The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on March 24, 1969 with Chairman, William Press presiding

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Jane Aughey is a member of the Highway Committee of the Brandywine Council of Civic Associations as well as Cy Liberman.

Letters from Mrs John Ringer and Ernest Davidson read

The financial report of the Trustees were read and approved.

The money from Land Rent is coming in very quickly this year. Outstanding balance from previous years is $2341.

Mr William Press suggested that the Town Assembly suspend the rules of order so that the election of the standing committees can be done at start of meeting rather than under new business.

A motion was made and passed to suspend the rules of order and conduct the ballating now. The Registration Committee gave out the ballots and conducted the election of committee and officers.

Mr. Willard Minner. Drainage Engineer of Department of Public Works of New Castle County spoke to the meeting concerning proposed plans for improving the Naamans creek drainage. Richardson Associate engaged in 1968 to study drainage problem in upper New Castle County. A budget for drainage problems has been set up for New Castle County. The estimated

cost of the Arden project is $49000 and it has been programmed for fiscal year 1970. Some of the recommendations are to remove island, rest of dam at old swimming pool, increase size of channel. The proposed new bridge over Marsh Road might improve some of the flash flood problems with widened channel under bridge.

Several people expressed concern that the project might destroy the natural terrain of the Nomans Creek watershed and destroy the natural beauty of the historic old mill!

Mr Manner said that he was interested in obtaining the feeling of the community and would like to be invited back when more detailed plans had been worked out.

There was no report from the Board of Assessors or the Budget Committee.

Civic Committee and Community Planning Committee met to discuss and plan for replanting of trees along sections of Orleans, Mullers and Cherry Lane. Two maples were planted on Orleans and a ~~[illegible]~~ red oak at the corner Tree and Cherry. The committee are trying to locate species of cherry trees for planting along Orleans + Mullers Road.

Boy Scouts are going to clear out area on back of Club parking lot and then plant ground cover to stop erosion of the bank.

The Committee is arranging for repair of several sections of Roads damaged by winter. Some stretches

of Roads will have to be rebuilt as soon as Civic Committee has enough money to do the work. The report on motion was accepted

Community Planning Committee report was presented by Frank Akutowicz. They spoke of replanting program outlined by the Civic Committee. The committee suggested that the red oak planted by Woodland Green be dedicated to Buzz Ware on May 17. Arden day.

The report on motion was accepted.

Advisory Committee reported that it had request that the Trustees should find out method of having the Sherwood side of Arden conform to the RICC zoning in effect in the rest of Arden rather than existing RIC zoning which permits smaller leaseholds.

Discussion about lack of gathering place for Arden youth took place. Thought is to be given to feasible locations and methods of supervision.

The Trustees were asked to request that Arden Archives Committee begin interviewing some of the long-time Arden residents to gather data for proposed history of the Village

Safety Committee has been asked to contact State Highway Department traffic engineer to request a study at Harney and Orleans Roads. The resulting data would be

used to determine whether a traffic light should be installed at that location.
Safety Committee again requested full cooperation of the adults of Arden in helping control youthful enthusiasm which has recently resulted in some property damage. The report was approved as read.
Registration committee reported 402 voters.
School Trustees reported that the school tax for the Mt Pleasant district has recently been raised to $162 per $100 of assessed valuation. Erhard Hoegger has been appointed temporary trustee to represent Arden district on Mt Pleasant School Board. An election will be held in May to elect a permanent member.
On May 25 an open house will be held in the Gild Hall to present an historical review of education in Arden.

Brandywine Council of Civic Associations by Frank Akutowicz
1 - No further action on parklands for area
2 - Recommendation for 2 vacancies on County Planning Board gone unheeded.
3 - Mrs De Dominicis from Indian Fields on State Highway Commission
4 - Mr Fortunata can be approached concerning sign at Marsh & Harvey Roads
5 - The Council is working on legislative approach toward getting sidewalks on the roads
6 - Volunteer Fire companies feel they can handle their own fund raising activities and do not need Council help.

7. Council Highway Committee is having frequent meetings and discussions with highway planners in Dover.
8. Governor Peterson's first Town Hall meeting will be held on April 15.

A motion was made and passed that we ask Frank Abitowicz to talk to Mr Fortunato about having the sign on Marsh - Harvey Road removed.

Arden Resource Committee: Harold Monfort submitted a report on the County Zoning laws. Individuals can call proper authorities concerning infringements of the zoning laws. The gist of zoning laws was printed in the Arden Club Calendar. The committee also suggested to Ardentown that some useful purpose be made of the ~~Club~~ Robin Hood Theatre. The committee is also meeting with the Board of Directors of the Arden Club to reevaluate its program.

Arden Archives Committee has a meeting scheduled with Donald Stephens.

The white bus painted with names and slogans parked on Sunset Road behind the Arden School belongs to H. Klenbard. It is legally parked and there does not seem to be anyway the Trustees or Safety Committee can make the owners move it. They have been approached and they have indicated that they are planning to park it on their own property as soon as they can arrange

room for it. Inasmuch as the owners are making some effort to move the bus from the road it was decided to wait to see what action's they took.

The Registration Committee report the following elected.

Auditing Committee - Carl Van Oreele, Murray Lashey, George Hanstein.
Budget - Woodrow Vandever Warren Davis, Henry Aughey.
Civic Committee: Reese Davis Earl Brooks Joan Colgan.
Community Planning - Frank Okutowicz, James Semenick Beatrice Jaffee.
Registration Patricia Press, Doris Davis, Beatrice Jaffe.
Safety Committee Louis Bean, Shaul Gladstone, Jim Kleban
Advisory Committee Chairman: Stephen Potter.
Chairman of Town Assembly: William Press.
Secretary of Town Assembly: Mary Morley.
Treasurer of Town Assembly - Rae Gerstine.

The following resolution proposed by Cy Liberman was adopted unanimously by the Town Assembly:

Philip Cohen has served as a trustee of Arden since 1943 giving very generously of his time and talents as an attorney and as a man blessed with good judgment and with concern for his fellow men and for this community.

During these years many problems confronting Arden have been solved quietly and well through his self-effacing action. His good

deeds for the community have gone largely unnoticed except by those affected and have been done without compensation.

The Arden Town Assembly now wishes publicly to thank Trustee Cohen most warmly for his long and expert service to the community and its residents and to express the wish that this service may continue for many more decades.

Be it resolved that this statement be made a part of the minutes of the Town Assembly of Arden, and that a copy be sent to Mr. Cohen.

A motion was made and passed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Ralph Ponte and her family at the death of Ralph Ponte.

The Town Assembly rejoiced with the ~~Presses~~ Presses at the news that William Press III would soon return from Vietnam.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Morley