The June 25, 1945, meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, Delaware

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

After the Chairman had declared a quorum to be present the minutes of the August 28, 1944, meeting were read and approved.

A financial report as of March 25, 1945, submitted by the Trustees was read by the secretary and referred to the Auditing Committee. Mr. Frank Harrison suggested that the Trustees invest as much money as possible in war bonds.

A report on the activities of the Civic Committee was presented by Herman Kumme and was accepted. A copy of the report is attached.

The Board of Assessors and the Budget, Community Planning, Registration, School, Auditing, By-Laws, and Sewer committees reported progress.

Chairman Ware called for an election of a new Budget Committee and a new Registration Committee. The members of the committees which served for the previous year were nominated. Upon seconding these nominations it was moved, seconded, and approved that nominations be closed. Thus, the

following individuals were reelected to the above committees:

Budget Committee

Thomas Farrell
John Brooker
Earl Brooks
Earl Missimer
Meyer Pressman

Registration Committee

Mary Morley
Dora Missimer
Sylvan Levy

The Senior Trustee and the Assembly Secretary are also members of the Registration Committee.

The following residents were nominated for the Auditing Committee and the nominations were seconded: Warren Hambly, N. J. Pressman, and Sylvan Levy. It was moved, seconded and approved that nominations be closed. Thus, the above individuals were elected.

The possibility of Arden acquiring the trailer, pump and fire fighting equipment which has been in the possession of the Arden Civilian Defense Sector since the start of the war was discussed. It was pointed out that this equipment was the property of the Federal Government and that no information as to the method of disposal of the equipment after the war was available. Frank Harrison and Robert McKinstry objected to the spending of money for the above equipment and suggested

that more fire hydrants be provided in Arden instead. Herman Kumme pointed out that before more fire hydrants could be installed, it would be necessary to lay higher capacity water lines, since the present lines were inadequate. Samuel Lee suggested that more fire hose be purchased, so that there would be sufficient hose available in Arden to reach any Arden house from one of the fire hydrants.

Mr. Gerstine moved that Mr. John Gordon, Civilian Defense fire chief, be asked to report to the July meeting of the Town Assembly on a program directed toward assuring Arden of adequate fire fighting facilities. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. David Bloom called to the attention of the meeting the fact that four Town Assembly meetings had been called off since last August because of the lack of the required quorum of fifty residents. Mr. Bloom moved that at the next Assembly meeting an amendment to the By-Laws to provide for a reduction in the quorum required for Town Assembly meetings be discussed and that the question whether or not to submit such an amendment to a referendum

vote ~~be~~ be voted upon. The motion was seconded and approved.

The resignations of Gladys Frank and Frances Harrison from the special School Committee were accepted with regret.

Trustee Philip Cohen suggested that the Civic Committee consider setting up a parking place near the swimming pool.

Herman Kumme, reporting for the Trustees of the Arden school, stated that plans for the construction of a new school were proceeding smoothly & that a bond issue at 2½% interest was obtained to finance the school. The bonds would be retired in 18¾ years though the addition of approximately $1,000 to Arden's annual County taxes and approximately $500 to Ardentown's taxes. Mr. Kumme further reported that the School Trustees expected to ~~have~~ receive and analyze contractor's bids in time so that construction could be started in July.

Mr. Frank Starr, Arden's policeman, reported that he had invited the county game warden to pick up unlicensed dogs in Arden. Upon being questioned by Mr. Herman Hurlong as to who had given the game warden permission to pick up dogs on Arden's private land, Mr. Starr stat

that he had asked the game warden to do so since he thought he was fulfilling his job as policeman of Arden by attempting to remove some of the stray dogs from Arden.

The question as to whether the town or the leaseholders should be responsible for the cleaning of the sidewalks, the small strips of land between the roads and ~~lot lin~~ the leaseholds, was discussed. It was decided that the Civic Committee should handle the problem as ~~best as~~ it sees fit.

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

Signed: R. W. Peterson