The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on March 22, 1971 with William Press, Chairman presiding.

After a quorum was declared present the minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted.

Mr Liberman presented the annual report of the Trustees. A copy of the report is on file. Money has been invested in the Home Federal Savings & Loan Company to earn interest. The outstanding back land rent is not very high.

Mr Liberman reported that the amendment to our charter to permit 18 year olds to vote - House Bill 26 has passed the House and is now in the Senate. There is no doubt that it will pass and our voting age will be lowered by June.

Robbins Cable Vision wants permission to install cables in Arden if they are granted charter for this area. Arden will be paid a percentage of annual rent to subscribers. The cables will be strung on existing telephone poles.

Mr Press asked that a motion be made to suspend the rules of order in order to conduct the election of committees early in the evening. A motion was made and passed to suspend the rules of order.

Nominations were opened from the floor. A motion was made and passed to close the nominations.

A motion was made and passed that the following Committee chairman - Aaron Hamburger, Chairman of the Town Assembly; William Press, Secretary of the Town Assembly; Mary Morley as Treasurer of the Town Assembly; Rae Gerstine be elected by unanimous vote. The secretary was instructed to cast the ballots electing them.

Assessors report made by Michael Curtis. Two open meetings on May 25 and June 1. He urged that residents attend these meetings because the increasing value of land has made the Assessors job very critical, and their decisions will affect everyone. Assessor by oath must collect as near as possible the full rental value of the land.

Budget Committee - No report

Civic Committee - Wardrow Vandever reported the roads are in need of drastic repair and the committee will need a lot of money to accomplish this. Playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed within next few weeks. The State will pay 1/2 the cost up to 500 of this equipment. A spring clean up of unburnable rubbish not collectible by trash men will be made on May 5.

Letters were sent to some residents whose garbage disposal was creating unsightly conditions.

The Cosmos Gild sent a letter to Cy Liberman outlining suggestions of project they would like to do to help maintain the Green area. The letter was referred to the Civic Committee. The Gild has received a letter accepting some of the projects, but the committee is planning to meet with the Gild soon to discuss the other suggested work. The Cosmos Gild on their own volution have been cleaning up debris along the sides of the road. The Committee is pleased with the help they are giving Arden.

Mrs Shedd requested suggestions as to how to control dog packs. The Game Warden should be called. The Question as to what can be done further than that should be discussed under New business. On motion the report of the Civic Committee was accepted.

Community Planning Committee report presented by Frank Okstowicz. The Noonans Creek drainage project has been called off for ~~now~~ present. The rebuilding of bridge over Marsh Creek still with the State Highway department plans. A motion regarding rebuilding the bridge will be made under new business.

Community Planning sponsored a meeting March 15 on Conservation Measures to Demonish Floods. There was a good turn out at this meeting. Suggestions for dealing with floods without destroying ~~existing~~ waterways were condensed into a set of recommendations to be discussed under new business.

Advisory Committee: Aaron Hamburger said the various committee report will cover the business discussed at Advisory Committee meeting.

Safety Committee report by Jane Kleban

The committee reported that a program involving police protection for Arden has been instituted with the State police. County Executive William J Conner, Cy Liberman, William Press and Shaul Gladstone had many meetings and finally worked out a proposal approved by Fred W. Vetter, the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety. Arden Bellefonte has designated as a separate patrol area and area is patrolled 7 days a week, 24 hrs a day with intensive coverage at key times in key places. The service is free to the towns on a 6 months trial basis. If we are dissatisfied, the option is reserved to discuss the County Contract. Lt Little is in charge of the uniformed men in the area. The street signs will be installed as soon as the posts arrive.

