. Betty was concerned that the garden plots would be an attractive nuisance, especially with ripe to-

matoes. Betty was concerned that the CGIG was an exclusive group, and only open to the approved participants. It was not like the dog group, which was open to everyone. This was taking a part of the Green, and making it for an exclusive use. She was also concerned that people from other Ardens were in this, and she thought that the other Towns should have their own garden plots, instead of coming to Arden to use an area that was supported and maintained by Arden Land Rents. Betty offered an Amendment to the Motion:

AMENDMENT: The words "The Ardens" would be changed to "Arden."

The Maker of the Motion, Shelley Robyn, did not accept the Amendment.

The Motion to Amend was Seconded.

As a Point of Order, Hugh Roberts clarified the difference between a Motion to Amend, as opposed to the Maker of the Motion accepting the Amendment. If an Amendment is offered, both the Maker and Secunder to the original Motion can Accept it, and it becomes a part of the Motion on the floor. If the Maker or the Secunder does not accept the Amendment, it can be made a Motion to Amend, which must be Seconded. Then the Motion to Amend can be discussed and subsequently voted on. If the Motion to Amend passes, it becomes part of the original Motion. If the Maker of the Motion really does not want the Amendment because it changes the original intent too much, the Maker can withdraw the original Motion, ending the discussion.

Denis O'Regan spoke in favor of the Amendment. He said that his main concern was that the program was open to the other Ardens, and since it is Arden money that pays for the maintenance of the Greens, the eligibility should be limited to only our Residents. Ardentown and Ardencroft both had Greens with sunny spaces where they could have their own garden plots. These garden plots could become a burden to the Village, as the Safety Committee would have to respond to complaints.

Shelley felt that it was better that the boundaries between the Three Ardens be broken down, and she saw people coming together in this project. Individuals from both Ardentown and Ardencroft has brought a lot of en-

thusiasm to the project. She felt that was a good thing when boundaries between the three Towns were removed. Also, this is a pilot program, and perhaps as the other two Towns see this, they could do the same in their Towns. Shelley wanted to encourage the enthusiasm of these people working together, rather than trying to break them into three groups. She did not like the idea of exclusion.

Lynda Kolski spoke against the Amendment. She felt this was a good experiment, and that the people of Arden should be open to change and new ideas. The garden plots should be open to everyone in the three Ardens, since this was a reasonable pilot project. She wanted the concept of community gardens to start here, and she wanted them to have a chance. Lynda said that the BWVC has received financial help from the other two Ardens, and it has worked to everyone's benefit.

Jeff Politis said he would vote against the Amendment. He did remind the other Ardens that they contributed to Arden's purchase of the Avery Property. We asked them to participate in the idea of a larger community, so now we should return the gesture.

Rod Jester spoke against the Amendment. The Arden Greens are used for many things, and many people who have not been from Arden have used them. The events at the Arden Club have used the Greens for parking, so people from the other two Towns have used our Greens before. The idea of exclusive use our Greens is not good.

Danny Schweers spoke against the Amendment. He said that the Greens and Forests had been turned over to the County so that those lands would not be taxed. But this allowed them to be open to all of the public, not just the people of Arden.

Betty O'Regan offered to withdraw her Amendment, and the Seconder agreed to it being withdrawn.

Ed Rohrbach asked if ACRA needed the area, and Toby Ridings said that they had no plans to use it. Ed felt that the area was too small, and he felt that they should seek a larger space to include everyone.

Denis asked if this would impact the Arden Fair. Larry Walker said that there are many people in the area on Fair Day, because the tables and chairs are set up in entire area of the mulched area of the Tot Lot. In the past, Fair Attenders have sat down to eat in the grassy area surrounding the mulched area, and to relax. He felt that in short order, the Fair Go-ers would move into the surrounding areas, causing problems to the garden plots. There are major potential problems, unless the Food Court seating area is moved elsewhere. Denis said he would want to hear from the Arden Fair organizers on this, but said he would vote in favor of the Motion.

Cecilia said that the Playground Proposal was substantial, and made sense with the costs. She asked Shelley to address the issues of equipment removal and re-installation. Shelley said that individuals in Arden volunteered to do the equipment removal for free.

Hugh was concerned what “entity” would be responsible financially for returning the area to its original state after the garden plot program ended. He saw that the CGIG was only a group of people with no person or organization responsible for the project. Shelley said that the group of “responsible adults” would ensure that this was done.

Deborah Ricard spoke in favor of the Motion. She felt that making allowances for just the one day of the Arden Fair was not as important as what the CGIG would do during the rest of the summer. The idea of a pilot project that could spread to other communities was more important than the financial considerations of the Arden Fair. Children benefit from seeing things grow, so this project would be a “win-win” situation for everyone, and something that Arden can be proud of.

