The regular meeting of the Town of Assembly was held on March 25, 1968. Cy Liberman, temporary chairman of the Town Assembly called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The chairman called for nomination from the floor for a permanent chairman of the Town Assembly. He recognized Richard Downer chairman of the Advisory Committee who nominated William Press. Cy Liberman declined a nomination from the floor.

William Press was elected unanimously and the secretary instructed to cast the ballot. He then took the chair and conducted the rest of the meeting.

The financial report of the Trustees was read and approved - a copy is on file. The Trustees have selected Cecil Liberman as third Trustee. His name will be submitted to referendum for approval or disapproval shortly.

No report from Assessors or Budget Committee.

Civic Committee report by Albee Williams. All necessary maintenance of roads and commons have been ordered. The expenditure from 1967-68 Budget were read. There was an unexpended balance of $647.53. The town still owes James Julian $500. for road work done following sewer installation. This will be paid when Municipal Street Aid Fund becomes available in August.

Mrs Berger reported that the pump to take care of sewage is not working properly. Whenever there is a slight rainfall, it overflows and contaminates the creek. This has been reported many times to sewer maintenance crew. The Civic Committee

was asked to investigate this. The report of the Civic Committee was accepted.

Community Planning Committee reported that State Board of Health will help enforce sanitary code. No major repairs can be made to a septic tank system nor may a new septic tank be installed. If this is necessary, landholder must connect with sewer system.

A spring announcement of request to clean up properties and announcement of enforcement of dog laws will be sent soon.

Registration Committee reported 375 registered voters. Ballots for ~~selection~~ approval of the charter by referendum will be counted on April 18.

Registration committee would like to suggest purchase of printed copies of Bill 168 to incorporate the Village of Arden be purchased and circulated to residents. The report of the Registration Committee was accepted.

Advisory Committee chairman Richard Downes reported that the Committee had submitted nominees for trustee to the remaining Trustees as instructed by the January meeting.

It was agreed that the Treasurer of the village of Arden would be paid $150 per year for additional duties required by incorporation.

Frank Abercrombie was asked to explore availability of county service such as plumbing and building supervision as representative of the Community Planning Committee.

The Committee also made suggested change in set up of standing committees by adding the auditory committee and minor revision to other committees. These will be submitted for approval under ~~old~~ New business. Report on motion accepted.

Safety Committee reported usual patrolling of

roads, etc. Several residents spoke about vandalism in the cemetery too cars, drinking parties on the Greens and suggested a curfew asking for supplemental patrolling by County Police. Richard Downes requested that all violations be reported to Mr. Anderson to him or other members of the Safety Committee. If possible get the name of the children involved so that the parents can be contacted. The report of the committee was accepted.

School Trustee reported they are working on procedures that must be followed under consolidation of the school if the Educational Advancement Act passes. The school will be consolidated in June 1969 by this act.

Arden Neighbors: June Kleban would like to resign as chairman. They have $890 in treasury. Present members are Patricia Pressed Joan Colgan. This committee was formed to give emergency aid in acute situations when some financial help or other assistance is needed during acute illness.

It was suggested that the desirability of continuing this Committee be discussed at the June Town assembly.

Frank Abutowicz our representative to the Brandywine Council of Civic Associations reported forums on Air Pollution, action on zoning, success in getting parkland bordering, report heard that state want Shallcross Road widen to 90 feet but will accept 60 feet. Naaman Rd to 210' but will accept 170'. Delaware about to lose control of entire coast line at Bogemow. Discussed need of sidewalks along critical roads. Report accepted with thanks for his diligence in trying to do something for Arden with the other

communities.

The second ordinance amending the Safety Code to conform to the Town Assembly charter was read for the second time and approved unanimously.

The Registration Committee conducted the election of the Town Committees and reported the following elected.

Registration Committee: Sigmund Schoor - acting chairman
Carolyn Liberman
Patricia Press

Auditing Committee: Murray Lashey - acting chairman
Carl Von Oreele
Earl Brooks

Budget Committee: William Press - acting chairman
Murray Lashey

Civic Committee: Albee Williams - acting chairman
Woodrow Vandever

Community Planning: Edith Ware - acting chairman
Margaret Kazan
~~Bea~~ Beatrice Jaffe - serving for one year to complete unexpired term of Edith Frank.

Safety Committee: Richard Downes - acting chairman
Larry Lipstein

Advisory Committee - Richard Downes.

Mary Morley was nominated to act as Town Assembly Secretary. The secretary was instructed to cast the vote electing her unanimously.

The first reading of Ordinance 3 and Ordinance providing for the transfer of responsibility for certain local functions, building code, plumbing code was presented and approved. A copy of the ordinance is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

The Advisory Committee submitted the following changes and additions to the resolution passed at the January, 1968 meeting setting up the standing Committees of the Town Assembly.

In section B of the Civic Committees duties it shall now read:

It shall be the duty of the Civic Committee to exercise general supervision over Commonwealth rights, roads, property, repairs, construction and expenditures concerning same it shall approve all bills for monies so expended such bills to be submitted to the appropriate authority for payment; and it shall expend no funds beyond the limitations of the authorized budget.

Under duties of Safety Committee section 3 will now read

3. Be invested with authority to take emergency action necessary to guard public safety without previous specific action by Town Assembly.

and to add section 5 to read:

5. Safety Committee to approve all bills for monies expended by the committee and such bills shall be submitted to proper authorities for payment.

The following resolution were added

The Budget Committee shall be responsible for allocating the Municipal State Aid Funds between the Civic and Safety Committees in a manner consistent with the law governing the expenditure of these funds. The allocation will be

presented to the Town Assembly for approval, but will not be submitted to referendum with the Budget.

An Auditing Committee was set up.

Auditing Committee: In March of each year the Town Assembly shall elect an Auditing Committee of three residents to examine the Trust Account and the Municipal Street Aid Fund and submit its report at or before the June Town Assembly meeting.

These amendment + addition on motion passed. with 46 aye votes no nays.

A motion was made and passed that 500 copies of the Act to Reincorporate the Village of Arden be printed and distributed to the residents of Arden. When new people become resident they should be given copies of the act also.

Under Good and Welfare the question of a possible curfew to curb vandalism was discussed. An age can be set up and a time also and anyone violating this could be fined if apprehended. The general feeling of the meeting was a desire to try and control this situation without imposing a curfew.

The Safety Committee was requested to send out a flyer to all residents listing some of the problems the town is facing and asking for the cooperation of all parents. A copy to be sent to Ardentown + Ardencroft.

Mr Anderson was thanked for all the assistance he has given in trying to curb this situation.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Morley Sec.