

The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on March 27, 1978 with Chairman, Thomas E. Colgan, presiding.

As required by Senate Bill No. 256 the following is the list of the attenders at this meeting:

Virginia Shaw	Mary Morley	Thomas E. Colgan
E. Shaw	Donald E. Florde	Janet Macmamara
Gail Rinehart	Rae F. Gerstine	Pat Renzetti
Bill Morley	B.A. Passanante	B. W. Brooks
Kathleen W. Worth	George A. Macklem	David Whitlock
Frank Akutowicz	Elizabeth Varley	Helen Macklem
Carolyn Liberman	Penny Payne	Marjorie van Gulick
Michael K. Curtis	Lee Starr	Cy Liberman
Linda Shinn	Joan W. Colgan	Terry Colgan
Bob Wynn(non voter)	Reese P. Davis	Deborah Colgan
S. R. Moore	Nancy Hajar	A. E. Foote
B. W. Bailey	Richard C. Cecil(NV)	June Kleban
Elvie Grimaldi	John Grimaldi	Jean Brackman
Marge Laskey	Houston Roberts	Bernard Brackman
Paul B. Thompson	David W. Adkins	Ruth Panella
A. Barnes King	Marie E. Walker	Patricia Stapleford
Alan Burslem	Maria Burslem	Tom Stapleford

The minutes of the January 23, 1978 meeting were approved as circulated.

A copy of a letter sent to Robert Wynn by the Wilmington Trust Company stated that "They have agreed under certain conditions which now make it feasible for our Bank to make conventional home mortgage loans to our customers in Arden and Ardencroft."

A motion was made and passed unanimously to suspend the order of business to permit Richard C. Cecil, our council man, to address the meeting and then have the Registration Committee conduct the election of committees and Town Assembly officers.

Richard Cecil stated that the County is trying to acquire more park land. They are also trying to preserve a piece of the Leshner estate as a park. There is no definite word yet whether Arden will have to pay sewer taxes again, but he thinks that New Castle County will be a single sewer district

The floor was open for nominees for the committees: Deborah Colgan and Barry Louwerse withdrew their names from nomination for the Community Planning Committee. Patricia Stapleford was nominated for this committee.

Andrew Foote and Bert Passanante withdrew their names from nomination for the Safety Committee.

Timothy Snyder withdrew his name from nomination for the Buzz Ware Village Center Committee.

The Registraton Committee conducted the election. Results will be reported later.

Trustee report by Cy Liberman. The Financial report was circulated. The collection for 1978-1979 taxes is coming in very well. \$72,000. will be invested in treasury bills to collect interest until needed for tax payment.

Arden land is uniformly rezoned at R1CC which is a minimum of 10,000 square feet which is in accordance with practice in Arden. There are some non-conforming lots set up previous to this rezoning.

The new school tax rate has not been formally presented to the Trustees.

Gwynne Smith has seen the problem at Harvey Road and Hillside and she will keep in touch with Highway Department concerning repairing Harvey Road.

No report from the Assessors, Auditing or Budget Committees.

Civic Committee report by Reese Davis: One open meeting in March. In early April the committee will conduct a tour of the Town to inspect conditions of roads. Work will be done as soon as possible. An annual clean-up will be scheduled in early May.

Work has recently been resumed on the "Drainage and Street Improvement" project being carried out under a federal E.D. A. grant. Completion of this project is still required by June 27th. Report on motion accepted.

Community Planning Committee report by Cy Liberman:

The committee will hold a work day on April 1 to do pruning and other work on the Soldiers' Memorial on the Arden Green. A clean-up of the Arden woods is planned for April 22. Areas will assigned and after work is completed, a picnic lunch will be held at Indian Circle.

The committee would like to see an improvement in the Arden road signs. They suggest the hand made ones like those in Ardentown can be purchased at a very reasonable price.

The committee would like the opinion of the residents about the road signs:

1. Are you satisfied with what we have?
2. Would the Ardentown type be an improvement?
3. Do you want the committee to find a still better sign, at higher cost?

The committee is working on an ordinance to protect the trees in our forests from unauthorized cutting and to outlaw any commercial exploitation of the woods.

The committee is also considering and collecting costs on a fence in the Sherwood Forest adjacent to the new Sunset Farm development.

It was suggested that the Naamans Creek be cleaned out also on the clean-up day on April 22.

The report of the committee on motion was accepted.

Registration Committee reported there were 412 eligible voters.

Safety Committee report by Thomas Stapleford:

An arrest has been made in the case of a burglary which occurred last August on Millers Road. Although there has been no arrest as yet in the Gerstine burglary, there are two suspects and the investigation is continuing.

The No Parking signs on Orleans Road between Harvey Road and the Highway will be installed after the ground has dried out. Parking in front of

the Gild Hall is becoming a problem. The report on motion was accepted.

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee report by Marjorie van Gulick.

The contract between the Village of Arden as approved by the January Town Assembly and the Wilmington Montessori Association has been completed and signed by both parties.

The committee has purchased 16 chairs for the use of the center.

Plans are going forward for our Second Annual 3-Ardens Yard Sale at the BWVC. Andrew Foote is the Coordinator of this event.

The report on motion accepted.

Hugh Roberts reported that committee reports covered all items discussed at the Advisory Committee.

The League of Local Governments were concerned with Off Shore Drilling.

All the insurance needs of the community are not met and he and the other members of the committee are preparing information about this.

No report from the School Board.

Thomas Colgan reported that George Kazan will act as Chairman of the Committee to purchase one of Charles Vinson's paintings.

Cy Liberman made a motion that a letter be sent to Governor duPont containing the following resolution:

"Resolved, the Arden Town Assembly believes that the issue of school desegregation has been settled by the courts and that it is time for the governor and other elected officials of Delaware to show leadership to promote understanding, a peaceful change and obedience of the law."

The motion carried with 16 ayes and 12 nays.

The Town Assembly observed a moment of silence in memory of Earl Brooks. A Motion was made and passed to send the expression of sympathy of the meeting to Edith Brooks and her family at Earl Brooks death.

The Registration Committee reported the following people elected:

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Alton Dahl, William Bindloss, James Shinn
 BUDGET COMMITTEE: Sarah Moore, Ruth Panella
 CIVIC COMMITTEE: Kathleen Worth, Joad Kazan
 COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE: Patricia Renzetti, Nancy Hajar
 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Sarah Hamburger, Virginia Shaw, Beatrice Jaffe
 SAFETY COMMITTEE: Barnes King, Thomas Stapleford
 BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE: Aaron Hamburger, Elizabeth Varley
 CHAIRMAN OF TOWN ASSEMBLY: Thomas E. Colgan
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Hugh Roberts
 SECRETARY OF TOWN ASSEMBLY: Mary Morley
 TREASURER OF TOWN ASSEMBLY: Rae Gerstine.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morley, Secretary