Larry said that the Playground Committee did support the concept of community gardens, and addressed the issue of re-installing the jungle gym. It was said that volunteers would move the jungle gym, but that work would have to comply with the manufacturer’s installation requirements. The installer must be insured for the installation of playground equipment to protect the Town, since the installer will be sued, in addition to the Town, in the event there is an accident associated with that jungle gym. It would be in line with the existing Town Policy requiring contractors to furnish a Certificate of Insurance to the Town Committee before

starting work. He wanted the funds for the re-installation of the jungle gym to be collected and put into escrow before the equipment was removed.

There was a Call for the Question.

The Motion as Amended was Passed.

19.0 GOOD AND WELFARE

No items were brought up.

There was a Motion for Adjournment, which was Seconded and Approved, and the Meeting ended at 9:58 pm.

Faithfully,

Larry Walker
Secretary to the Village

FINAL ADU LIST FOR THE VILLAGE OF ARDEN

Parcel #1600400-	Leaseholder	Address	Total Units
511	McKean	2102 Harvey Road	2
521	William Busch, Jr.	2106 Sherwood	2
534	Theis	2112 The Highway	3
535	Somerville	2116 The Highway	2
546	Dewick/Gerbec	1800 Harvey Road	2
548	Herrera	1808 Harvey Road	2
549	Schweers	2110 Orleans Road	2
566	Liz Resko	2118 Hillside Road	2
568	John G. Grimaldi	2117-2119 Lovers Lane	2
569	Vandever	2003 Orleans	2
572	Michael Opelka & Donna Swajeski	2111 Orleans	2
576	James P. & Elaine F. Collins	1913 Orleans	2
597	Bob Lockerman	2201 Marsh	4
601	Hornung	2215 Marsh	2
602	Daryl Holcomb	2217 Marsh	2
607	Hoopes	2212 Mill	2
615	Mullinax	2103 Millers	2
620	Al-Taweel	2007 Millers	3
626	Woolery	2204-2206 Little Lane	2
631	Steve Tanis and Alida Fish	1816 Millers Road	2
634	Fisher	2201 Milky Way	2
635	Frank Maher, 2523 Associates Pa	1812 Millers	5
636	Kolski	2209 The Sweep	2
640	A. Burslem	2204-06 Lower	2
641	Berry Williams	2210 Lower	2
644	Christine Imran	1802 Millers	3

Parcel #1600400-	Leaseholder	Address	Total Units
645	Craft Shop and Museum	2300 Cherry	6
646	Colgan	2304-2306 Cherry	2
656	Van Neerden	2308 Walnut	2
661	Politis	2318 Cherry	2
663	D. Burslem	2324 Cherry	2
669	Mabrey	2326 Walnut	3
674	Burslem	1801 Green Lane	2
676	Nordheimer	1807 Green Lane	2
684	Myers	1901 Millers	3
686	Ronald Jarrell	2210 Little	2

Village of Arden
Quarterly Report
April 1 through December 24, 2008

	December 24, 2008	YTD Budget
Ordinary Income/Expenses		
Income		
Buzz Ware Center	4,788.20	0.00
Commons	100.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
Franchise Grant	0.00	0.00
Grants	276.91	0.00
Investment Income	8,394.17	10,000.00
Johanne Schroeder Trust	0.00	0.00
Land Rent	558,604.61	564,423.00
Land Rent Finance Charges	1,036.76	0.00
Meadow Lane Access	719.98	700.00
Memorial Garden Donations	3,725.00	0.00
Rights-of-Way	16,899.42	18,700.00
Uncategorized Income	<u>1,110.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	596,605.05	595,773.00
Expenses		
Advisory Committee	138.63	300.00
Archives	392.47	1,440.00
Board of Assessors	0.00	75.00
Budget Committee	0.00	0.00
Buzz Ware Village Center	2,768.51	6,500.00
BWVC -	3,053.99	0.00
Civic	68,722.50	86,000.00
Community Planning	0.00	1,600.00
Contingencies	0.00	3,000.00
Contributions	5,050.00	5,250.00
Forests	1,592.22	5,000.00
Gild Hall Rental	1,300.00	1,300.00
Lecture Series Expense	268.00	0.00
Loan Payable	6,304.82	16,176.00
Playground	590.00	3,000.00
Registration	0.00	1,000.00
Safety	1,400.00	4,400.00
Taxes	350,536.93	348,627.00
Town Administrative Expenses	6,267.62	8,550.00
Town Bookkeeping Services	0.00	4,000.00
Town Secretary	4,140.00	5,004.00
Town Administrative	30,952.58	49,620.00
Memorial Garden Expenses	2,193.49	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	489,971.76	551,792.00
NET INCOME	109,633.29	43,981.00