A motion was made and passed to send a letter of appreciation to William Conner and Governor Peterson for the

efforts in helping us get police coverage for Arden.
Some of the residents felt that police have been over zealous especially in handling problems with the young people.
A motion was made and withdrawn that Arden take steps to bring about a friendly discussion between the State police and residents at a special meeting.
After discussion it was felt such a meeting is not necessary a present time and it may destroy the rapport being established between the Safety Committee and the State police. Robert Jacobson one of leaders with the Cosmos Club feels we must give the police ample time to help us solve our problems.
Any problems with police should be taken up with Richard Gladstone and not with Lt Little or the police directly.
On motion the Safety Committee report was received as read.
A special committee to study and recommend to the Town Assembly improvements to Harvey Road which will correct the dangerous conditions while causing the least destruction to the community was appointed by William Press. The Committee is Teresa Tanzer chairman, Jane Aughey, Irene O'Connor, Anthony Gosler, Clarence Hamburger. Jane Aughey is secretary. The committee has study the road on a field trip and are working on specific problems. A further report will be made a June Town Assembly.
Report from the Committee on Assistance Programs for Community Development.
They discussed what specific community problems could be helped by the use of this committee. A memo is being sent to standing committees requesting that their specific

problems he identified.
Arden Resources Committee:
Under the program the Arden Club is becoming more responsive to community needs. Plans are being made to make the Fair the best ever.
Under legislation a proposed State Housing Code is sweeping in nature. The committee is studying this code.

The Registration Committee reported the following elected:
Auditing Committee - George Hanstein, Carl Van Dreele, William Bindloss.
Budget Committee - Woodrow Vandever, Henry Aughey, Frank Herzog, Sandra Kerawalla - serving for one year.
Civic Committee - Warren Hoffman, Joan Colgan, Reese Davis.
Community Planning - Frank Akutowicz, Cy Liberman, Ethel Manfort.
Registration Committee - Doris Davis, Carolyn Liberman, Mary Kummer.
Safety Committee - Shaul Gladstone, Martin Levy, Georgia Curtis.

Frank Akutowicz made a motion that was seconded that it is the understanding of this Town Assembly that the Marsh Rose Bridge at the Noaman's Creek is in good condition serves the traffic adequately passes flood waters as rapidly as the rough terrain will permit and does not require rebuilding. Therefore, this assembly declares that the rebuilding of the bridge is a waste of public funds which will produce unnecessary disturbance to and erosion of the creek banks in the area.

It was felt by most of the people present that the building of the bridge is a side issue and that we should concentrate on trying to avert the disaster changes in Naaman creek by proposed drainage construction. The motion was withdrawn by the maker and seconder.

A comprehensive report on conservation measures for Diminishing Floods on Naaman Creek was presented by the Community Planning Committee. There were 14 specific policy revisions to the existing New Castle County drainage policy.

A motion was made and passed that "The Assembly having concern for the preservation of the existing Naaman Creek bed and for the conservation of soil, water, plant and aquatic life on Naaman Creek and having considered the attached recommendations by the Community Planning Committee concerning flooding on Naaman Creek hereunto, approves these recommendations and requests that the New Castle County Council and the Department of Public Works revise existing County drainage policy to conform with these recommendations.

A copy of the suggested changes is attached to the minutes.

Charlotte Shead proposed a new ordinance as follows:

No resident or leaseholder shall deposit and maintain open trash or any other disorderly accummulation of burnable or unburnable item where said trash is clearly visible and accessible from public road, path or green or where it interferes with the orderly maintenance of the property of other residents or where its location and proximity to the property of other residents causes them annoyance and distress or where its location is an open invitation to vandalism and danger through arson.

If such an objectionable accummulation of trash exists on resident's property he shall be notified by the Trustees that he is in violation of the ordinance and he is required to remove the trash immediately or be fined $50 per week as long as the offending condition exists.

A motion was made and passed that the Advisory Committee prepare a new ordinance to be presented at the June Town Assembly incorporating the above suggestions.

A motion was made and passed that a letter of sympathy be sent to the family of Rosalie Schaw.

A motion was made and passed that it is the consensus of this meeting that we should uphold the rights of individuals. We realize human rights should be considered above the rights of property. We recognize that if one individual is threatened, the Town is threatened.

A motion was made and passed that the Safety Committee goes on record that Jane Kleban be thanked for her work on the Committee. The Town Assembly concurred with this recognition of her service on the Committee.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Mosley
Secretary