The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on January 24, 1970 with chairman William Press presiding.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from Jon C. Dufresne - Traffic Studies Engineer in which he stated that four-way stop signs requested for intersection of Harvey and Orleans Road have not proved effective.

The financial report of the Trustees was read and a copy is on file.

Trustee Cy Liberman said that the Trustees have considered the request of the Resources Committee of the Three Ardens to have all areas of Arden rezoned to RICC. The Trustees have adopted the policy that they will not issue leases to subdivide Arden lots unless a hardship can be proved. Under County codes only one house can be built on a lot. The Trustees feel this will control the dividing of Arden lots.

Someone wanted to purchase a walnut tree. Mr Liberman cautioned the residents that according to their leases trees cannot be removed without permission from the Trustees.

The sewer line behind the Gallagher property to Richard Lynch property on The Highway is being built and will be completed soon.

Assessors have had first organizational meeting.

Budget Committee - no report

Civic Committee report by Wordrow Vandever.

Mr. Vandever met with Trustee to discuss leasing of Sherwood Green to Mt. Pleasant School District. The Civic Committee had recommended that Arden have full use of the Sherwood Green during non school hours and in return the Civic Committee would take care of the maintenance

of the area. Parking on the green would be permitted if the ground was firm enough.

Sanding of roads after a snow storm has been a problem this year because most of the storm came during a holiday or one a weekend and it has been difficult to get sand. Cars have deeply rutted several sections of the greens. We are asking all residents to give us information if they see cars on the greens. The Horticulture Company awarded the Town $666.00 to replace the trees at the Arden Cemetery. The trees have been replaced and some trimming of the area will be done when it gets warmer. The report on motion accepted.

The Community Planning Committee reported that Mr Harold Manfut has kindly volunteered to replace the Arden Style and the Arden sign for the Merry-go-Rounders who are doing this instead of planting trees in memory of our deceased friends. Edith Ware is working with him to provide an authentic reproduction of the designs.

The committee has established a small nursery for street trees on Mr & Mrs Richard Sutton's back yard. Another nursery will be started behind Earl Margaret Broadbent's home.

Historical footnote to report that the old cemetery on Harvey Road holds old settlers of the area, common grave for slaves and the grave of the last Indian living in this area.

In order to prevent air pollution the committee would like to confer with Civic Committee concerning a composting site in the forest for autumn pick up of leaves.

The Committee opposed the proposed Nassau's Road expressway.

The report on motion accepted.

Registration Committee Chairman Patricia Press reported 408 voters as of January 24, 1970. She reported the following assessors elected by the referendum counted on November 6.
~~Hal~~ Harold Monfort, Morris Rosen, Michael Curtis, Carl Van Oreele, Shaul Gladstone, S Louis Bean, Bernard Brachman.
All items of the Budget passed. We received 288 ballots representing a total of 71 percent of eligible voters.

Safety Committee Louis Bean reported the Committee are trying to arrange police coverage. Residents were asked to check the town during Mischief Night and Halloween.
It proved to be impossible to hire an off-duty police officer.
A committee met with Donald E Payne of the Delaware Agency to Reduce Crime. Mr Payne explained that only communities hiring a full time specially trained officer can share in funds set up by the governor to aid in police expenses.
Mr Payne thought it might be possible for Arden to make a financial arrangement with the County to provide police coverage.
Mr Payne arranged a meeting with Mr William Conner, County Executive, Mr Press, Mr Bean, Mr Liberman and a representative from Bellefonte because that community has the same problem as Arden.
Mr Conner felt that it could be arranged for Arden and Bellefonte to share a county police for total of 8 hours per day seven days per week with car and equipment for about $10,000 per year. Mr Payne advised that this would merit a 60-40 matching money from his agency. Ardens cost would be $5000 less

this $3000 subsidy or $2000 per year. No problems were foreseen in arranging with Bellefonte for an equitable distribution of the officers time. Mr Payne indicated that the money could not be available from his agency until March or April.

Mr Bean is being transferred from the Arden therefore he has to resign from the Committee. His successor will be elected under new business.

The Committee report on motion was accepted.

The report of the representative, Frank Abrutowicz, of the Council of Civic Organization stated

1- Penn Central railroad has won the right to fill to the low water line of the Delaware from Edgemoor to Claymont.

2- the Highway Committee of the Brandywine Council mustered a have majority supporting the Naaman Road expressway

3. The Council is opposing the proposed airport at Painter Cross Roads in Pennsylvania.

4 District studies with detailed zoning maps are completed.

The report on motion accepted.

Arden Resource committee report by Tom Tonge.

The question of zoning change has been worked out as outlined in the Trustees report.

The committee has arranged to hold a meeting on February 23 when representative of the State Police will discuss the problem of crime and drug use in Arden.

The Arden Club has adopted a resolution to hold 4 special meetings this year to find ways to make Club more responsive to needs of the Ardens.

The report on motion accepted.

The special committee appointed by William Press to meet with town representatives to discuss

teens relationship with community met on October 7, 1969. The committee was Warren Hoffman, Leon Tanzer, Stephen Potter, acted as moderator, Michael Curtis, Aaron Hamburger, Marjorie Lashey and William Press. The youth representative were Peter Brockman, Andrew Gallagher Jr, Sharon Gallagher, Pamela Cooper, Tim Colgan, Dennis Dillon.

Many of the problems were outlined and some of the possible solutions were discussed. The young people present at the October meeting felt that a meeting of only the youths would be better than a general meeting of the three Ardens. This meeting was held and Michael Curtis acted as adult representative. About 20 young people attended and they decided to boycott all drug peddlers. They would try to control parking so it did not create a traffic problem. They would try to keep the greens clean. One of the problems is that there are several groups of young people and the ones that attended the two meetings cannot control the others.

New business:

John Grimaldi was nominated to fill Louis Bean's term on the Safety Committee. The secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing him unanimously.

A vote of appreciation was given to Ruth and Louis Bean for their unselfish contributions to the life of the community during their years of residency. The Town Assembly regretted that they have to leave Arden.

The following nominations were made by the Advisory Committee.

Auditing Committee George Hansteen Samuel Harmity Murray Lashey Frank Starr Carl Von Breele
Hugh Roberts was nominated from the floor.

Registration Committee: Doris Davis Harriet Hoffman Beatrice Jaffer, Mary Kinne, Bessie Southwell, Tenna Tanzer
Budget Committee: Murray Lashey Roy Lipstein, William Morley John Page
Civic Committee Michael Curtis, Jerry Milstein, Alex Sykulski Wordrow Vandever
Community Planning Aaron Hamburger Ethel Monfort Elizabeth Valley Edith Ware
Safety Committee Jack Borard Marcia Hoopes, T. Edward Southwell Tenna Tanzer
Advisory Committee Chairman Aaron Hamburger
Chairman of Town Assembly William Press
Treasurer of Town Assembly Rae Gerstine
Secretary of Town Assembly Mary Morley

On motion the nominations were closed.

A motion was made and carried that the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden start at 8 P.M. instead of 8.30 P.M.

The secretary was request to write to Donald Stephens and Edwin Anderson expressing the Town Assembly wishes for a speedy recovery from their serious illness.

~~The meeting on motion adjourned.~~

~~Respectfully submitted~~
~~Mary Morley Secretary~~

Mr I. B. Finkelstein proposed that quorum of 35 for Town Assembly be reduced as recommended.
There is no mechanism in the town charter for amendment. The secretary was instructed to find out the means of amending the Town charter.

The meeting on motion adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Mary Morley
Secretary