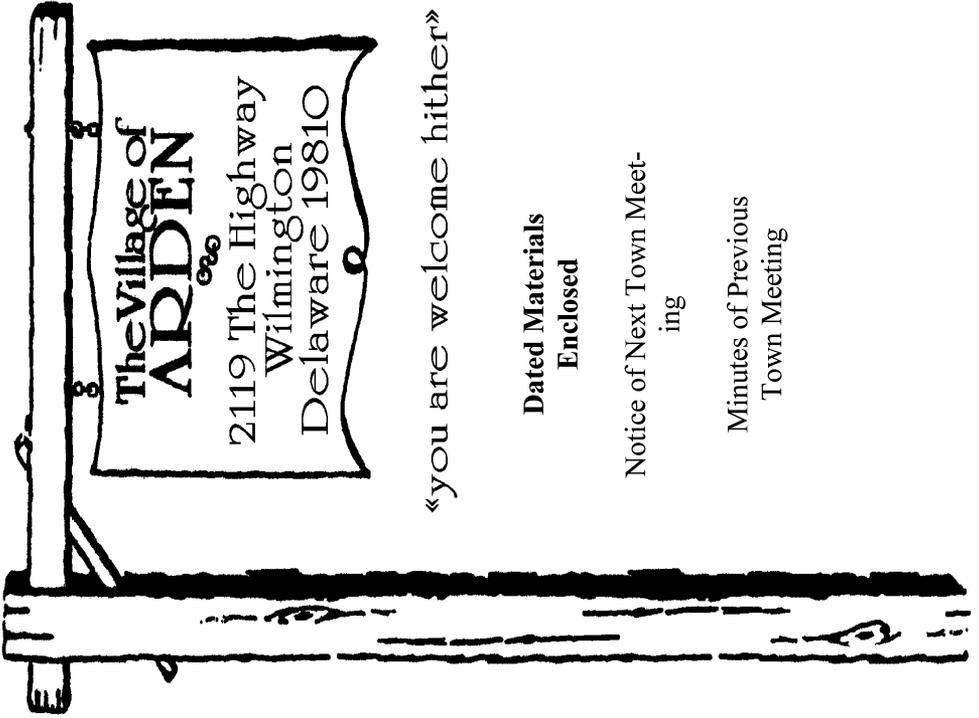
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 24, 2008

ASSETS	Dec. 24, 2008
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Arden Building and Loan-Trustee	164,432.77
Trustees-Wilmington Trust	48,314.28
Vanguard	
Fund 30	19,331.55
Fund 30	19,183.22
MSA Fund 50	<u>42,858.85</u>
TOTAL Vanguard	81,372.62
Total Checking/Savings	294,120.67
Accounts Receivable	
Land Rent Receivable	<u>6,573.81</u>
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	6,573.81
 TOTAL ASSETS	 300,694.48
 Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue – Grants	<u>2,594.31</u>
Total Current Liabilities	2,594.31
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 2,594.31
 EQUITY	
Fund Balance – Avery Property	773,052.00
Fund Balance – BWVC	3 4,006.00
Fund Balance – General Fund	123,299.99
Fund Balance – Memorial Garden	3,588.01
Fund Balance - MSA	32,352.00
Retained Earnings	4,237,582.40
Net Income	597,582.06
TOTAL EQUITY	5,761,462.46
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 5,764,056.77

Buzz Ware Village Center
Budget 2008-2009

<u>Revenues:</u>	Actual 3/25/06-3/24/07	Actual 3/25/07-3/24/08	YTD or Projected 3/25/08-3/24/09
Interest			
Bank Interest-Wilm. Trust	\$8.00	\$28.45	\$12.52
Band Interest- AB & L	<u>543.16</u>	<u>676.26</u>	<u>717.20</u>
Subtotal:	551.16	704.26	729.72
Misc. Income			
Donations-Restricted	80.00		
Donation-Ardencroft	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Donation-Ardentown	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Donation-Other (Coffee House-Windows)	901.50	1,200.00	140.00
Arden-Town Appropriated Funds	6,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Arden-Town Appropriated Funds	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Garage Sale	2,406.50		
Arden Fair Event	3,465.36	3,192.00	3,200.00
New Years Day Brunch			200.00
Beach Blast (March 7, 2009)			200.00
Arden G3 -Restricted			547.00
Rental Fees			
YMCA	3,825.00	3,825.00	1,875.00
Other Rentals	6,460.00	12,776.00	3,638.20
TOTAL INCOME	27,489.52	32,202.42	19,600.20
<u>Disbursements</u>			
Administration and Programs	451.73	656.40	1,268.51
Maintenance, Supplies, & Improvements	3,116.06	3,421.60	\$1,202.121
Payroll (Custodian)	5,428.00	6,941.50	\$5,505.50
Utilities			
Electricity	1,962.21	<i>See Note</i>	2,676.85
Fuel Oil	\$2,999.02	<i>See Note</i>	3,000.00
Water	530.76	<i>See Note</i>	500.00
Utilities Sub-total	5,603.69	10,933.68	6,348.38
NET OPERATING PROFIT	12,890.04	10,804.24	5,275.69

Note: The actual breakdown of individual utilities was not available. The Utilities Sub-total Amount was provided by Brandywine Accounting.



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**Dated Materials
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Notice of Next Town Meeting

Minutes of Previous
Town Meeting