The July 24, 1944, meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, Del.

The meeting was held at Gild Hall, Arden, Del., and was presided over by Trustee Ware.

After the Chairman had declared a quorum to be present, the minutes of the June 26 meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from the Board of Trustees of the Arden school which pointed out that the Permanent Budget Commission of the State of Delaware after hearing the plea of Mrs. Samuel Harrison, Chairman of the Town Assembly's School Committee, had granted the full amount requested for repairs to the Arden school. The letter requested the permission of the Town Assembly to use funds appropriated by the Town of Arden for specific school repairs which are now covered by the State's appropriation, for additional improvements to the school. It was further pointed out that the School Trustee's program directed toward securing a permanent modern school for the Arden area was making considerable progress.

The Secretary read the letter which had been written at the request of the Town Assembly to the Auxiliary Police of the Arden

Defense Sector asking them to consider the setting up of a program whereby they would contribute to the maintenance of law and order in Arden. No reply had been received.

At the request of Mr. Joseph Halbert a letter which had been written to him by the Trustees of Arden was read. The letter rejected Halbert's claim for back wages for services rendered as policeman of Arden.

Trustee Ware reported progress for the Trustees stating that a financial report would be presented at the August meeting.

Herman Kumme reported for the Civic Committee. A copy of the report is attached.

Mr. H. J. Pressman moved that the report with all of its recommendations be accepted and that a vote of thanks be given to the Civic Committee for the fine job that it has done. The motion was seconded and approved.

William Frank reported for the Board of Assessors. The report, a copy of which is attached, includes the following resolution which had been unanimously adopted by the Board of Assessors:

"Be it resolved that the base land rents in Arden, beginning March 25, 1945, be the same as the base land rents for the year

beginning March 25, 1944;

And be it further resolved that the Assessors feel that further studies and discussion should be made by the Board of Assessors during the coming year with the view of working out a more practicable system of land rental valuations than that now in effect."

J. X. Jaffe praised the new spirit of cooperation and moved that the report including the above resolution be accepted and that a vote of thanks be given to the Board of Assessors for the work that it has done. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mary Morley reported for the Registration Committee stating that the only function of the committee during the past month was to bring the list of the residents of Arden up to date.

Thomas Farrell reported for the Budget Committee stating that the Committee was at work on the preparation of the budget for the 1945-46 year.

Edith Ware and H. J. Pressman reported progress for the Community Planning Committee and the Auditing Committee respectively.

Francis Harrison reported for the School Committee, Mrs. Harrison stated that the School Trustee's letter had already pointed out the

successful results of the Committee's efforts to obtain more funds from the State for repairs to the Arden school and moved that ~~Gov.~~ the Assembly empower the Secretary to write to Gov. Bacon, Mr. Seaman, Mr. Storey, and Dr. Holloway thanking them for their cooperation and consideration in helping the Arden School obtain the repair funds. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dr. J. K. Jaffe moved that the School Committee be thanked for its fine work, that the report be accepted, and that the Committee be reimbursed for any expenses it may have incurred. The motion was seconded and approved.

Clement Wood pointed out that the residents of Arden were considerably indebted to Mrs. Harrison for the tremendous amount of work which she did as Chairman of the school Committee and that Mrs. Harrison's plea before the Permanent Budget Commission had considerable to do with the acquisition of all which was requested.

Under new business Henry Angley asked for advice from the Town Assembly as to what the School Trustees should do with the $367 which had been appropriated for school repairs which are now covered by the state appropriation

Mrs. Harrison stated that the ~~additional~~ $347 could be put to good use in making additional improvements to the school.

The meeting agreed that the money had been appropriated for school maintenance and that the School Trustees could spend the money for any maintenance problem.

H. J. Pressman suggested that the residents of Order use lot numbers in addition to their normal address as an assistance to the mailman.

Thomas Farrell asked for a report of the vote on the previous budget item concerning the payment of $375 in back wages to the former Order policeman, Joseph Hobbart. The Secretary reported that 83% of the residents who voted on the item approved the payment, 72% of all of the eligible voters having voted.

Samuel Freeman moved that a By-Laws Committee of 5 be elected to function as a ~~standing~~ special Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

The following individuals were nominated:

Samuel Freeman
Elsa Wood
William Frank

Lena Hurlong
William Ford
H. J. Pressman
Sylvan Levy
David Bloom
Russell Peterson

William Ford and David Bloom withdrew their names from nomination.

J. H. Jaffe moved that the By-Laws Committee ~~of~~ consist of 7 members and that the 7 who had been nominated be elected. The motion was seconded and approved.

Henry Angley told of the progress which had been made toward obtaining a new school for the Arden district and asked for the assistance of all who were interested. He suggested that plans be formulated as soon as possible so that the formation of an Arden school district can be proposed to the Legislature in January.

Edmund Hurlong asked that the School Committee be directed to submit a plan for a new school to the Town Assembly. Chairman Wyre stated that such action would fall as a regular responsibility of the School Committee.

Signed: R. W. Peterson