The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on June 23, 1980 with Chairman, William Press, Jr. presiding.

As required by Senate Bill No. 256, the following list of the attenders at this meeting is:

Eugene Shaw	Ruth Shaw	Marguerite Daly
Mamie Woolery	Rae Gerstine	Virginia Mann
James Mann	Mary Morley	Virginia Shaw
Frank Heymann	Irene Heymann	Carolyn Liberman
Joan W. Colgan	Bob Wynn (NV)	Maggie Teel
Anna Naff	Thomas E. Colgan	Reese Davis NV)
Cy Liberman	Shaul Gladstone	Ethel Monfort
Patricia Press	Lee Starr	Beverly Barnett
William Press	H. R. Monfort	Paul Thompson
Terry Ann Colgan	Janice Keppler	Arlene Davis
Sarah Hamburger	John D. Hewlett	Houston Roberts
Aaron Hamburger	Warren Davis	Woodrow Vandever
William Morley	Marge Roberts	Elvie Grimaldi
John Grimaldi	B. S. Passanante	Ruth Estes
Mark Altschuler NV	Bea Phillips	Dora Johnson
Elizabeth Varley	Barbara Fenske	Frank Herzog
B. Brachman	Wm. Theis	Debbie Theis
Mel Hartman	J. W. Scott	D. C. Holcomb
Michael Colgan	Janet Macnamara	Ruth Penella
Amy P. Cook		

William Press presented a Certificate of Merit to Reese Davis for his many years of Service on the Civic Committee. In the past few years he had served as Chairman of this very active committee. Arden relies on the volunteer service of its residents to manage the problems of the village. Reese has served for many hours and the Town Assembly offers its thanks for his contribution.

The minutes of the March 24, 1980 meeting were approved as circulated.

The income and expenditure from the budget were circulated and approved. The Trustees financial report from March 25 to June 23 is on file. The Trustees $6,447.91 in checking account, $8,37456 in Savings Account and $141,797.24 in Investments. The Trust is solvent.

The report of the Auditors was circulated. Total income was $125,258.79 and total expenses were $134,006.45. Surplus at end of year was $74,839.95. This does not include Municipal Street Aid Fund, Revenue Sharing, and Village Center Fund. They were auditied and reported. On motion the report of the Auditing Committee was approved unanimously.

The Report of the Board of Assessors was circulated.

After much discussion the Board of Assessors selected a definition for "Full Rental Value" inclusingan appropriate accounting formula. The term Full Rental Value is not defined in any of the village's basic documents. The Assessors studid Progress and Poverty by Henry George, The Chancellor of Delaware's opinion in the 1935 Arden case. (Ross vs. Freeman.

The Board of Assessors conclude that the "Full Rental Value" of the Village leaseholds is the sum of its net costs, normally expressed by three Factors;

1. The amount required each September to pay the County and School tax levied on the ARden Trust.
2. The amount the Community desires for its STANDARD OF LIVING" as indicated by recent referenda.
3. Maintenance of a prudent reserve which will insure the flexibility needed by the Community in considering its next referendum.

In view of our deciding not to act on any new proposal for apportionment of rent to the various leaseholds, we voted 4 to 2 to raise last year's two basic land rents by 18.2% with results as follows:

For the "first 65.00 sq. ft.	4 3.60 per M sq. f
For " above 6500. sq. ft.	26.70 per M sq.ft.

By a vote of 5 to 1, we decided to retain the former Woods, Greens, etc. factors to added to base rates.
Application of base rate for any leasehold which, for the purpose of producin income, contains more than one domicile in the form of separate dwellings or apartments, shall be equal to the rent at the first 6,500 sq. ft. rate times the number of domiciles or the rent at the first 6500 sq.ft. rate for the entire leasehold whichever is the lesser.

