The regular meeting of The Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on September 22, 1965 with Chairman William Press presiding.

After a quorum was declared present Mr Press requested that we hear from a group of young people concerning the problem of use of Arden greens before we start regular business.

The first spokesman from the youth group stated that they had heard that the Town Assembly was planning to keep all the young people off the green. He stated that they were not going to get off the greens. They had been accused of making too much noise, drinking, smoking grass - destroying swings, littering etc. He felt that very few of the group were responsible and before accusations are made the guilty parties should be apprehended. Twice state and county police were called and they had to leave the area.

Dennis Howard knows that many of those causing problems come from out of the Arden. Are young people just like to congregate and talk. He asked the meeting what they were planning to do about controlling the outsiders.

Tim Colgan says the Arden children are being blamed for things they are not doing.

Joan Colgan thinks we should continue the discussion now.

Donald Stephens felt we should start regular meeting; but he deplores the fact that the voting age is set at 21. During early history of Arden young people had the vote and they grew up understanding the town problem.

Mr Press called for the reading of the minutes of the June meeting. They were read and approved

Mr Liberman read the financial report of the Trustees. A copy is on file.

The Budget Committee proposed Budget was circulated by Wm Press. He explained that the item for Police has been placed on regular budget because Arden is trying to find a way to get a share of state funds available for local police. The police cannot be paid out of Municipal Street aid fund if you want to claim the other aid. So far only towns with full time police are eligible but we have written to see if anything can be done. The road fund has been increased because of the need to make capital improvements on the Roads.

An amendment was made and passed to permit balance of unspent road fund carried forward.

A motion was made and passed to add $500 to the Contingency Fund. A note of explanation is to state that $500 is reserved for use of the Archives Committee provided they have not spent the money Budgeted in the 1969-70 Budget.

The Budget as amended was accepted.

Civic Committee has ordered a gritter constructed down Woodland Lane to the Frank Stephens Memorial. The two hatch basins on ~~both~~ one on ~~both~~ each sides of the road connects with a pipe leading along side the Theatre into the drainage rill in the woods.

This drainage situation has always been bad
Mr Vandener again requested that residents not throw cuttings, trees etc in the woods. The clean up is costly and the Commons fund is almost depleted. It is hoped that with money from Town Budget on Municipal Street aid Fund of $836303. the proposed guttering of Hillside Road from Harvey to Mullers can be done in 1970.
The report of the Civic Committee on notion accepted.

Safety committee report presented by Louis Bean for Richard Downes.
Mr Downes determined from the State Highway Department that before a light could be installed at Harvey & Orleans the village of Arden would have to reach an agreement that such a device is desired. If it is then the traffic study would take three points into account 1- whether volume of traffic on the main artery made entry from side road impossible
2- whether traffic on side roads back up awaiting entry
3- Frequency of accidents

Mr. Jon Dufresne indicates that the State Highway Department would cooperate with Arden to whatever degree possible"
It was found by the Safety Committee that the new legislation to provide grants to assist small communities to maintain police protection, applied only to those communities that had full time police force

Mr. Edwin Anderson the Arden police officer has resigned effective October, 1969. The Safety Committee plans to contact the Fraternal Order of Police and the State Police to locate a retired officer who might be interested in the position. The amount budgeted for Police Salary and other Committee expenses is $20.00 and it is going to be difficult to have anyone to work for such a small amount of pay.

Richard Downs resigned as member of the Safety Committee. The committee will nominate T. Edward Southwell to replace him under new business.

Officer Anderson has been approached to reconsider his decision he is resigning from work in Arden because he is not backed by the people. The parents blame him for trying to control the children and will not back him up when problems arise.

We accept his resignation with regret and appreciate the time and effort he has spent in trying to control situations in Arden.

Mr. Finkelstein feels the biggest troubles is the inability of the young people to behave themselves. The difficulty in large measure is with the parents who will not control the actions of their children. The young people should take the responsibility of controlling the actions of individuals and the group.

Guy Payne suggest ~~[illegible]~~ perhaps a curfew would control the vandalism.

A motion was made and defeated by 17 aye and 20 nays to ask for a flashing

warning light at Harvey & Orleans Road.

A motion was made and defeated by 12 ayes and 21 nays to ask for a full red green stop light at Harvey & Orleans Road.

A motion was made and passed by 23 ayes and 21 nays to ask the State Highway Department to install 4-way stop signs on Harvey and Orleans Road at the intersection.

Registration Committee reported 398 voters as of the September meeting.

The Advisory Committee report has been covered by most of the Committee reports.

A new Housing Code is being proposed for New Castle County - Mr. Potter made a motion that the Chairman, Mr. Press, appoint a Committee to study the Code. The motion carried.

Community Planning Committee had a meeting and they have found a location for the town nursery for trees. Several trees have been promised and the Community Planning Committee will arrange with the Civic Committee to have the trees moved as soon as possible.

Frank Abutowicz sent word that the ~~Brandywine~~ Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred will be meeting on Wednesday, September 27

Mr Liberman reported that the Archives Committee ~~has~~ started collecting and enlarging old photographs.

Ardens Resource Committee recommended to Trustees that the Sherwood side of Ardens be rezoned R1B or 15000 sq foot lots. At the present time Sherwood side is R1C or 6500 sq foot lots.

The problem of major change in Arden Club programs has not been discussed yet.

Under new Business the following were nominated to serve on Board of Assessors

Michael Curtis, Bernard Brachman, Donald Stephens, Louis Bean, Carl Van Dieele, Aaron Hamburger, Harold Monfort, Murray Lashey, Morris Rosen, ~~Shaul~~ Shaul Gladstone, Len Tanzer, Frank Herzog.

A motion was made that T. Edward Southwell be nominated to complete Richard Downes term on the Safety Committee. The Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing him unanimously.

Mr Press appointed Stephen Potter, Harold Monfort and Woodrow Vandever to study the proposed Housing Code.

A motion was made that the Town Assembly express its sympathy to the family of Ashworth Burslem at his death.

A motion was made to set a curfew

up to age 14 or 15 to help curb vandalism.
After much discussion on difficulties of enforcing the curfew the maker of the motion withdrew it.
It was suggested that a small group should meet with the teenagers and then have a special town meeting.

A motion was made and passed that the Chairman William Ross select a Committee of six to meet with six teen representatives to begin discussing problems of teen relationship with the community.
An amendment was made and passed that subsequent to the preliminary meeting that a meeting open to the three Aldermen be held if the preliminary meeting deemed it necessary.

Not official

The teen representatives are James Parker, Dennis Dillon, Andrew Gallagher Jr., Peter Brockmann, Tim Colgan and Nicholas Upson.

A motion was made that we hold a meeting within a week in the Lower Field Hall to get the matter of Mr. Andersons resignation resolved.
A motion to table the previous motion was passed.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Morley Secretary