

The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on January 26, 1981 with Chairman, William Press, Jr. presiding.

As required by Senate Bill No. 256, the following is the list of the attenders at this meeting:

Ruth Shaw	Eugene Shaw	Rae Gerstine
Jim Brooks	Mary Morley	John Grimaldi
Gail Rinehart	Patricia Press	Bill Press
Carolyn Liberman	Hugh Roberts	Amy Cook
Alton Dahl	M. Roberts	Beverly Gladstone
Bill Bailey	Sally Thurston	Jean Brackman
Bernard Brackman	Betty Knotts	Bertha Brooks
Susan Fary	Ethel Monfort	Dora Johnson
Beverly Gulley	Harold Monfort	Leon Tanzer
James Gulley	Lee Starr	W. Bindloss
William Fary	Aaron Hamburger	Frank Herzog
Virginia Shaw	Shaul Gladstone	E. Hurlong
Bunni Hurlong	Diane Kershaw	Wayne Kershaw
Frank Akutowicz	Cy Liberman	David Warner
Beverly Barnett	D. Holcomb	W. Vandever
Carolyn Asher Altschuler	Paul Thompson	Cheryl Anderson(NV)
Richard Lebeis NV	Marjorie vanGulick	Norman vanGulick
Newton Scott		

The minutes on motion received as circulated.

A letter of resignation from Barthelomeo Passanante from the Safety Committee was accepted.

In answer to our motion of September 22 that approval of a variance to any lot (one in question Lot 1-Charles Lantz) be approved by the Board of Adjustment, and duly constituted representative of Village of Arden or its Trustees, "The Board is of the opinion that it does not have authority to establish such a rule or law."

Office of Revenue Sharing expects to have data on Village of Arden share in next few days. (Letter dated January 30, 1981 Village share for 12th Entitlement Period(101/80 to 9/30/31 is \$2865. _

Trustees financial report is on file. The budget expenditures for year 80-81 to date circulated.

Cy Liberman reported for the Trustees That"

As you know, the first duty of the Trustees is to collect the land rent. The bills for the rent due March 25, the start of the new fiscal year have been mailed. They contain an explanation for the computation of the land rent. In a few cases the land rent due last March has not been paid. The Trustees will inform those leaseholders who are delinquent in payment of rent that unless they make arrangements for monthly payments, the Trustees will take legal action. This will mean a lien will be placed against their properties. Report accepted.

No report from the Auditing or Budget Committees.

The Community Planning Committee submitted the following report:

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Community Planning Committee report by Cy Liberman:

1. In 1976 The Town Assembly adopted a resolution objecting to the placement of fill on a lot in Ardentown near the former swimming pool site. Since that time the leaseholder has reached agreement with New Castle County for restrictions on developing the lot. The dwelling would be built on pilings and no additional fill would be placed. The committee believes Arden's original interest would be protected. The committee has prepared a resolution to remove Arden's objections.
 2. The committee has listened to a presentation on the county's new historic zoning classification. Their conclusion is that it would require a new layer of paperwork when Arden homeowners wish to build additions without providing any incentive such as a tax reduction. The committee recommends that Arden not apply for this zoning.
 3. The committee continues to operate and care for the Memorial Garden. Currently the bushes there are being trimmed.
 4. The committee is still considering a proposal that a conservation easement be granted by the village to insure that no development will ever occur in the Arden Forest.
- The report accepted.

Report of Board of Assessors. John Grimaldi was elected Chairman and Harold Monfort Secretary. Meetings were held on December 8, 1980 and January 19, 1981. Meeting schedule, February 16, April 23, Open meetings May 27, June 1 and June 3. The input of residents will be considered. The report accepted.

Civic Committee report prepared by Chairman Joan Colgan.

The Civic Committee had two regular and several special meetings since the September Town Assembly.

All the work on the roads gutters and paths are contracted for in our budget which ends, March 24, 1981. and the work has been completed. The committees' funds were strained and we had to use money from the contingency fund to pay for damages and clean-up due to two wind and rain storms during the summer. All woods, paths were cleared and damage to the Greens were repaired.

