The regular meeting of the Town Assembly was held on March 2, 1954 in the Grad Hall with Trustee Ward presiding.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

There was a communication from Oliver Halter resigning from the Civic Committee.

The financial report of the Trustees was read and approved and the copy filed.

Civic Committee report by Alice Williams outlined the work accomplished by the Committee. Work on Robert drain complete. Work has been started on Lesham drain that has been causing trouble. Work at the Pool has been checked and will be started soon.

Assessors report: progress.

Budget Committee requested that all committees outline their financial needs and make a request for appropriations before August.

Community Planning: Edith Ward has been elected Chairman. They discussed zoning problems of possible sewage system. Accepted.

Registration Committee reported 403 voters.

Advisory Committee: At the meeting in March there were representatives from all committees and they spent a constructive evening outlining their respective problems and trying to work out solutions. They plan to meet before each Town Assembly. Report accepted.

Safety Committee: Many of the road signs were removed but they have been recovered. The Committee made a survey of the town and are going to replace the essential ones. Several people have been contacted about hedges that obstruct vision. Report accepted.

By-Laws Committee: Mr Angley reported that the proposal to do away with the town meet Town Assembly has been defeated several times and the committee suggest that it is futile to try it again.

The question of filling a vacancy in the Board of Assessors was discussed. It would be necessary to conduct a referendum to do this. There is a mechanism in the present By Laws that permits calling a special meeting when 25 residents request it and if necessary to conduct a referendum this meeting could be called.

If neither the Assessors report or a minority report received the majority vote of the residents a special meeting could be called to solve this problem rather than amending the present By Laws to take care of it. The report of the committee was received and filed.

Sanitation Committee: Michael Jaffe has been elected Chairman. They ask that the appointment of Richard Dolmetsch to fill vacancy caused by Frank Carroll's moving away be confirmed. They have made several field trips and have conferred with residents that have sewage problems - In most instances the owners have been cooperative and are trying to correct the situation. There is no permanent solution to the situation in many instances except a sewage system. This Committee is going to study this problem and make recommendations. Report was accepted with thanks.

A motion was made and passed to accept the addition of Richard Dolmetsch to the Sanitation Committee.

A motion was made and passed that amendments to the By Laws considering the question of no quorum at Town Assembly and method of filling vacancies in the Board of Assessors will be considered at the next Town Assembly. Notices of this will be sent to all residents.

A motion was made that the rent list should include the annual financial report of the Trustees and that this should be an amendment to the By Law. This motion was referred to the By Laws Committee for consideration.

Michael Joffe withdrew his name as a candidate for the Civic Committee. A petition signed by 40 residents requested that the name of Andrew Gallagher be included on the slate with Albert Williams.

The secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing Albert Williams and Andrew Gallagher for two years to the Civic Committee.

Nominations were made to fill a vacancy on the Community Planning Committee:

Kathleen Allen George Cleaver. The Registration Committee conducted the election and reported George Cleaver elected to serve out James Roberts's term.

Mary Maley was nominated to act as Town Assembly Clerk. The secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing her.

The following people were nominated to serve on the Registration Committee:

Edna Page, Kathleen Allen, Rae Gerstein, William Beacham.

Mr. J. B. Finkelstein feels that we should consider ways and means of streamlining some of our methods of doing business in

Town Assembly. He feels that there are too many committees that duplicate each other ~~work~~ work. That some of the By-laws deter us from carrying things out in a democratic manner. In the discussion that followed it was pointed out by Mr Ware that the By-laws were written during a time of tension and that both sides had to be satisfied that details would be carried out fairly and democratically. He also pointed out that by having several committees more residents would be involved in carrying out town business.

It was noted that the Post office has asked for bids a substation in Arden.

Mr Worrell felt we should have some enforceable town ordinances concerning safety laws, destruction of property etc. The Safety Committee stated that if they get written complaints about property, they will act on them.

The secretary was instructed to write to the directors of the Arden Club and ask them to cooperate with the town re Parking laws in front of the Club because of danger of fire, nuisance to the neighbors etc.

It was suggested that the Safety Committee repaint the yellow no Parking areas.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Morley.