Factors to be added to the to the base rents are as follows:

Lots adjacent to Arden of Sherwood Forest	10%
Lots fronting on Arden Forest or Sherwood Forest (i.e. across an intervening road)	5%
Lots adjacent to or fronting on any of the Greens (Village, Sherwood, Meadow or Communal)	5%
Lots being used commercially, either under commercial zoning or non-conforming use in residential area	75%

The rate structure is expected to produce approximately $130.500. for 1981-82. This is an increase of 18.2%.

John Grimaldi did not agree will all of the decisions of the Board of Assessors and presented his views to the Town Assembly.

Because of a business commitment, I was unable to attend the final meeting of the Board of Assessors at which time the Board decided on the method of determing the full rental value and the calculation for collecting the land rents. He was not able to vote, but he wishes to report how he would have voted.

1. I concur with the definition of "full rental value" as defined in the Assessors report, and he would have voted in favor of that portion of the report.

2. He feels strongly that the woods and greens factor are not to be considered in determing "full rental values since, in his opinion leaseholders adjacent to the woods and greens are not necessarily the most desirable locations in Arden.
In his opinion the domicle rule is contrary to the Georgist definition of Land value, since improvement in the land cannot be taken into consideration when establishing the "full rental value." His vote is to abolish the domicile rule.

He feels that we should revert to the earliest Arden concept of collecting Land rents. The value of each square foot remains constant in determing full rental value" regardless of whether the leasehold contains 6,500 sq. ft. or four times that number. At present the larger the leasehold, the less land rent per square foot is collected, which is an inequity in my view.

Chairman William Press said it was decided not to have refreshments before the meeting for time. The meeting thanked Barbara Fenske for her thoughtful preparation of the refreshments and providing hostesses to help her.

The nomination and election of vacancies om the committees were made now in order that the count could be completed.

Buzz Ware Village Center: Alton Dahl, James Badner
Civic Committee: William Bindloss, John Landis
Playground Committee: William Bailey, William Theis

Registration Committee report by Virginia Shaw:

There are 407 registered voters as of June 23, 1980
Virginia Shaw, as Public Records Officer, requests all chairman or secretaries of committees. to discuss with her as soon after July 10 as possible the amount, whereabouts and condition of records of their committees. She also wishes to remind them that records not in constant use may be sent to her for storage in the Village Record Center.

The Civic Committee report by Joan W. Colgan:

The committee had two regular and one special meeting since March 24. They are sorry to lose Reese Davis because he is moving from Arden, but we are grateful for the years of service he gave Arden.

Underold business the third reading of amend ment to Ordinance #4 will be made and under new business Ordinance 11 will be presented.

The special clean up done by Laxton only cost us $5 00. and they did a good job.

Two paths have been completed: Milky Way and path from Little Lane and Hillside Road. Road work on the Sweep and section of Millers Road from Mill Lane to Marsh Road will be rebuilt.

Two gullers will be built to carry off excess drainage: One on Frankel side of Wind Lane to Hillside and down Mill Lane to just below Libermans' drivewa y and on Woodland Lane to catch water flowing off the green and down to catch basin at Green Lane.

Large stones have been placed around the Greens and Sherwood Green to discourage parking,

The vandalism in the Frank Stephens Memorial Theater will be repaired. It was reported to the police.

All catch basins have been cleaned and four rebuilt.

Chip Till will replace the signs and Al Brattten put up new posts.

Laxton reported that this time, his fee for trash collection for 3/25/81 to 3/24/82 will be the same as this year, $22,000. unless his dumping fee is increased.

Budget Committee-No report

Community Planning Committee report by Cy Liberman:

1. The committee has received a request that the Village of Arden grant a "conservation Easement" to insure that our woods will be preserved and never developed. The Committee is studying this request and hopes to make a recommendation at the September meeting.
2. The committee hopes to start a small nursery to raise dogwoods for planting around the town.

3. The committee is having stones in the Memorial Garden lowered to conform with its rule on grave markers.

Report on Motion accepted.

Advisory Committee no report.

