The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held on June 25, 1962 with Trustee Ware presiding.

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

Mr. Ware read a letter from Richard Dalmetsch of James Julian Inc. expressing the company's appreciation for the way the residents of Arden have cooperated with the new construction the sewers.

The financial report of the Trustees was read and a copy is on file. There was some question concerning the necessity of continuing the insurance now that we do not have a swimming pool, but it was pointed out that the insurance covers all purposes on communal properties, therefore it is wise to cover the town this way against suit.

Philip Cohen reported for the Trustees. He outlined some of the mechanism necessary for connecting to sewer lines when they are completed. The main construction will be paid for by a bond issue floated by the Sewer Court that will be paid in a lump sum each year by the Trustees. The front footage charge is an individual charge paid by those that are going to connect to the sewer. This charge of 1.50 per front foot must be paid in full when application is made. In some communities you can pay this fee over a period of

five years with a lien against your property to insure such payment. This is not possible in Arden because the lands are owned by the Trustees and not by individuals. The Superior Court will not recognize individual applications. They will have to have a blanket agreement from the Trustees permitting issuance of connection forms when the front footage charge is paid in full. The Trustees will prepare this form soon.

In order to establish correct front footages on the lots the Trustees hired Vandenhoff Lippelt to prepare a new map of Arden. This was carefully drawn from all the old records that could be compiled. If anyone feels the maps incorrect they can have a survey made at their own expense. This map will be reduced in size and sent to every leaseholder in Arden. The Trustees will find out what side is to be considered as front footage when the sewers are on about the ends of a lot. The report of the Trustees was accepted.

The Civic Committee report was presented by Mr. Albert Williams. Newton Vandevere is checking all complaints by residents with the sewer construction. The maintenance of the tennis being carried on where possible. The Memorial Theatre is to be repaired. The area behind Jones, Doris and Brachman has been badly damaged by sewer work. At some time in the future it will be desirable

to replant this area. The former swimming pool is being made into a skating pool but more work is order to be done on it to fill in the deep diving pit

The report of the Board of Assessors was presented by William Pressa

The base rate aside from special assessments to cover sewer will be at 6.75 per thousand square feet. They cited the provision in the 1959 petition requesting establishment of a sewer district "Annual assessment to be paid from Town funds under existing fiscal procedures, supplemented by a sewer factor charge per family unit to apply following sewer connection." They have defined a family unit as one or more rooms containing a kitchen and sanitary facilities or a commercial establishment. The sewer factor rate per family unit is $35 to apply to those leaseholds where sewer connection is made on or before February 1, 1963. The remainder of the total assessment from the sewer district which should be ascertainable from the County Engineering Department by Feb. 1963 is charged to all leaseholders on a square foot basis.

There was considerable discussion concerning this report and the Trustees questioned whether this sort of sewer factor assessment was legal

under the deed of Trust. It is true that sewers greatly increase the value of Arden land and the square foot value will increase but there was no agreement possible on this special factor.

A motion was made and passed that the report of the Board of Assessors be tabled until the Assessors, the Trustees and the Water and Sewer Committee could meet at the call of the Trustees of Arden to work out a satisfactory formula for an assessment and that the meeting be recessed to be reconvened within a month.

Budget Committee no report.

Community Planning:- They are interested in compiling and finding a safe storage area for the archives and early historical papers of Arden so that the history of the town is recorded. As soon as sewer work is done they will plan for reforesting of the woodlands.

Registration Committee reported 381 voters.

Safety Committee report. The Safety Committee met with the Advisory Committee and went over the rules that had been formulated by the Safety Committee and the Trustees.

This meeting revised the rules somewhat to read as follows.

1- Speed limit is 20 miles per hour on

all Arden roads. (Unchanged)

2. No parking will be permitted in areas with yellow curbs or other indicated no parking areas. Fifteen minute parking will be permitted in front of the Field Hall only during library hours. Vehicles parked on Arden roads must have at least two side wheels off the roads and leave adequate clearance for traffic at all times.

3. Anyone found drinking in parked cars on roads, greens and parking lots will be subject to arrest for trespass.

A motion was made and passed to amend rule three to read:

3. ~~Anyone found~~ drinking alcoholic beverages in parked cars on roads, greens and parking lots ~~will be subject to arrest~~ for trespass or charged with ~~drinking in public~~ is prohibited.

4. Loitering in parked cars on roads, greens or parking lots and refusal to leave after issuance of a warning by the peace officer shall constitute a trespass.

5. All stop signs must be obeyed. All drivers should remember Arden roads are pedestrian paths as well as roads, and due caution must be observed at all times.

Martia Berger has served her term on the Safety Committee; therefore another member must be elected tonight.

The report of the Safety Committee was accepted with thanks.

The report of the Water and Sewer Committee was presented by Jane Aughey. The committee had met with Mr McMahon the Public Service Commission field representative, Mr Victor Faure of the Arden Water Company, Mr Pettit Trustee of Ardentown Mr Newton Vandiver to discuss the complaints about service. 5 places in Arden and 3 places in Ardentown were designated as spot to cut mains and report the condition of the mains to the Commission.

Mr Faure stated that homes near the water tower can never have required 25# pressure because tank is not high enough.

The Water Company blames most of the trouble to individual lines or contends the mains are old and they are not responsible for them.

The Committee recommends that the Town Assembly confirm the action of the committee. Commend the Public Service commission for its order to investigate the complaints and also to express regrets to the Commission on the death of Mr McMahon.

The recommendations of the Water and Sewer Committee were accepted and the Committee was thanked for its excellent report.

The Auditing Committee requested that its report be delayed until the September meeting.

Under New Business the Registration Committee conducted the election of a member of the Safety Committee. Louise Haas was nominated and a motion was made and passed to elect her unanimously. The secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing her.

The Trustees and the Community Planning Committee have been asked to study the zoning situation in Arden. The bulk of the town - Sherwood is zoned at R1C or 6500 sq feet the other side is R1B or 15000 square feet. It was suggested that we request zoning of whole town at R1C or 11000 square feet which conforms town policy of 1/4 acre plots minimum.

The meeting on motion ~~adjourned~~ recessed to be reconvened within a month.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Maly
secretary