1/25/1971 The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on January 25, 1971 with William Press Chairman presiding.

The minutes of the ~~January~~ September meeting were read and accepted.

The financial report of the Trustees was presented by Cy Liberman and on motion ~~[illegible]~~ accepted. A copy is on file. Mr. Liberman stated that the Trustees have been trying to find out what services the State offers relative to drug abuse control. Reverend Richard Hamilton of the Drug Control Unit is meeting with our young people at the Arden School on February 4 to discuss drugs and abuses. The meeting is open only to teenagers.

Assessors report by Michael Curtis. The Assessors have elected Michael Curtis as Chairman and Deborah Calgar as secretary. All the Assessors were sworn into office. They have set out May 25 and June 1 as dates for open meetings. Notices will be sent to all residents.

Civic Committee report by Woodrow Vandever. The Civic Committee has been holding regular meeting. The contract for snow removal was awarded to George Kershaw after we failed to receive bids from our previous contractors.

We have issued an order to have temporary fill put in the worst holes in the roads, but weather has not been conducive to this.

The Naamans creek drainage program was supposed to have been let in December but nothing seems to have been done. The drainage control is not expected to planned in the area of Naamans creek from Marsh Road to B.&O. railroad but if any work is to be done they will contact Arden.

Cy Liberman found that Arden might be eligible to share in matching funds for park equipment. The Trustees applied for the money and the Civic Committee with help of Ackra selected equipment for a Tot-Lot to be constructed in area of green near Cherry + Green Lanes. The area has been surveyed by members of the Park + Resources committee and we expect that our request for $500 will be approved. Ardens share will be taken from the Common Fund or Contingency Fund.

Mr Van deven contacted the Water Air Resources committee and found you can burn any material that come from your property like leaves, branches etc until September 1971 at which time all out door burning will be prohibited. The report on motion accepted.

Budget Committee no report.

The Community Planning Committee held a Public Meeting on 1985 to review the New Castle County Development plan for Brandywine Hundred. A summary of comments was sent to County Planning Department and a copy is on file with Secretary of Village of Arden.

The Ardentown property across from old swimming pool has become a public nuisance; therefore the Committee will contact Ardentown to see if condition can be corrected.

The County drainage plans are severely destructive to the Naamans creek bed. The committee does not know if there is anything that can be done to stop or delay the proposed plans for flood control.

Registration Committee report by Doris Davis. She stated that 278 votes were received for the referendum. This represented 72.9% of total 381 registered voters. All items of the Budget

passed. The following were elected as assessors: Michael Curley, Carl V on Oreile Morris Rosen Harold Monfort Bernard Brockman, Shaul Gladstone, Deborah Colgan. There are 376 voters as of January 25, 1971. The report on motion accepted.

Advisory Committee Chairman Aaron Hamburger reported that the committee had held a special meeting to study the problem of getting police protection for Arden. A committee consisting of William Press Cy Liberman and Shaul Gladstone are meeting with the county and state officials to try to resolve the situation.

Under new Business the committee will present its list of nominees for standing committees. A proposed motion to study traffic conditions on Harvey road will be made under new business.

Safety Committee reported its ~~Chairman Shaul Gladstone~~ had heard that differences on handling our police problem have been resolved between Secretary of the Department of Public Safety Fred W Vetters and the County Executive, William J Connor. The Safety Committee has been investigating some alternatives to a police officer such as having a Wilmington Police Force to patrol Arden or to have a local resident to attend the police academy to qualify for position.

Jacks Bovard Chairman of the committee has resigned. The committee will place the name of Richard Lynch on nomination to complete his term under new business.

Signs have been ordered from the Sign Department of the State Highway Department. The report on motion was accepted.

Arden Resources Committee

Main work is trying to help Arden Club be more responsive to needs of community. Under the leadership of Robert Jacobson and other adults in the community

a new gild for teen's, the Cosmos Gild, has been formed and shows great promise. The facilities are being used almost all the time. The Club hopes to build a large addition this year to aid greater flexibility in its programs.

The report on notion accept.

The Arden Archives committee is still collecting material and request that anyone that has old records give them to the committee or permit them to be photostated.

