The August 25, 1947 meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, Delaware

The meeting was held at the Gild Hall, Arden, Delaware and was presided over by Trustee Ware.

After the Chairman had declared a quorum to be present, the July 28, 1947 minutes were read and approved.

The Secretary read the financial report from the Trustees of Arden for the period from July 28 to August 25, 1947. The report a copy of which is attached was accepted.

Mr. Wm. McClure reported for the Civic Committee that they had closed the pool because of the polio epidemic. He also reported that the pool income was $548 and that the deficit should not exceed $70. He stated that the road signs that had been approved by the July Town Assembly would be ready in a month. The Civic Committee report was moved and accepted.

No report from the Board of Assessors.

The Budget Committee presented its proposed budget for the fiscal year 1948-1949 a copy of which is attached.

Mr. H. J. Heppman questioned the advisability of setting aside 500 for a reserve for a sewage system and suggested that that money be set aside for the swimming pool inasmuch as the Budget Committee did not provide any money for swimming pool maintenance.

Mr Gerstine stated that the sum of 200 had been suggested for the swimming pool but that Mr. Wm. McClure stated such a sum would be inadequate and should not be included in the budget. Mr Wm McClure said that

he felt that if the pool is town property it should be maintained by town funds and not have to depend entirely on dues collected for its maintenance. Mr. Pressman then moved that the $50 set aside for sewage be added to the budget for the maintenance of the swimming pool.

There was quite a lot of discussion as to the advisability of using this fund for a swimming pool that only served the needs of a small number of the residents of the community when a sewage system would be needed in the not too distant future. After considerable discussion it was suggested that the reserve for the sewage system be maintained as suggested but that an additional sum be taken from the reserve and set aside for the swimming pool. Mr. H. J. Pressman withdrew his motion and made the following motion which was seconded.

That a sum of 250 be set aside from the reserve and be added to the budget for 1948 1949 for the maintenance of the swimming pool. The vote on this motion taken by a show of hands showed it passed by a vote of 52 yes and 28 noes.

It was then moved and seconded that the budget be accepted for referendum as amended.

Registration Committee reported progress.

Mrs Ware reporting for the Community Planning Committee said she felt that the people did not think seriously enough about the things they wanted for the town.

By Laws Committee: No report but they adjourned with the Budget Committee to discuss proposal that By-Laws changed to have Budget presented in January. Mr Finkelstein ~~also~~ suggested that the quorum be changed to 35 from 50.

School Trustee reported that they are having three rooms school this year but that the state has not provided the funds to finish the room. It has been equipped with the proper furniture and window blinds have been provided throughout the school. Its report is attached.

Safety committee reported progress.

No report from Sewage Committee. It was suggested that the Sewage Committee take up the matter of our sewage problem with the State Engineers.

Auditing committee reported that they had examined the Trustee books and found all accounts in order. A double entry system is being set up. This report a copy of which is attached was moved and adopted.

Under new business was the election of Town Assembly Clerk. Mary Morley was elected unanimously.

The following people were nominated to serve on the Civic Committee.

Carl Karlsson, John Gordon, Wm McClure, Robert Jotson, Herman Kumm, Geo Morley, Gilbert Worrell.

The Registration Committee conducted the balloting and the following people were elected.

Herman Kumm, John Gordon, George Morley, Wm. McClure, Robert Jotson.

The following people were nominated on the Board of Assessors to be elected by referendum vote: Carl Karlsson, Emanuel Gerstine, Edmond Hurlong, Samuel Freeman, H. J. Pressman, John Moss, Joseph Gangemi, Fred Pohl, Henry Aughey, Frank Harrison, Cecil Liberman, William Franck, Edmund Curtis.

The Bry Laws committee reported that they had considered request of Budget Committee but both reconsidered and no amendment was suggested.

A motion was made that the quorum for Town Assembly be changed from 50 to 35 said amendment to be submitted to referendum. This was moved and passed.

Two letters from Hazel Stephens and Ann Ross pertaining to sewage disposal were read.

Mr Ware had to leave and turned the chair over to Mary Morley for the remainder of the evening.

The question of permitting leaseholders on Lower Lane to drain their sewage into the pipe along Lower Lane which finally drains into a public creek and into lots of leaseholders was discussed. Mr McClure assured the complainants that the Board of Health had been contacted about this matter but that the Civic Committee had not given them written notice that they were blocking the pipe to prevent this improper drainage because they did not know who had connected into this drain pipe. The Board of

Health had told the Civic Committee that everyone is responsible for disposing of sewage on their own property.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting adjourn.

Signed
Mary Mody