The regular meeting of the Town Assembly was held on January 20, 1957 with Trustee Hare presiding.

After a quorum was declared present the minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The financial report of the Trustees was read and approved. H D Wade reported that a traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Harney and Marsh Roads. The Trustee and the Advisory Committee agreed to the three suggestions made by the highway department i.e.: 1- Sherwood Road would be one way from Marsh to Hillside 2- The mailbox on corner of Sherwood & Harney would be moved 3- the proprietor of the store at the corner be informed that he must find parking area for his customers because parking at the corner would have to be prohibited. These stipulations have been met. The report of the Trustees was accepted.

Civic Committee. A Willcox reported that all community project orders have been completed and that no other work can be done until the new budget because Town funds have been spent. The snow removal contract was given to Sonny Downs. Ardencraft has asked permission to have its residents included as members of the swimming pool. If this permission is granted the sum of $20 will be contributed to pool expenses. The report accepted.

Assessors report. John Page reported that they have had two meetings. They have re-evaluated the differential factor between 100% lots and less desirable lots. All leaseholders affected will be informed so that they can present their opinions

at the two open meetings on May 5 and June 5.
Budget & Community Planning no report.
Registration Committee reported that out of 376 votes 87% or 318 votes received at the referendum. All items of the budget passed and the new By Laws were passed by a large majority. The following were ~~nominated~~ elected to serve as assessors: Samuel Freeman, John Page, Frank Harrison, William Morley, Morris Rosin, Marti Holden, Michael Jaffe. The report of the committee was accepted.
Henry Oughey feels that the Hare system of proportional representation is not good because you can disqualify so many votes. He proposed that the Registration Committee and By-Laws committee study other plans of proportional representation to determine if a better plan can be found.
Advisory Committee met and made nominations for committees as set forth in the ~~the~~ new By-Laws. It was noted that the By Laws did not make provision for the nomination of a chairman of the Advisory Committee or for the Assembly Secretary. It is felt that any nominations for these offices should be checked before nomination to be sure the person would serve.
The committee also ascertained that although Ardentown & Ardencraft did not help for printing the map on the rent list no extra charge was made for making the large map. The town did not pay for the inclusion of the articles by Donald Stephens.

No report by By-Laws & Sanitary Committee.
Mr. Seligman reported for the Water + Sewerage Committee.

Water question - the committee has followed the hearings before the Public Service Commission concerning the raise in rates. It is apparent that some adjustment in rates can be expected to improve the financial position of the water company. The committee has contacted officials of the water company to discuss improvement of service.

Sewerage - Plans for the Noamoni Creek interceptor system are in various stages of development. It is expected that the pipe will go up the far side of the Noamoni Creek that will not interfere with the swimming pool.

The Committee feels that Arden should join the Noamoni Creek sewerage interceptor district. There are four charges: Sanitary district charge, front footage charge, connection charge, annual service charge, and individual hookup charge.

The method of paying the sanitary district charge is the most difficult to solve under the Arden system of land rentals. An open meeting will be held in March so that all viewpoints can be heard. After that meeting the Committee will make recommendations to the Town and if recommendations are accepted, they will proceed with petitioning the Sup. Court to take steps required to set up a Sanitary district. The report of the committee accepted with thanks for a job well done.

The School Trustees stated that Ardencroft has asked to be included into the Arden School district. At the present time the number of children in question is so small that it does not present

a problem but if the population increases greatly it could mean additional rooms required at the school. It is felt that a school census of Arden, Ardentown and Ardencroft should be taken before a decision can be made. The report was accepted.

Under ~~[illegible]~~ unfinished business the question of proposed state maintenance of Arden roads was raised. It was explained that the Advisory Committee did not want to act on this at the present because they felt that the maintenance of roads out of town funds would insure maintenance the way the town preferred. It was also pointed out that the State might widen the roads if they took over maintenance.

Although the card concerning use of firearms in Arden has not been sent, no gunning signs were posted all over the woods.

The following nomination were made by the Advisory Committee. Three members of all nominated committee are to be elected in March.

Civic	Budget	
Arthur Stevenson	Albert Williams	William Press
Shaul Gladstone	Kurt Seligman	Gordon Gregg
Leon Tanzer	Carl Van Orell	Olav Vik
Bernard Rebhan	Lawrence Lipstein	Ray Lipstein
Francis Furman	Gilbert Worrell	Morris Rosin

Community Planning:	Registration Committee
Edith Brooks	Mark Holden
Thomas Colgan	Carolyn Liberman
William Morley	Edith Ware
Eve Santee	Frank Herzog
Beatrice Jaffe	William Blackman
Charles Vinson	James Moore
Gennie Williams	

Auditing Committee. Murray Laskey
Carl Von Duck
Frances Furman
Edward Arndt
Gordon Gregg
Morris Feldman.

The meeting on motion adjourned
Respectfully submitted

Mary Morley
Secretary.