Safety Committee report by B. Passanante:

The Safety Committee has received numerous complaints about speeding and reckless driving in Arden. This is a serious problem and steps have been taken by the Trustees and by the Safety Committee to incease police patrols in Arden. This has been successful; several persons have been arrested and charged with violations, but the problem remains. Everyone is urged to report all violations to the county police. Repeated complaints will result in increased patrols and this will help having the persons making the violations easier to apprehend.

The Safety Committee is in the process of replacing missing traffic and parking signs and is currently preparing the 1980 safety action memo for distribution in early July.

The Safety Committee believes that the present method of appointing constables needs to be reasearched with town attorney and to have a method of appointing town constables worked out.

The Safety Committee is meeting second Wednesday of every month at the BWVC and request that residents report their problems to RECOM 731-8111. We do not get many patrols because residents do not report their problems.

The Registration Committee announced the results of the voting for replacement of committee members:

BWVC- Alton Dahl until March '82
Civic -W illiam Bindloss- completing Reese Davis teem to March ,1981
Playground- William Theis- until March 1982

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee report by Elizabeth Varley;

Because Joan Colgan had to resign from the committee due to pressure of her Civic Committee duties, two nominee were made tonight. They are James Badner and Alton Dahl.
The annua; 3-Arden yard sale was held in June and met with moderate success. They may have another sale in the Fall. There have been two braak ins; there they have decided to install lexan panels over the doors to prevent the glass from being broken. The new head of Wilmington Montessori Asso. is Dane Water.

No report from the Delaware League of Voters.

Playground Committee by Beverly Barnett:

The major item of business was removal of blacktop from under the two Arden Green swing sets and replacing it with energy-absorbing ground cover. Also material at the end of the slide. The Millers Road set need more mulch to bring it up to ground level. They are having difficulty in getting David Clark Landscaper to finish the job. Joanne Davies, newest member had to resign because she has left Arden. William Bailey and William Theis were nominated to replace her.

All Arden playground equipment was tested by ultra-sound equipment in early spring and found to be be"sound." Frank Starr did this service for the committee and the community.

Toddler play equipment for the Sherwood Green will be discussed at a public meeting on June 30.

In the interest of furthering physical fitness among residents, the Committee under new business will present a motion to mark a 1.4 mile walking or jogging path through Arden.

Teenage misuse of the Sherwood Green deckhouse has caused complaints and requests to remove the play equipment. We ask residents to dicuss these hazard with teenagers and join us in bringing constructive use of the equipment.

Report on motion accepted.

80th Birthday Celebration: William Press, Chairman,

Regardless of the westher on May 18, the committees and visitors' spirits were high and it was an extremely successful birthday celebration.

Income was $1700.24, expenses 1178.54 leaving a balance of $521.70. It was not necessary to use any of the $1,000.00 advance that the Town Assembly had voted if necessary.

The 80th Birthday Committee passed a motion at its last meeting to appropriate $100. to build a slide collection and another motion to reserve $25. for Archive use.

Attendance was close to 400 with 250 at dinner.

They are hoping to have at least two more 80th birthday events in the fall, an illustrated lecture on William Morris and a repeat of the Oral History tapes and transcripts.

Mr. Press took this opportunity to again thank everyone who so willingly worked to makethe day so successful.

The Committee will meet again early in the fall-and we're hoping we'll be seeing everyone at the fall events.

Under old business the situation about trash collection was reviewed, and it was decided to remain with Laxton Enterprises at $22,000. unless costs changed greatly.

Ordinance number 4-Use of the Commons was read and the final reading was adopted:

Section 4. No person shall fell a standing tree (dead or living) in the forests or common lands without possessing written authorization from the Civic Committee. Removal of wood from fallen trees in the forests shall be restricted to residents of Arden.

Town Watch reported that it needed more help from Ardentown and Ardencroft.