Under old Business William Press outlined all that had been done to get police protection for Arden. Those working on the problem have run into many political snags. The special committee to study the police problem had met with William Conner, Captain Brickmaster, Head of County Police, Harry Raign of Bellefonte with idea of making a contract with State Police to provide a police officer for the two communities. Fred Vetters again turned down this proposal but he did say that the State Police would give Arden more coverage. Governor Peterson said that Wm Conner and Fred Vetters had worked out the problem but this is not in accordance with latest word we have received.

A meeting has been called by Mr Vetters on Wednesday January 27 and Mr Press and Mr Gladstone will be present. If a solution cannot be worked out, we will contact Senator Conner, Representatives Clarice Hechert and Herbert Lesher and Governor Peterson to resolve this situation.

Mr. Gladstone expressed concern that if we could not resolve the police situation, the 2600 that had been budgeted for 1970-71 would then be unexpended and would go back into the town funds. There will be some

money spent for wages. If we hope to hire a policeman part-time basis the $2600 Budgeted for 1971-1972 will not be sufficient. According to the Bylaws of the Town Assembly the money for the Police cannot be carried over for another year. Mr Gladstone suggested that we hold a special referendum if necessary to authorize the expenditure of the $2600 for 1970-71 Budget for Police protection. The following motion was made and passed: "The Town Assembly will authorize authorize a referendum if needed to request permission for the unexpended money budgeted for police protection for 1970-71 ~~the~~ be carried over by the Safety committee until 1971-72 for the purpose of providing police protection for the Village of Arden

Under New Business the Safety Committee nominated Richard Lynch to fill the unexpired term of Jack Borrell. George Curtis was nominated from the floor. The Registration Committee conducted the election and Richard Lynch was declared elected.

Aaron Hamburger again expressed the concern that something should be done about the traffic hazard on Harvey Road. He felt a committee should be appointed to investigate all phases of the problems on the road.

A motion was made and passed: "That a special committee of between three and five persons be appointed by the Chairman of the Town Assembly to study and recommend to the Town Assembly ways to reduce the hazardous traffic conditions along Harvey Road while minimizing the alteration of property adjacent to Harvey Road. This special committee is to be asked to issue a progress report at the March 1971 Town Assembly and a final report at the June, 1971 Town Assembly meeting.

The Advisory Committee submitted its list of nominees for the standing committees. The committees are to be elected in March 1971.

Auditing Committee: William Beachow, William Bendloss, Vera Brodmann, Lis Downes, Georgia Hanstein, Carl Van Orde. The nomination on motion closed.

Budget Committee: Henry Aughey, Frank Herzog, Frank Heymann, Sandra Heraualla, John Page, Woodrow Vandever. The nomination on motion closed.

Civic Committee: Reese Davis, Joan Colgan, Samuel Harvitz, Warren Hoffman, Eugene Shaw, Frank Starr. The nomination on motion closed.

Community Planning Committee: Frank Akutowicz, Beatrice Jaffe, Cy Liberman, Ethel Monfort, James Simenecki, Isabel Valley. The nominations on motion closed.

Registration Committee: Doris Davis, Ruth Estes, Beatrice Jaffe, Mary Kummer, Carolyn Liberman, Temma Tanzer. The nominations on motion closed.

Safety Committee: Shaul Gladstone, John Grimaldi, Barnes King, June Kleban, Martin Levy, Temma Tanzer. Georgia Aarts was nominated from the floor. The nomination on motion closed.

Advisory Committee: Chairman Aaron Hamburger, Chairman of Town Assembly William Press, Treasurer of Town Assembly Rae Gerstine, Secretary of Town Assembly Mary Mosley. The above nominations on motion were closed.

A motion was made that letters of sympathy be sent to Ingeborg Stephens and her family because of Donald Stephens' death.

A letter will be sent to Edmond Hurlong and his family expressing the village sympathy because of Lenna Hurlong's death.

The residents of Arden should go on

record that they have lost ten valuable people who have contributed many years to the life of the Village. The Town Assembly observed a moment of silence in their memory.

A motion was made and passed that it is the sense of the Town Assembly that the County drainage plans for Noonan Creek above Marsh Road are desirable for the remaining creek bed and hereunto authorize the Civic + Community Planning Committee to pursue all avenues to preserve the existing creek bed and to press the County Engineers for conservation action upstream.

The meeting on motion is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nolly
Secretary