The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on June 22, 1971 at 8 P.M. with Chairman, William Press presiding.

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

A letter from Arden Community Recreation Association thanking Arden for its contribution to the fund was read.

Mr Liberman presented the financial report of the Trustees. The report was received and a copy is on file.

The Trustees called attention to a paragraph in all the leases that ~~the~~ some of the residents are not familiar with. The paragraph states none may hunt or cut timber, fence in woodlands or keep land in such disorder as to be injurious to the rights of others: made to cut trees on your own property or elsewhere it is necessary to get permission from the Trustees. The Trustees are distressed about the condition of one of the leaseholds and although the Trustees have never filed a suit against any lessee, they have agreed to do so in this case unless the lessee takes action to remove the dead elm that is spreading Dutch Elm disease in the area.

The Trustees have elected Cy Liberman as Chairman of the Trustees. The report on motion accepted.

Mr Harold Monfort - Chairman of the Board of Assessors distributed copies of the Assessors report.

The Assessors retained the sliding scale of land value developed in 1967. The scale is 3000 for 1/4 acre up to 10,000 for one acre. Areas above one acre are valued at 10,000 per acre. The percentage applied has been increased from 6.45% to 6.9% in recognition of general increase in cost of living and cost of money.

The resulting full rental value of Arden land has therefore been set at $18.92 per 1000 square feet for parcels up to 10,000 square feet and $15.02 per 1000 square feet for that portion in excess of 10,000 square feet.

Factor percentages developed last year have been retained intact. It is estimated that the increases will generate about $3500 to $4000 additional income. The Assessors report was received & presented.

No report for Budget Committee.

Civic Committee reported that the tax sale backslip has been completed. The committee has had two check up trips & has written to a few leaseholders about disorderly lots. Two new benches have been placed on the green at Snow Lane. The clean up day lasted two days & many truck loads of trash was hauled away. The Civic Committee expects to hold another collection day in the fall. The report on motion was accepted.

The Community Planning reported that they suggest a planting of trees along the Highway to enhance the looks of the Field Hall.

The trees planted this spring are growing.

well. The committee suggest that a community compost heap for ~~leaves~~ leaves only be established in a site in the woods. This would take care of the leaves in the fall and also provide compost for those that would like to use it. The report on motion accepted.

Report rules committee reported 39 registered voters

Advisory Committee report by Aaron Hamburger.
The Committee will report two proposed ordinances under new business.
The Committee decided not to take any action on a reduction in the quorum for Town Assembly because at the June meeting a reduction to 25 was defeated.
A request to develop a formal way of registering voters did not seem feasible because the Deed of Trust states that action on speedy of money etc must be be approval of the majority of the residents.
The Advisory Committee decided to wait until the State of Delaware lowers the voting age from 21 to 18. They would not recommend a change in our Charter.
The report was accepted as read.
Audit Committee was not able to audit the books because the audit from the accountants has just been received. The work will be done by the September meeting.

No report from the Safety Committee

Mr Pressy reported that he had been in touch with Mr Payne of the Delaware Agency to Reduce Crime and that all the mechanics for getting a policeman for the town have been completed. The funds are available but have not been released yet. Mr Payne felt that everything should be completed by July 15.

Unlicensed minibikes are not permitted on public roads or paths. If anyone sees anyone riding in Arden they should report the boy to the County or State Police.

Arden Resources Committee sponsored a forum June 9 on the narcotics situation in and around our community. It was attended by about 70 people and the affair was a great success. The Arden Club is planning to sponsor forums and hopes to be able to plan activities of interest to the young people.

No report from the Brandywine Council of Civic Organizations.

Arden Archives Committee is continuing to get material.

Under old business: It was felt that we should not wait until Dover and Washington adopt 18 as the voting age.

A motion was made to amend the charter to read:

Section 3 (a) Resident shall mean a person male or female eighteen (18) years and above who shall have resided in the Village for a

period of six consecutive months immediately preceding each referendum or each meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden held pursuant to the Act.

The motion carried with a vote of 42 ayes and 7 nays.

The amendment will be sent to Clarence Herbert to present to the legislature for action.

The Town Assembly extends to Dora Johnson and her family its regrets at the passing of Dr. Harold Johnson.

The Town Assembly passed a vote of appreciation to A. Barnes King for the attractive Village of Arden letterhead he designed.

A committee composed of Aaron Hamburger, William Press and Cy Peterman was appointed by the Advisory Committee to draw up Ordinance No. 4 - Use of Commons and Ordinance No. 5 - Noise. Copies of the ordinances were distributed.

Section 3 - ordinance 4 "No person shall use threatening and obscene language on the commons of Arden." was felt difficult to define.

A motion was made and passed to eliminate section three from the ordinance.

Section 3 No person or group shall sleep overnight or camp on or on the fields greens or other commons of Arden without written permission of the Trustees of Arden or the Chairman of the Town Assembly or the Chairman of the Civic Committee.

It was felt that this section should be

clarified somewhat

A motion was made and passed to change it to read one of the Trustees, or the Chairman of the Town Assembly or the Chairman of the Civic Committee or a designate of the above listed people.

A motion was made and passed to add "If permission is not granted reason for the refusal of the request shall be made in writing to the applicant.

Ordinance No. 5.

Section 4 on playing, radio, orchestra etc in any home or yard in the Village. It was suggested that noise be forbidden between the hours of 11 P.M. to 8 A.M. The motion was defeated

Section 3 - Add motor vehicles should not be operated in a way to cause unnecessary noise

A motion that volume of noise in section 4 should be judged by three members of elected Town official was defeated.

Section 6 second ~~paragraph~~ paragraph. It was on motion voted to change it to

"In considering violations of this ordinance the judge or magistrate shall consider the purpose stated in section 1 and the testimony of two or more persons who state that they have been unreasonably disturbed by noise or other sound."

To read two or more persons not occupying the same leasehold.

Section 5. Power Equipment. The normal noise of a chain saw engaged in authorized tree work and the normal noise of a lawn mower or other powered equipment being used in normally accepted work shall be excepted.

A motion to add that no chain saws shall be used on Sunday before noon was defeated

A motion was made and passed that section 5 be eliminated because it gives carte blanche on power equipment.

A motion was made and passed that a special Town Assembly be held in three weeks to present the second reading on ordinance # 4 and ordinance # 5.

A motion was made and passed that the Chairman of the Town Assembly appoint a committee to investigate all Federal grants and assistance that are applicable to the needs of Village of Arden.

A motion was made and passed that a telegram be sent to Senator Louise Conner, Representative Clarence Hechert & Herbert Lesher to Legislative Hall in Dover Staley.
"The Village of Arden meeting on June 22 passed a motion stating that it was opposed to the proposed consolidation of County and State police.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Morley.