The regular meeting of the Town Assembly was held on March 23, 1953 at the Gild Hall with Trustee Ware presiding.

After a quorum was declared present Trustee Ware said he would entertain a motion to convene the January meeting first in order that necessary unfinished business of that meeting be conducted first. A motion was made and passed to hold the January meeting first.

The Registration Committee conducted balloting for the Budget Committee and announced the following members elected to serve for two years: Albee Williams, Harold Monfort and Emanuel Gerstine.

The following people were nominated to serve on the Civic Committee to be elected at the March meeting: Gilbert Worrell, Robert Voris, Arthur Stevenson.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

The financial report of the Trustees, copy is on file was read and approved.

Trustee Ware reported that the request to retain a post office in Arden was denied by the Post Master General. The Wilmington Water Company is laying mains as far as the Veale Road, but so far they have made no decision as to whether they will be willing to service Arden. The Trustees have been working with the Civic Committee and the Trustees of Ardentown concerning the drainage of water from the Erwin Roberts property into Ardentown. This problem has not been solved as yet and Mr. Charles Petitt, one of the Trustees of Ardentown, has asked permission to present the problem to the Town Assembly.

This problem will be considered under new business.

Civic Committee:

Mr Worell stated that his committee had been working with other committees trying to solve the drainage problem at Roberts. Work has been started on the swimming pool. It will be necessary to have volunteer helping the reading pool that has been planned for small children is to be completed. Sewage condition on the Woolery property is creating a nuisance for his neighbors and the matter has been referred to the Board of Health. The work on Fire Tower is almost completed. Tower Tower is going to be fixed up by the Arden Water Company because they left it in bad condition when they laid the water pipes last fall. Idea of a public address system has been discussed. The probable cost for a small system would be about 70. Mr Lipstein felt that this system would create more of a nuisance by making ~~and~~ unnecessary noise that it would be a help. Report of the Civic Committee accepted.

No report from Budget Committee or Assessors.

Community Planning Committee have had one meeting and have discussed possibility of requesting that flaroide be added to the water to help prevent tooth decay in children.

Registration Committee reported on the referendum:

All items of the budget passed except the item that suggested the money set aside for a sewage fund be incorporated in the Trustees Sinking fund.

The amendment to the By-Laws changing meeting dates to January March May July, September, November and fourth Monday of these months was accepted but the amendment to change the quorum from 35 to 25 was defeated.

The following were elected to serve on board of Assessors: Emanuel Gerstein, Frank Harrison, William Frank, Cecil Liberman, Henry Aughey, John Page, and Samuel Freeman.

Advising Committee reported having a meeting at which time all the problems of the various committees were reviewed. Since the Civic Committee has so much work, it was suggested that a sanitation committee be elected or appointed who would give advise on bad situations and check them so that they could not create health problems.

Safety Committee: all speeders have been notified and told that police will be called if they do not comply with safety regulations. It is planned to ask the aid of some of the women in the community to help check on parking violators.

It was suggested that the Safety Committee notify all violators of speeding violations by letter and that a copy of this letter be kept on file. Report on committee accepted.

No report from By-Laws Committee and School Trustee.

The Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing Gilbert Worrell, Robert Voss, and Arthur Stevenson to the Civic Committee for two-year term.

Mary Morley was nominated to serve as Town Assembly Secretary. The secretary was not needed to cast a ballot electing her to this position.

The following people were nominated to the Registration Committee to be elected at the May meeting: Virginia Williams, John Moss, Robert Alley, Edna Page.

The suggestion that a special committee to act as a sanitation committee be elected by the Town Assembly rather than to be appointed because this will give the committee more stature in the community. It was suggested that we act on this proposal at the next meeting.

It was also suggested that the Civic Committee be permitted to ask for extra people be added to the committee from time to time to aid with special jobs.

The water that flows from the water tank is damaging Sherwood Road but it has been impossible to get the Water Company to correct this situation.

Mr. Pettit presented his complaint about the damage that water from Roberts and Hazel Stephens' property is doing to Arderton Roads. He demanded that something be done about this situation immediately. The Arden Trustees are aware of the condition and they are arranging to have a meeting with the Civic Committee to plan to do something about this whole drainage problem in that area. The Town Assembly will be informed of the progress that is being made.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Morley