The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held on June 26, 1967 with Trustee Ware presiding.

After a quorum was declared present the minutes of the recessed March 27, 1967 meeting were read and approved.

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

Mr Ware reported for the Trustee that the amended charter for the incorporation of the Village of Arden has passed the ~~the~~ House of Representatives but still has to be acted upon by the State Senate and then signed into law by Governor Terry.

All the information required to release the Village of Arden share of the municipal street aid fund has been filed with the State Highway Department. Next the population count was established by a census conducted by the University of Delaware. Arden population was 632. The road mileage was measured by the State Highway department, checked by the Civic Committee and then remeasured by the State Highway Dept. It established paved roads at about 3½ miles.

Mr L B Finkelstein reported that proposed By Law changes concerning definition of a resident would necessitate changes in the amended incorporation charter, therefore action has been tabled for the present.

Civic Committee report by Albert Wilson. The committee has been taking field trips to outline the work to be done. They checked the mileage of paved Road in Arden. The Committee has been

considering the road work necessary when funds are received from the Municipal Street Aid Fund. Before some of our roads can be paved it will be necessary to install storm sewers in many spots and some type of curbing on the roads. The report on motion was approved.

The report of the assessors on motion was received.

(1) The Board studied land values and found that lots of about 10000 sq feet are valued at about $1200, larger lots are valued of $10000. per acre

(2) Further study of interest rates led them to conclusion that return of 6.2% on the value of the land would represent the full rental value of Arden land.

(3) It was unanimously decided that full rental value of Arden land shall be calculated as follows:

1- For all lots of 10000 square feet or more, the full rental value shall be $170 plus $13.50 for every 1000 square feet above 10000.

2- For all lots below 10000 the full rental value shall be the full rental value for 10000 sq feet divided by 10000 and then multiplied by the actual number of square feet in the lot.

(4) Last year special factors shall continue unchanged.

The sewer factor is included in the land rent.

Land rent in Arden is not assessed on basis of need but on full rental value of land as determined by the Board of Assessors. The Board of Assessors studied many sources of land values before arriving at present figures.

The assessment differs from that of previous year only in differentiating value between selling price of a small lot versus that of a large lot. The assessors had a conference with a vice president of the Wilmington Trust to ascertain the present interest rates. They conferred with dealer realators in Arden and elsewhere to determine land value.

A motion was made and passed that the report be printed and sent to residents and leaseholders.

The present assessment will increase the total land rent by about 8000.

Budget Committee No report

Community Planning - Request that blind corners at street intersections be corrected.

Audit Committee - the report was circulated. A motion was made and passed that the report be accepted

Registration Committee reported 385 votes.

The committee request that those renting property cooperate with the committee in keeping them informed of changes in residents

Advisory Committee - A suggestion was made that consideration be given by the Town Assembly to commencing a history of Arden. It was pointed out there is a demand by residents & scholars that such information be compiled.

If the Town Assembly determines such a history would be desirable funds would have to be allocated and an historian appointed. The committee report

a motion was accepted.
School Trustees reported they are investigating all actions on consolidation. They are permitting the Acka program to use school facilities.
Safety Committee report made by Richard Downes newly elected Chairman & Jane Rleban elected secretary.
The committee feels that prompt action should be taken on the enactment of the safety code.
A motion was made and passed that the reading of the recessed March 27, 1967 meeting be considered the second reading then the proposed code.
The Safety Committee requests an acceleration of the approval of the Safety Code by means of a special town assembly within the next two weeks at which the third and final reading of the code would take place. This would permit enforcement before the September Town Assembly.
On motion the report of the Safety Committee was accepted.
Under Good & welfare it was suggested that Mr Anderson the town policeman be thanked for all the work he has done.

A letter of sympathy is to be written to the family of Harry Harrison, a long time resident on his passing.

Edith & Buzz were thanked the residents present for their share in their 50th wedding anniversary celebration

It was felt that something should be done concerning difficulty in getting a quorum for Assembly. It was decided the matter should be discussed at September Town Assembly.

On motion the meeting ~~adj~~ adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Morley
Secretary