After a long period during which we attempted to work with other Ardens to store sand and salt need for winter roads, we were unable to come to an agreement with Ardentown. So Arden and Ardencroft after carefully combing both towns, decided to store this material at the end of Hillside Road near the old swimming pool area.

The pile of sand and salt were put in a place where only grass grew and covered to help prevent leeching into the ground. This material will be removed when it is no longer needed.

A resident asked the committee if there was a possibility that Arden could have windmills erected to help provide energy for the community. We visited an agency which recommends such equipment. We found that Arden has too many trees to make this feasible.

We are also looking into an on-going village collection of paper and glass.

Later in the meeting the third reading of Ordinance #11 will be considered.

Letter was received from residents on lower Hillside Road near Arden Forests.

They questioned whether the Civic Committee had considered the rights of the leaseholders directly concerned with the storing of sand and salt in the woods. They questioned if the Safety and Community Planning Committees had been involved. The placement of road maintenance supplies has violated all the above precepts as follows:

- a-Paths to Naaman's Creek and path entering Arden Forest have been bull-dozed over.
- b. Trees have been cut down and the area that had been rock-covered will be barren of growth.
- c. The sand pile covered by a white tarpaulin is an eye sore.
- d. Deep ruts have been placed in other adjacent areas presenting a safety hazard to anyone walking into the forest.
- e. No one on Hillside road was consulted or notified of this impending disaster.
- f. The entire area now looks like a town dump.
- g. Salt leaching into the soil will destroy additional vegetation.
- h. The installation has been laid out so thoughtlessly that planting for camouflage are impossible. This letter was signed by Gladstones, small the Hurlongs and Anna Ponte.

Registration Committee report by Virginia Shaw:

Qualified voters on the committee's list are 400.

At the referendum held in October, 1980, all items of the proposed budget were approved by a majority of the voters. As counted by the Hare method of proportional representation, the following Assessors were elected in this order: John Grimaldi, Eugene Shaw, Aaron Hamburger, Harold Monfort, Elizabeth Varley, William Press, William Morley.

At a recent meeting the list of voters were updated. Tentative plans for a series of neighborhood open houses in the spring were made. These will be like those held several years ago. Report approved.

Report of the Buzz Ware Village Center by Elizabeth Varley:

The committee sponsored what they hope will be the first of many "Holiday Gala" on December 13. During the course of the evening about 80 residents dropped in to sample the mulled wine, cider, and goodies. Several of Arden's crafts people had their wares available. Bert Passante graciously provided piano music for caroling.

On display was the new sign which will hang next to the Arden Quilt. It includes a short history of the making of the quilt, a key to the squares and the certificate of merit. It was designed and executed by Connee and Russ McKinney. Report received.

Playground Committee by Beverly Barnett:

The committee held two inspections this quarter on November 1 and December 21.

They have been experimenting with planer shavings as mulch under play equipment. The savings have been provided through generosity of William Bailey. This seems to be a successful and low-cost way to provide a soft ground cover.

Expenses for the quarter are \$15.69. Budget balance is \$18.32.

Report accepted.

Under old business the third reading of Ordinance #11-Encroachment on Right-Of-Way was read.

Purpose: The residents of Arden wish to promote safety and preserve the beauty of the Village of Arden by requiring residents to care for areas between leaseholds and paved roads or paths.

Section 1. It shall be the responsibility of each leaseholder of leaseholder's tenants to maintain a clear right-of-way adjacent to his household. Right-of-way to be the designated distance from center of road or path.

Section 2. Right-of-way shall be kept clear of any plantings or overgrowth of trees, shrubs, or vines planted on leaseholds. Right-of-way shall also be kept clear of permanent objects that will not permit pedestrians to move off road to avoid traffic.

Section 3. The Arden Civic Committee is empowered to judge the extent of trimmings, cutting and cleaning required, and to inform leaseholders or tenants of a lot judged by the committee to be in need of such trimming, cutting or cleaning.

Section 4. In the event such notice from the committee does not result in the desired action within 30 days, the committee is empowered to have the work done under Section 4.