Under new business the following motion was made"

The Playground commitee asked the consent of the Town Assembly to mark a 1.4 mile walking or jogging path through Arden. A shoe sole painted on the pavement at 1/10th mile intervals facing traffic would mark a route circling the Village Green, crossing Harvey Road at Orleans, passing the Sherwood Green,, turning right on down Hillside and right again on Millers Road back to the Village Green. Motion made Beverly Barnett, seconded by Donald Holcomb. The motion passed 25 Aye 11 Nay

Ordinance #11-Encroachment on Right -of-Way

Purpose: The residents of Arden wish to promote safety and preserve the beauty of the village by requiring residents to care for areas between leaseholds and paved roads or paths.
Section 1 It shall be the responsibilty of each leaseholder or leaseholder's tenants to maintain a clear right-of-way adjacent to his household. Right-of-way to be the designated distance from center of road or path.

Section 2. Right of-way shall be kept clear of any plantings or overgrowth of trees, shrubs, or vines planted on leaseholds. Right-of-way shall also be kept clear of permanent objects that will not permit pedestrians to move off road to avoid traffic.

Section 3. The Arden Civic Committee is empowered to judge the extent of trimming, cutting and cleaning required, and to inform leaseholders. The Civic Committee may send notice, by certified mail, to any leaseholder or tenant of a lot judged by the committee to be in need of such trimming, cutting or cleaning.

Section 4. In the event such notice from the committee does not result in the desired action within 30 days, the committee is empowered to have the work done.

Section 5.Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not less than $25 not to exceed $100, in addition to the cost of the work done under Section 4.

First reading of this ordiance number 11 accepted.

Suggestion made to the Budget Committee by Patricia Press and seconded by John Hewlett that contribution to Claymont Fire Company be incraaseed to at lease $500. Suggestion favored by Town Assembly.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Morley
Mary Morley, Secretary

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Bert Passanante	Frank Heymann	William Bailey
Sally Thurston	Lee Starr	Carolyn Liberman
Cy Liberman	Shaul Gladstone	Thomas Golgan
Ethel Monfort	Dora Johnson	H. R. Monfort
Bertha Brooks	W. H. Vandever	Gail Reinhart
Houston Roberts	Marjorie Roberts	William Theis
Joan W. Colgan	William Bindloss	Beverly Gulley
James E. Gulley	Ruth Estes	Donald Holcomb
Sarah Hamburger	Aaron Hamburger	William Morley
Bernard Brachman	Beverly Barnett	Frank Akutowicz
Diane Kershaw	John Gray (NV)	Marilyn Wagman NV

A letter of resignation from the Safety Committee was received from Andrew Foote.

The minutes of the June 23, 1980 minutes were approved as circulated.

The financial report of the Trustees was reported and the amounts spent to date was circulated and report is on file.

Trustees reported that Charles Lantz, leaseholder of Lot #1, had asked for a variance to build 2 more apartments on his building. The Board of Adjustments had permitted this, but no building permit has be issued. The Trustees have gone on record as opposing the granting of the required building permit for the following reasons: 1. Page 2 of the N. C. County Board of Adjustments requires that Mr. Lantz make a mutually satisfactory arrangement with the Trustees of Arden. This has not yet been done. 2. The Trustees, Board of Assessors, and majority of residents oppose expansions of non-conforming uses. 3. The lease granted to Mr. Lantz contains a clause in which lessee agrees not to "use it in such manner as shall be injurious to the rights of others."

It has been requested that the building permits not be issued at this time.

The Trustees have decided that in the future with rental units to insure equity in the task of administrating the "domicile rule" , the Trustees will require an affidavit that the domicile is not producing any income.

The following motion was made and passed unanimously:

"In the duly constituted meeting of September 22, 1980, the Town Assembly of the Village voted to express by this letter, its objection and displeasure with the "action to grant" the variance requested by Mr. Charles Lantz in his application 5564-A (Decision dated: August 21, 1980.)

It is requested that an agreement or rule, confirmed in writing, be formulated which will require both the Board of Adjustement and a duly constituted representative of the Village of Arden or its Trustees to approve and application for variance before any action to grant it is taken. Letter mailed to New Castle County Board of Adjustment, September 24, 1980.