The July 24, 1950 meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, Delaware was held in the Field Hall and presided over by Trustee Ware.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Robert McKinstry thanking the town folk of Arden for their expression of sympathy at the death of his wife was read.

A letter from Bronson Sufts declining the nomination to serve on the Community Planning Committee was summarized but not read as some of the letter applied primarily to the Civic Committee and the secretary was advised to turn it over to them.

The secretary read the financial report of the Trustees for the period from June 26 to July 24. A Balance of $6333.6 was reported. On motion the acceptance of this report was passed. A copy of this report is attached.

The Civic Committee reported they had made a tour of the Town noting road repairs needed, clean-up work that must be done. Some of the work ordered has been delayed because of the illness of Mr. Vanderen. They reported a balance of $711.10 collected at the pool to date. A total of $1065.14 has been expended. The report on motion was accepted.

The Assessors reported that due to unforeseen circumstances the Board of Assessors are unable to bring a report of the assessment to the July meeting and requested that the July meeting not be adjourned but continued into the August meeting for the report of the Assessors.

Several people expressed displeasure at the failure of the Assessors to come to some agreement about the assessment as they had been elected in November.

There was considerable discussion concerning the advisability of having the Assessors assessment and the Budget handled at the August meeting. It was pointed out that it would be necessary to know the assessment before the Budget could be drawn up. A proposal to hold the assessor's report until the October meeting to give them time to study the problem of the assessments met with disfavor.

A motion was made and passed that the Assessor's report be accepted but that the July Town Assembly would be continued on August 7.

Budget Committee no report.

Community Planning Committee informally reported that they had requested the Selectmen to purchase cherry trees to plant around the Green.

Registration Committee reported that they held a meeting on July 17. at which time Harold Monfort was selected, Chairman.

The mechanism of the forthcoming referendum were discussed and the committee requested the voters to decide whether a referendum by mail be held or whether to try a referendum by personal casting of ballots at some central point be tried. There was considerable discussion concerning the feasibility of personal voting but the concensus of opinion was that it was worth trying. A motion was made and passed that the report of the committee be accepted and that a balloting day for personal voting at a referendum be set.

Advisory Committee reported that it had held its regular meeting but the individual committee reports covered all the problems discussed.

Safety Committee met on July 7 and had traffic tickets printed as a reminder to the offenders that no parking rules were to be observed. A letter was sent to the Trustee asking that they request the State Police to patrol the Arden Roads. The Game Warden was asked to come into Arden to pick up unlicensed and stray dogs. The Game Warden came into town but did not do as requested. He informed Mr. Ware that he would have to a letter from the Trustees requesting that he come into Arden and then he would make a complete clean up. There was some discussion concerning the need for parking regulations and whether they could be enforced. It was felt that parking rules could be formulated and enforced by public opinion. The report on motion was accepted.

The Committee on resolutions met and sent letters to the families of all those suggested in the June meeting. A copy of the letters is to be attached to the minutes.

School Trustees no report

Under new business the election of the Community Planning Committee was conducted by the Registration Committee. Because Bronson Mfg. Virginia Williams and Amna Karlsson declined to serve only five names remained on the slate. It was necessary to hold the election to determine who would serve for 2 years on the Committee.

Because of Harry Pressman's illness he will be unable to serve on the Audity Committee.

The Committee reported that Jane Aughey, Edith Ware were elected for two years and Lorenzo Jones, Samuel Lee, and Charles Zunger for one year.

Earl Broadbent was nominated to serve in his place. The secretary was instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for his election.

A motion was made and passed that the Trustees ask the Game Warden to come into Arden and clean up any unlicensed and roaming dogs.

The Resolutions Committee was asked to send a letter to the family of Sarah Galvin expressing regret at her death and commending her for her many years of faithful service at the Harney Station.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.
May Morley.
Secretary.

The Continuation of the July 24, 1958 meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held in the Gild Hall on August 7 and presided over by Trustee Ware.

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The unfinished business of the July meeting the Report of the Board of Assessors was presented by Emanuel Gerstine.

The base rate was raised from $2.75 per 1000 square feet to $2.90 per 1000 square feet. $.40 per 1000 sq. feet is added to those lots which have more than one road factor and an area of 20,000 sq. feet or more.

There was considerable discussion ~~about~~ about adding this .40 additional for 2 roads on larger lots. The Assessors explained that they felt the larger lot with two roads has the advantage over a smaller lot because any lot over 20000 square feet can be divided into two lots.

There was discussion concerning the way the Assessors arrived at the rental value of Arden land. The Assessors had used 4% as the rate of interest of and Don Stephens questioned this figure because money cannot be borrowed at less than 5% at the present time

The ~~assessors~~ Assessors were asked if they had considered the land rental value in Ardentown and Ardencroft which is $3.30 per 1000 square feet for base rate. William Franks said that the assessors had considered these two communities but felt that neither community had democratic procedure of government; therefore Arden could not be assessed the same way. Donald Stephens and H. D. Ware, two

of the Trustees of Ardentown said that the Trustees of Ardentown consulted a real estate expert to arrive at the assessment figures in Ardentown.

The Assessors were asked whether all the members had taken the oath of office as required in the By-laws. The Assessors stated that all the new members had taken the oath but that those who had continued in office had not done so because since they were replacing themselves they felt that taking the oath once at the beginning of their term of office answered the requirements of the By-laws.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Assessors be accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Morley
Sec.