The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held on June 23, 1958 with Trustee Ware presiding.

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

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

Mr. Williams made the report for the Civic Committee as follows: Income from swimming pool is low to date because of unseasonable cold wet weather. The water is being tested and chlorinated and the bacteria count is very low.

Three drainage ditches are being constructed or cleared at Schottes, Page and L. Stones.

The elm trees on Orleans Road the Highway and Sunset Lane have been sprayed to help control Dutch Elm disease and have been pruned. Large elm in front of Gild Hall has been fed. Two dead elms on Town property will have to be taken down and burned.

The Advisory Committee suggested that a tribute be made to Harry Vandever for his service to the town before he dies. The Civic Committee suggests that a Committee be appointed from the Town Assembly to take care of this matter.

A motion was made and passed that the report be adopted.

Assessors report was read by the Chairman Frank Harrison. The report stated as follows

1. affect of Arden town and Ardencroft rent on Arden rents ~~not~~ negligible.

2. Beauty of community social and cultural advantages make land desirable

3. Non rent acreage contribute to intrinsic value of rent producing acreage

4. Value of dollar has decreased

5. Inflationary trend has temporarily been arrested and land rents have remained essentially constant.

They considered also:

1. absence of sewers.

2. restrictions in getting mortgages on Arden properties.

3. general concept of single tax theory in an enclave surrounded by communities with a different tax structure.

4. Decrease in interest rates charged for prime secured loans.

The Assessors considered above factors and resolved that factors for assessment of roads, commons, and forest factors remain the same and the base rate should be 405 per 1000 square feet of land.

Motion was made and passed that the Assessors report be accepted.

Budget Committee - no report

Community Planning Committee also checked in fight on Dutch Elm disease. They felt that trees should be replaced by disease free trees when necessary. They wondered whether spraying trees would do any good if other communities nearby did not spray to control the disease. They felt that hedges around town are too high.

Registration Committee met with members of the Water + Sewerage Committee to check the names of those who had signed the petition in favor of sewers. At the time June 10 1958 there were 403 registered voters.

Planning Committee chairman reported that all considerations of the Committee had been reported by the various Committee chairmen who attended the meeting.

The Auditing Committee made an audit of the Treasurer books and report that all accounts are in good order. A copy of the report is on file.

The Water + Sewerage Committee reported that 271 eligible voters or 67.2% of residents voted in favor of sewerage in Arden. A letter was sent to the Trustees of Arden and a copy of

that letter to the Levy Court advising them of the result of the petition. The committee requested that the Trustees take the necessary steps to initiate sewers in Arden as soon as possible. The petition as amended on July 15, 1957 by the Town Assembly is an integral part of the report of the Committee.

Mr. Finkelstein took issue with the Water and Sewerage committee for sending a letter to the Levy Court outlining the results of the petition and sending them a copy of the letter sent to the Trustees. He felt that in sending the letter to the Levy Court the Committee had gone over the head of the Trustees. The chairman of the Committee said that the only intent the Committee had in sending a letter to the Levy Court was to inform the court that action had been taken on the matter of sewers in Arden and that further action on the matter would have to be carried on by the Trustees.

The committee report on motion was adopted.

Safety Committee have made arrangements with the State Police to patrol in Arden more often. The County Police are going to check parking on the streets and parking on yellow no parking areas.

The committee report was adopted.

Under new business Earl Brooks protested spraying Arden for mosquito control because insect control sprays are toxic and cause damage to those that breathe it in and eat food that has been sprayed. He cited the organic food movement as a way to protect the health of the nation and the doing away with all chemical means of controlling insects and fertilization. He made a motion that we reverse our policy of spraying for mosquitoes. The motion was defeated.

A motion was made and accepted that Bates McClean and Earl Brooks study the advisability of spraying for insect control and advise the Civic Committee of their findings.

At the last Advisory Committee a tribute to Harry Vandever for his years of service to the Community was proposed. The Civic Committee made the suggestion that a committee be appointed. A motion was made and passed that a committee be appointed to make proper recognition of the services of Harry Vandever to the community.

Pat Liberman moved that the Assessors report be reproduced and distributed throughout the Community. Motion passed.

The meeting on motion adjourned. Mary Morley
Secretary