Section 5. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not less than \$25 not to exceed \$100, in addition to the cost of the work done under Section 4.

Susan Fary asked what right-of-way on Harvey Road. This varies on certain streets,, maintenance of the sides of Harvey is not maintained by the town unless overgrowth is endangering clear view at corners. Leaseholders have been informed of this and requested to eliminate the danger. Most leaseholds comply with the request. Susan Fary also suggested that the Civic Committee and another small committee take of situation if anyone objects to a fine.

The ballots were passed out and Ordinance 11 passed with 29 aye votes and 13 nay votes.

The rewording of the duties of the Safety Committee were passed out for action.

Safety Committee:

- A. The Safety Committee shall consist of five residents of Arden, elected By a majority of those voting at the regular March meeting. The term shall be for twos, three members to be elected on odd numbered years and two on even numbered years.
- B. The duties of the Safety Committee shall be:
 1. To see that the Safety Code of the Village of Arden, as adopted by the Town Assembly, be enforced by the proper duly constituted police authorities.
 2. In the event the Town Assembly appoints a police force for the Village of Arden, The Safety Committee is to be responsible for supervision of that police force and for recommending additions to or deletions from the police force to the Town Assembly.
 3. To be invested with authority to take emergency action necessary

to guard public safety without previous specific action by the Town Assembly.

4. To be charged with the responsibility of preparing any additional safety ordinances for approval by the Town Assembly.
5. To be responsible for recommending traffic control signs to the Town Assembly for approval and to be responsible for seeing to the erection and/or replacement of those signs approved by the Town Assembly.
6. To approve all bills for monies expended by the committee and to submit them to proper authorities for payment

The motion to adopt the duties of the Safety Committee was passed.

The nominations for the standing committees was presented by the Advisory Committee with nominations to be made from the floor. Those marked with an * are presently serving and are standing for re-election.

~~Auditing Committee~~-William Bindloss*, Norman Barron Alton Dahl*, James Gulley Finn Hannover, Gail Rinehart
 Budget Committee: Clyde Davis, Frank Herzog Dora Johnson, Harold Monfort, Lee Starr, Leon Tanzer
 Civic Committee: William Bindloss*, Joan Colgan*, Beverly Gulley, John Landis, Gail Rinehart*, William Theis
 Community Planning Committee: William Bailey, Sandra Hurlong Cy Liberman* Ethel Monfort*, Patricia Press*, Russell McKinney
 Registration Committee: Jean Brachman, Beatrice Jaffe*, Carolyn Liberman* Marjorie Roberts*, Virginia Shaw*, Eleanor Janet Tschopp
 Safety Committee: Carolyn Asher, John Berk, James Brooks Wayne Kershaw* Paul Thompson, David Warner
 Buzz Ware Village Center: Bunni Hurlong, Diane Kershaw Yvonne King* George Macklem Sally Thurston, Marjorie van Gulick
 Playground Committee: William Bailey*, Beverly Barnett*, John Gray, Frank Heymann*, Mary Jane Jackson, Jean Luker
 Chairman of Town Assembly: Michael Curtis, William Press*
 Advisory Committee Chairman: Aaron Hamburger, Hugh Roberts*
 Secretary of Town Assembly- Mary Morley
 Treasurer of Town Assembly- Rae Gerstine

The following resolution was presented by the Community Planning Committee:

"Whereas, in 1976 the Town Assembly of Arden adopted a resolution objecting to the placement of fill on an Ardentown lot in the Naaman's Creek flood plain, this being lot 274-1/2:

And whereas, the leaseholder of lot 274/1/2 has reached agreement with New Castle County on restrictions to be applied in developing that lot providing for construction on pilings with no additional fill;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Village of Arden has no objection to the development of lot 274-1/2 in Ardentown providing that any structure is built on pilings and that no additional fill is placed on the lot by this leaseholder or any succeeding one."

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The secretary is instructed to notify New Castle County of this action.

The meeting on Motion adjourned.

Mary Morley
 Mary Morley, Secretary