The August 26, 1946 meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, De

The meeting was held at Gild Hall Arden, Delaware, and was presided over by Trustee Ware. After the Chairman declared a quorum to be present, the minutes of the July 22, 1946 meeting were read and approved.

Emanuel Gerstine reported for the Budget Committee, presenting the committee's recommended budget for the 1947-48 fiscal year. This budget, a copy of which is attached, covered the total expected income for the 1947-48 fiscal year.

H. J. Pressman stated that he did not see why it was necessary to limit the budget to the expenditure of the 1947-48 income when several thousand dollars was available in the reserve fund. He moved that ~~an~~ items be incorporated in the budget to provide for the expenditure of $1000 for improvements to the swimming pool and $1000 for the rental of Gild Hall the latter item to serve to improve the financial position of the Arden Club. The motion was seconded.

Chairman Ware cautioned the Assembly against spending all of the reserve fund since several important, major town expenditures such as a survey and sewage system were

looming on the horizon. It was pointed out that a survey of the town would cost approximately $3000. Considerable discussion of the advisability of conducting a survey of the town at the present time followed, but no decision was reached.

H. J. Pressman withdrew his previous motion and then moved that the budget be approved as presented. The motion was ~~accepted~~ seconded.

R. W. Peterson suggested that the budget item entitled "Road Fund" be broken down into three items, a Road Fund, a Fund for Completing Pond Road, and a Fund for paying the bills already incurred in building the Green Lane Extension. By such a procedure the approval of essential road items would not be jeopardized as a result of objection to either of the latter two more controversial items. The Budget Committee agreed to so alter their budget.

The above motion was then approved.

H. J. Pressman moved that an item be included in the budget to provide for the payment of $1000 as rental for Gild Hall. The motion was seconded and then voted down by a vote of 36 to 23.

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to provide for the expenditure of $1000 for improvements to the swimming pool the plans to be subject to the approval of the Civic Committee and the Community Planning Committee. The motion was seconded and then approved.

Herman Kumme pointed out that one item which the Civic Committee would like to see on the budget but which was not included was a $500 fund for use in constructing a tennis court. Russell Peterson then moved that ~~$500 be a~~ a $500 item be included in the budget for the construction of a tennis court. The motion was seconded and then voted down.

Robert Petry, reporting for the Community Planning Committee, stated that this committee had discussed at considerable length the advisability of promoting the numerous projects which had been suggested for bettering the community and had decided to poll the residents of Arden to determine the preferred projects. He suggested that such a poll be conducted in the next mailing of a town referendum. The report was accepted.

No report was presented by the Civic Committee, the Board of Assessors the Registration Committee the Comittee to meet with the Trustees the By-Laws Committee, and the

Sewer Committee.

Richard Pressman reported for the Swimming Pool Committee. The report, a copy of which is attached, was accepted as read.

The Chairman asked for nominations for the position of Town Secretary, Mary Morley, Russell Peterson, and Betty Walker were nominated but when the latter two declined the nomination, the Secretary was directed to cast a ballot for Mary Morley as Town Secretary.

The Chairman then asked for nominations for the Civic Committee, five members to be elected. The following were nominated: Herman Kumme, George Morley, John Gordon, William McClure, John Ware, John Moss, and Robert Jolson. It was moved, seconded, and approved that nominations be closed.

The Registration Committee then conducted the balloting and while the votes were being tallied the following persons were nominated for the Board of Assessors, seven members to be selected by referendum vote: David Bloom, Edmund De Forest Curtis, William Frank, Victor Lance, Samuel Freeman, Frank Harrison, John Gordon, Earl Broadbent, Cecil Liberman, Russell Peterson, Henry Aughey, and W. J. Pressman. It was moved, seconded, and approved that

nominations be closed.

The Registration Committee reported that Herman Kumme, George Morley, John Gordon, William McClure, and Robert Jobson were elected to the Civic Committee.

After it had been pointed out that the election of Mary Morley, the present Chairman of the Registration Committee, to the job of Assembly Secretary, the holder of which is automatically a ~~who is a permanent~~ member of the Registration Committee, and the moving of Sylvan Levy from Arden would leave two vacancies in the Registration Committee, it was moved by H. J. Pressman that the rules of the Town Assembly be suspended to permit the filling of these vacancies. The motion was seconded and approved. The following were then nominated for these vacancies: Russell Peterson, Lena Hurlong, Meyer Pressman, Henry Aughey, Robert Petry, and Edward Downs. The last three declined the nomination. It was moved, seconded, and approved that nominations be closed. On the first ballot of the election which followed Russell Peterson was elected, ~~but~~ the other two candidates received an equal number of votes. In an election to select one of these two, Meyer Pressman was elected.

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

Signed: R. W. Peterson