The regular meeting of the Town Assembly was held on August 25, 1955 at the Gild Hall with Trustee Ware presiding.

After a quorum was declared present, the minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

The financial report of the Trustees, a copy of which is on file, was read and approved. Mr. Ware said that a letter had been prepared by the Trustees and members of the Community Planning Committee to be presented to the Public Service Commission concerning the water situation in Arden. This letter which pointed out some of the ways the Arden Water Company had failed to live up to its agreement to give adequate service to Arden was read.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that inasmuch as the Town Assembly has heard the letter prepared by the Trustees to be presented to the Public Service Commission concerning the water problem in Arden, the Town Assembly goes on record as backing up the Trustees in any effort they make in trying to solve the problem of inadequate service given by the Arden Water Company.

Auditing Committee - no report.

Civic Committee reported resurfacing of Hillside Road completed, hand rails constructed on the Milky Way, area back of Gild Hall has been cleared up and general maintenance of the town carried out. Mr. Worrell reported that people have been dumping back of the swimming pool and have not been placing the material in the gullies but have been dumping on

the edge of the road.

Community Planning Committee - some of the members met with the Trustees concerning the letter sent to the Public Service Commission re the water problem.

Assessors - no report.

Budget Committee: The budget for the fiscal year 1953-54, a copy of which is on file, was submitted for approval. After 600 was set aside for taxes and $1,200.00 for administrative expenses for the Trustees, the sum of 5680.00 was budget among the various expenses of the town.

The Budget Committee made the following suggestions to be considered at the referendum 1- That except for specific items such as school funds, secretary salary, various contributions that the Civic Committee be permitted to shift some funds from one budget item to another as specific needs might require.

2- That if funds remain in the Road fund budget and the swimming pool budget that the Civic Committee be permitted to carry these amounts over and add them to the following years budget items on Roads and Swimming Pool.

There was considerable discussion concerning the lack of an item set aside for sinking fund for a sewage system. Mr. Felstein pointed out that there wasn't any money left over this year because of the anticipated increase in taxes by the County. Mr. Finkelstein made a motion that whatever money was not used for taxes of the budgeted amount of 600 be set aside for a sinking fund for sewage system.

An amendment to this motion said that all unexpended budget funds not earmarked to be carried over following year should be set aside in a sinking fund. This amended motion was carried.

A motion was made and passed that the Budget Committee report as amended be accepted for referendum.

Registration Committee. There are 418 registered voters. The referendum is to be held in the Gold Hall on November 4.

The By-laws Committee: The committee in accordance with their instructions from the Town Assembly of July have proposed the following changes in the By-laws: a complete copy of the proposed changes ~~was~~ on file.

1- The regular meetings of the Town Assembly be held on fourth Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

2- The quorum be 25 instead of 35.

3- That the presentation of reports and election of committees be set up to agree with the proposed change in date of Town Assembly.

They also made the suggestion that the Registration Committee check the voting list carefully and that some study be given to the possibility of redefining the term resident to eliminate inequities that arise from persons residing out of the state who are still eligible to vote.

On motion the proposed changes to the By-laws were accepted to be presented to referendum.

No report from Advisory Committee, Safety Committee, and School Trustees.

Orden Community Recreation Association has had a successful summer. Mr Emanuel suggested a vote of thanks be given to persons responsible for carrying out the program.

John Walker was nominated to act as chairman of the Advisory Committee and the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing him.

The following people have been nominated to serve on the Budget Committee:

Alice Williams
Emanuel Gerstine
Carl Van Druele
Harold Monfort.

The following people have been nominated to be elected by referendum for the Board of Assessors.

Joseph Gangemi
Frank Harrison
Cecil Libermann
Henry Aughey
Samuel Freeman
John Moss
John Page
Robert Petry
William Frank.
Emanuel Gerstine
Paul Smith
Fred Bundrock.

A motion was made that the Trustees fund and the amount that has been set aside for a sewage system be combined and be known as a sinking fund. This motion was carried.

There was a report that people were swimming in the water supply reservoir. This matter was referred to the state sanitary engineer.

The Brandywine Council of Civic Associations has been trying to solve the water problem. The petition that presented at a previous hearing before the Public Service Commission was denied as evidence because it was not notarized. It has been suggested that perhaps the commission will listen to statements made by individuals; therefore, all who can go to the meeting are urged to do so.

The problem of rent control is now up to the state. A motion was made and carried to ask the Trustees to urge the continuation of rent control.

An motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Morley