The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held on March 28 1966 at the Field Hall with Trustee H D Ware presiding.

After a quorum was declared present the minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from Hugh Roberts requesting that the Town Assembly take action against the state of the former Hazel Stephens property. The letter was referred to New Business.

A letter was received concerning the proposed comprehensive development plan for New Castle County. A meeting is being held and it was suggested that all interested plan to attend this meeting. The meeting ~~was~~ sponsored and called by Regional Planning Commission Zoning Commission, & Zoning Board of Adjustors.

The financial report of the Trustees was read & a report is on file. It was noted that an additional tax payment of $2,157.28 had to be paid because the tax office had not figured taxes due correctly. The total income for 1966-1968 will be $49,256.18. Delinquent taxes are $3,187.60. The Town Assembly should be aware that County Taxes are increasing. The amount paid for 1965-66 was $35,512.61. The Trustees held a meeting to consider other routine business. The report on motion was accepted.

The Civic Committee has been relatively inactive because of lack of funds. Because of large expenditures for street removal the Budget has been exceeded

by "259.28. The amount will have to be charged to the Road Fund for 1966-1967. The Civic Committee is planning a trip on April 3 to check on the condition of Ardenn. They will order clean up of Roads & Commons and will also check on condition of personal lots and suggest that residents clean them up.

The condition of a small foot bridge leading to Ardencroft was called to the committees attention but this bridge had been erected by Ardencroft Civic Committee and is their responsibility.

The report of the committee on motion was accepted.

No report from Assessors, Budget, Community Planning, Advisory Committee, 'Bly Laws' or Good Neighbors Committee.

Registration Committee report 382 votes as of March 28, 1966.

Safety Committee reported problem with Parking in front of Gold Hall and they ask residents to cooperate. They have a formal request to erect a dead End sign at Walnut & Green Lanes. The Committee reported that as of March 31 there will be no parking on the greens and the Special Officer will be instructed to report all violations. Although the amount available to pay the Special Officer has been increased nothing has been done as yet to increase his hours on duty or to work with Ardentown and Ardencroft.

School Trustees reported that they are expecting to ~~[illegible]~~ hire four teachers this year because of increased school population.

The Committee appointed to consider a revision of the proposed incorporation of Arden charter are calling a special meeting of the Town Assembly at 8:30 in the Lower Field on Monday May 2. for discussion of the tentative charter. The final draft will be ready in late May for voting on the House Bill 433 and proposed newly revised charter in early June.

Under News Business the Registration Committee conducted the election of members of the Standing Committees.

They reported the following elected:

Registration Committee: Patricia Press, Ruth Estes, Carolyn Liberman

Auditing Committee: Murray Lashey, Carl Van Oreele, George Kazan

Budget Committee (1) Murray Lashey, (1) William Press

Civic Committee: Albee Williams, Woodrow Vandever

Community Planning Edith Ware, Bernard Brachman

Advisory Committee Chairman: William Press.

The following were nominated to serve on the Safety Committee for one year.

Shaul Gladstone
Richard Downes
Louis Bean
Frank Akutowicz
Mary Hahn

On motion the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing them unanimously

May Morley was nominated to serve as Town Assembly Secretary and the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing her unanimously.

A motion was made and passed to instruct the secretary to send a letter to the family of Frank E Harrison ~~[illegible]~~ recognizing his passing and extending the sympathy of the town to them.

The question of the sign advertising Ring Ridge that is still standing on the Williams property was raised. Mr Ware reported that the Trustees had written several letters but had not received any replies. The lot is not zoned commercial. A motion was made and passed that we refer the matter of having the sign removed to our attorney and ask him to take action.

It was suggested that perhaps Arden could organize a clean up day like the one organized in Arden a few years ago. A motion was made and passed that the Civic Committee organize a Town clean up day and send out notices about it. The time of the clean up would be at the convenience of the Civic Committee.

A motion was made and passed that the letter from Hugh Roberts concerning the ~~property~~ property formerly owned by Hazel Stephens be referred to the Trustees and that the Town Assembly considers that the property should be condemned under the

terms of the lease and that the lease be cancelled if necessary.

It was suggested that the Community Planning Committee be concerned about the future use of this property, its sale or its demolition.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Morley
Secretary.