The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held on July 23, 1956 with ~~the following members~~ present Trustee Ware presiding.

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

The financial report of the Treasurer was read and approved. A copy is on file.

H D Ware reported that under the recent legislature all roads constructed before 1951 can be turned over to the state for maintenance. At the present time our roads are maintained from Town funds by the Civic Committee. There are many factors to be considered before we decide to turn the roads over to the state. Therefore the matter has been turned over to the Advisory Committee for study and recommendation as to what action should be taken.

Civic Committee report was given by Arthur Sferesson: The fence has been erected at the swimming pool and the path through the woods repaired. Dangerous trees are being cut upon Arden and Sherwood Forests and residents may help themselves to the lumber. Sale of badges at the pool is slow this year because of cool weather. A parking lot was opened on the Arden side but it is creating a hazard because of the narrow road and reckless driving of those using it. The Civic Committee suggests that a Sanitary Committee of two be appointed to check all sewerage problems arising in

the town.

John Walker presented the Assessors report. The report outlined many of the factors that the assessors studied in order to arrive at the assessment for 1957. It was resolved by the majority of the Board that:

1. The base rate shall be $3.85 per 100 sq feet of land

2. Factors for assessments of properties fronting on more than one road, commons and forests are allowed to remain the same.

A copy of this report is on file

Mildred Jaffe made a minority report. He said that the assessors had done a tremendous amount of work but that he dissented from the base rate arrived at by the majority. He stated that it might be necessary for the minority to go to a court of chancery to obtain ruling on full rental value. He stated that assessments have been influenced by 1- appeal to keep taxes low, but this does not have any bearing on full rental value 2- idea that we will assess enough to keep town going but not enough to build up a surplus. His recommendation was that rate be $4.40 per 100 square feet and that this 10% increase be mandatory over a ~~10~~ 5 year period. He also recommended that all the acreage including the woodlands be assessed and evaluated. ~~and~~

The assessors pointed out that in arriving at their evaluation of land that is leased the factors of commons and forests added to the value

Donald Stephens pointed out that base rate in Ardencroft was $4.80 and

in Ardentown 3.95 These figures are assessed by the Trustees but are subject to arbitration in Ardentown. He urged that the base rate in Arden be increased.

The Assessors were asked whether Arden as a community rather than a parcel of land entered into their consideration of full rental value. The Assessors did take this factor into consideration.

It was suggested that we use the Sumner system of land evaluation.

Many people commented upon the thoroughness of the Assessors' report and obvious attempt on their part to arrive at full rental value.

The Board of Assessors recommended also that consideration be given to having an alternate elected assessor who will serve and vote in the event that one of the seven elected assessors cannot serve on the Board for any reason.

On motion the Assessors report was accepted.

Budget Committee. R. Dalmetsch requested that all budget figures be given to the committee by August 15 and that the Trustees present the total assessment to them by August 15.

Community Planning no report.

Registration Committee reported 399 voters.

Advisory Committee reported that they had asked the following to go on the slate for the special Committee to study sewage disposal system and effect on Arden of new developments in the area:

Jane Aughey Jacob Balick Earl Brooks, Richard Dalmetsch Francis Furman, Bernard Kleban, William Press James Robertson, Kurt Seligman, Olav Vik Carl Von Drule, Ernest Wilson. No one was nominated from the floor. The Registration Committee conducted the election and reported the following elected: Kurt Seligman,
Richard Dalmetsch.
Olav Vik.
Jane Aughey.
Carl Von Drule

The Advisory committee recommends that this committee work with representatives for Ardentown and Ardencroft.

The committee also recommended that inasmuch as sending rubbish notices once a month cost about $8.00 that notices could be sent every three months and each person make a notation of the date.

Auditing committee submitted a written report of their audit of the Trustees books. The accumulated unexpended income now stands at nearly $10000 aside from Sewer reserve of $2500. Most of this money is in full paid stock in Arden. B+L. Asso. Safety Committee reported that there had been several arrests for illegal parking on Arden roads because the police had patrolled our roads as well as Chestnut Lane. When the Civic + Safety Committee found out about this, they asked the police to give parking tickets to those parking in restricted areas as outlined by yellow curbs.

no report for By Laws committee.
The proposed change in By Laws and the suggestion of an alternate Assessor will be given to the By Laws Committee to put in proper form to be presented to the September meeting.
The following were nominated to serve on the Board of Assessors to be elected by proportional representation:

John Page	Morris Rosin	Carolyn Interman
Carl Van Dregle	Lloyd Estes	
~~Samuel Freeman~~	Donald Stephens	
~~Frank Freeman~~		
Percival Jaffe	Jacob Babich	
Paul Smith	Thomas Calgan	
Ernest Wilson	Marti Holden	
Frank Harrison	Henry Hughey	
William Morly	Kurt Seligman	
Edward Arndt	Olav Vik	

Motion was made and passed that a Sanitary Committee of two be appointed.

Thomas Calgan withdrew his name from the list of nominees for Community Planning and the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing Edith Ware and Marti Holden for two years.

A motion that the Rubbish notices be sent out every month was defeated by 17 nays to 9 ayes.
A motion to send out Rubbish notices every 3 months was passed.
A C.P.C. was commended upon the splendid job it is doing this year.

On motion the meeting adjourned. Mary Morley Secretary