The August 27, 1945 meetin
of the Town Assembly of Arde
Delaware

The meeting was held a
Gild Hall Arden, Delaware, a
was presided over by Trustee Z
After the Chairman had de
a quorum to be present, the min
of the July 23 and August 6, 19
meetings of the Town Assembl
were read and approved.
The secretary read a finan
report by the Trustees of Arden
for the month ending Aug. 27, 194
The report was accepted.
Herman Kumme reported f
the Civic Committee. The report
a copy of which is attached, w
accepted.
John Brocker reported for t
majority of the Board of Assessors
that "since there has been no
change of land values in Ard
over last year, that the bo
rate remain the same for the
year beginning March 25, 194
Lena Hurlong read the minori
report of the Board of Assessors
which "urged the residents o
the Trustees to increase the rent
values 25% for the year begin
March 25, 1946 and to continue t
increase them until such time
we have arrived at the full
rental value."
Dr. Hurlong moved that T

minority report be accepted in place of the majority report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstine.

Mr. Peterson stated that such action would be illegal since the By-Laws (Article IV, Section 3d) provided that "the base rate set by the Board of Assessors shall be final unless an appeal by any leaseholder shall be made at the August Town Assembly Meeting and that if such an appeal is upheld by a two-thirds vote of the meeting, the report of the Assessors together with a recommendation of the Assembly Meeting shall be submitted for final decision to the residents of Arden by means of a referendum vote."

Chairman Ware read a rule from Robert's Rules of Order which provided a mechanism for substituting a minority report for a majority report.

Samuel Freeman, Joseph Gangemi, and Sylvan Levy stated that the By-Laws took precedence over Robert's Rules of Order.

Dr. Hurlong withdrew his motion and then moved that the minority report together with the majority report be submitted to referendum. The motion was seconded.

Messrs. Cohen, Freeman, Gangemi,

and Peterson contended that this motion also did not follow the mechanism specifically provided in the By-Laws.

Dr. Hurlong withdrew his motion.

~~David Bloom moved that the majority report be accepted but that both reports be submitted to the residents of Arden at~~ ~~the~~ The majority report was accepted.

Lena Hurlong moved that the Town Assembly appeal from the report of the Board of Assessors and raise the base rents of Arden lands by 25% in accordance with the minority report of the Board of Assessors. The motion was seconded and then voted down, 35 votes for and 50 votes against the motion.

Earl Brooks reported for the Budget Committee and presented the Committee's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning March 25, 1946. A copy of the report is attached.

Dr. Hurlong requested that an item be included to provide for the extension of Green Lane between the Hurlong and Allman leaseholds, he having paid rent for this planned but unconstructed road for years.

Dr. Hurlong moved that the Budget Committee's proposed budget

be modified so as to include an item of $300 for extending Green Lane and that the modified budget be accepted by the Town Assembly for submittal to a referendum vote. The motion was seconded.

The suggestion that one hundred dollars be donated to the Arden Club to help support the Town Crier was passed by when Sylvan Levy and Charmian Ware stated that such an expenditure would not make proper use of town funds.

The above motion was approved.

Eva Santee and H. J. Pressman reported for the Community Planning and Auditing Committees respectively. Their reports, copies of which are attached, were accepted.

Mary Morley and Samuel Freeman reported progress for the Registration and By-Laws Committees respectively.

David Bloom reported for the Committee on Sewers. The report, a copy of which is attached, was accepted.

Mr. Bloom then moved that the Sewer Committee be authorized to request the Levy Court to proceed immediately with a study for a sewer system for Arden, and that they (the Levy Court)

and the County Engineer prepare an estimate of the probable cost to Arden, for submission to a referendum of the people of Arden. The motion was seconded and approved.

John Walmsley reported for the School Committee. The report a copy of which is attached, was accepted.

Herman Kumme reported that the School Trustees had obtained new plans for the school and were ready to advertise for bids. The report was accepted.

A suggestion by Mr. Charles Pettit, former Chairman of the Arden Civilian Defense Corp, that the Arden Town Assembly consider the acquisition of the proper Civilian Defense fire fighting equipment from the federal government was discussed. Meyer Pressman moved that John Gordon be asked to look into what might be involved in acquiring the equipment. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Chairman called for an election of a Civi Committee of five members. Meyer Pressman nominated Herman Kumme, Robert Bloodwell, George Morley, John Gordon, and William McElure. It was moved, seconded, and approved that nominations be closed. The above committee was thereby elected.

The following residents were

then nominated for the Board of Assessors, their election to be conducted at a later date by a referendum vote:

Samuel Freeman
John Brocker
H. J. Pressman
Frank Harrison
John Gordon
Eva Santee
Victor Lance
William Frank
Ingeborg Stephens
David Bloom
Emanuel Gerstine
Cecil Liberman
Edmund De Forest Curtis

In the election of the Assembly Secretary which followed, Russell Peterson was nominated by Robert Blodwell, and it was then moved, seconded and approved that nominations be closed. Mr. Peterson was thereby elected.

Lena Hurlong moved that the Town Assembly and Trustees of Arden request the next Board of Assessors to call upon expert appraisers to assist them in arriving at the full rental value of the Arden lands, the cost of such expert services not to exceed the sum of $250. The motion was seconded, and after much discussion was voted down.

Mr. McKinstry moved that a roll call vote be taken on the

above motion. ~~The~~ Mr. McKinstry's motion was ~~then~~ seconded and then voted down.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Signed - R. W. Peterson