The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held at the Gild Hall on March 25, 1952 with Trustee Ware presiding. ~~The meeting was called at~~.

After a quorum was declared present. Mr Ware said he would entertain a motion to hold the January meeting first in order that the essential business of that meeting be completed before the March meeting melt.

A motion was made and passed that the January meeting be convened.

The following people were nominated to serve on the Civic Committee: Robert Jobson, Oliver Hahn, Albee Williams, George Cleaver, Carl Karlsson, Morris Rosin.

A motion was made and passed that the two receiving the highest number of votes be elected for two years and the next highest serve out the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Gordon. This is a one year term of office.

A motion was made to adjourn the January meeting.

The minutes of the November 1951 meeting were read and approved.

The financial report of the Trustees for January to March 1952 were read and approved and copy was filed.

Mr Ware reported that the Trustees had contacted the Water Company concerning the overflowing tank. The reply stated that it was necessary to fill the standpipe to overflowing in order to create enough pressure and that it would not be possible to extend the height of the tank. There has been no

meeting held as a result of the Public Service Commissions survey of the situation in this area but a public meeting is supposed to be held.

Mr Ware said that the Trustees had been conferring with the Trustees of Ardentown and Ardencraft concerning the possibility that the three communities hire jointly a professional assessor to recommend rental rates. This assessment would only serve as a recommendation to the Board of Assessors and would not take the place of the assessment proposed by them. The method of paying for this professional assessment had not been worked out fully.

The Trustees have contacted an insurance firm concerning the type of insurance that should be carried to protect the town and the person injured either at the pool or any other public area of the town. An underwriter is coming to make a survey of this situation.

The Trustees report was accepted.

Civic Committee report given by Mr. Gilbert Worrell. The regular duties of the committee have been carried out. The snow removal is being done by James Buck now because Mr. Vandever does not feel able to carry it on any longer. The committee is considering hiring Mr. Buck to carry out some of the town work that Mr. Vandever does not want to do.

A bench to open the fire plug for inspection and cleaning has been procured and the Safety Committee and Civic Committee will make periodic surveys.

Several of the foot paths need repair, a new section of wall will be built on the Ardentown side of the swimming pool, and new road signs have been erected to replace the steel ones that have been defaced or removed.

The Civic Committee recommends that the By-Laws Committee consider an amendment that would permit the person receiving the next highest vote on the slate from those elected be an alternate to fill in any possible vacancy on a committee.

The revised rules for the swimming pool were presented. The only change were that only resident badge holders could purchase daily guest privileges. The price of seasonal guest privileges is $3.50 per badge instead of $3. A clause stating that if badges are lost they must be replaced at a cost of $.25 to cover cost of the badge.

A motion was made that the report of the committee be accepted without accepting the change made to the swimming pool regulation which should be considered separately. Report accepted.

After discussion of the various items of the swimming pool regulations, the regulations were accepted as amended.

No report from Assessor or Budget Committee. Community Planning Committee had a meeting and discussed plans for tree planting and other projects. A report from the Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred will be presented later.

By-Laws Committee reported that a possible amendment to the By-Laws will be drawn up to abandon the quorum for Town Assembly.

This proposed amendment would have to be voted on by a referendum.

A motion was made and passed that we have a referendum at the Gild Hall at the earliest possible date to vote on amending the By-Laws to eliminated a quorum at Town Assembly.

Advisory Committee has discussed problems arising in the town concerning safety, sanitation, water problems, and amendments to the By-Laws. Reported accepted.

Safety Committee - Mr. Brundrock reminded the meeting that our speed laws are still in effect and that he hopes a way can be devised to stop speeding on Miller Road.

The dog quarantine laws are being violated and the Game Warden is to be asked to pick up all dogs not confined on own property or on a leash. A motion was made and passed that a letter be written to the Arden Club requesting that they stop all parking in front of the Gild Hall.

School Trustees - no report.

Mrs Aughey reported that she attended a meeting of the Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred. They considered problem of zoning in this section, recreation area along the river front, and water situation in this area. A resolution has been sent to the Public Service Commission requesting that information concerning studies made about the water situation be made public and that a public hearing be held. Copy of the resolution is on file.

Arden Communities Recreation Association is planning to build a play area on the Green opposite the

ball field. They hope to construct a tennis court, badminton court and quoit pits. They have asked the Trustees to grant permission to set aside this area for such a purpose and that the Town Assembly approve these plans.

A motion was made and passed that the Town Assembly approve the construction of a recreation area on the Green opposite the ball field.

The Registration Committee conducted the election for Civic Committee. The following people were elected: Alice Williams for 2 years and a tie between Carl Karlsson and Robert Jobson. A motion was made that a vote by show of hands be made to decide which of the two members elected serve for two years. The one receiving the highest number of votes would serve for two years. Motion passed.

A tie breaking vote was taken by show of hands electing Carl Karlsson for a two year period and Robert Jobson for a one year period.

Mary Morley was only person nominated to serve as Town Assembly Clerk and a motion was made and passed that the Secretary cast the ballot.

The following people were nominated to serve on the Registration Committee: Virginia Williams, William May, Robert Voss, Ruth Worrell.

A motion was made and passed that the suggestion presented by Mr. Ware that a professional assessor be hired by the three Arden committees to determine the full rental value of the land be tabled.

A motion was made and carried that the Trustees get an estimate of the cost to have a scientific evaluation of land value.

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