The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on September 23 1968 with Chairman William Press presiding.

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

The financial report of the Trustees was read and approved. A copy is on file.

Mr Liberman reported that the Trustees had been requested to form a Committee to compile the Archives - Mr. William Frank is Chairman of the Committee.

The matter concerning over payment of the School Crossing guard by New Castle County that the School Trustees had requested the Trustees to study has not been settled yet.

The Assessors reported that the matter concerning Hanstein lot that they had evaluated at 90% and Trustees had charged 100% lot has not been resolved.

A minority report requesting that assessment of Arden land and special factors remain same as those of 1968 was presented as a petition. The petition was read but the votes could not be accepted to change the assessments of Board of Assessors or to send this assessment to referendum. It takes a 2/3 majority vote of those attending the September meeting to send assessments to referendum.

Civic Committee report was presented by Woodrow Vandever - Chairman. He outlined the work of maintenance that had been done on road but he gave a comprehensive report

on the major rebuilding project that are needed on several of the roads and a proposed time table. Gutters and catch basins are needed on several of the roads before they can be resurfaced.
The request for increase in Common fund to a total of $400 is needed to replant trees along our roads to replace dead and dying trees. It was thought our own nursery might be feasible.
The report of the committee was received with thanks.

The Budget Committee submitted its report and Budgeted $9,980 for submittal to referendum. On motion the Town assembly approved the submitted budget and it will be sent to referendum by the Registration Committee.

Community Planning Committee have not had a meeting recently but some of the members have been working on the Arden cemetery and trying to establish where all the graves are located. It is suggested that no one be buried in the cemetery unless the grave be marked with a low stone.

Auditing Committee - no report.
Registration Committee reported 382 eligible voters.
Advisory Committee suggest that a letter be sent to Albee Wallace thanking him for his years of service to Arden. The committee also suggest that vacancies in Civic and Budget Committee be filled by persons who received next highest votes at the March meeting.
The report on motion accepted.

Safety Committee have purchased a two way radio for police car and made arrangements to have the car marked as required. The policeman

will be able to call State police for help when it is needed and this will help him be more effective. Installation of signs is planned to more adequately mark traffic restrictions.

Brandywine Council of Civic Associations has has meetings with the State Highway Commission concerning plans to widen Silverside Road. They are also studying proposals of Highway department for widening of Marsh Road, Grubb-Harvey and Naamans Road.

School Trustees report that present school term is starting with about 70 pupils. They are working with Mt Pleasant district to plan a harmonious transition.

Under old business the third and final reading of Ordinance 3 to transfer responsibility of certain local service functions from the village of Arden to New Castle County was read and accepted.

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of adoption of a concurring ordinance by the County Council of New Castle County.

The special committee suggested by Leon Tanzer at the June meeting to study means of improving Arden was appointed by the Chairman William Press. It is Leon Tanzer, Chairman. Kathleen Hansteen, Earl Brooks, Harold Monfort and William Press.

New business
The following were nominated to serve on the Board of Assessors:

Warren Hoffman	Donald Stephen
Frank Herzog	Murray Lashey
Frank Akutowicz	Bernard Brockman
Morris Rosin	Carl Von Oreli
Linnaeus Hoopes Jr.	S. Louis Bean
Harold Monfort	Leon Tanzer
Shaul Gladstone	

Motion was made that Eugene Shaw be elected to fill the vacancy in the Budget Committee and that Alexander Sykulski be elected to fill the vacancy in Cuna Committee caused by Albee Williams leaving Arden. A motion was made to close the nominations and to instruct the secretary to cast a ballot electing them.

The minority report of Morris Rosin, one of the Board of Assessors could not be entertained but a motion was made by Frank Herzog that the assessment of Arden land remain the same as 1967-68 assessment and this amount be placed in referendum with the assessment made by the Board of Assessors.

There was considerable discussion about the dropping of the roads ~~and commons~~ corners factors and the assessing on a percentage basis for commons & forests. Murray Lashey pointed out that it is the location of a lot rather than roads that increase its value. The Assessors made a study of

data for other areas and found that ground near a forest or open areas was deemed more valuable and sold at a premium.
Frank Herzog pointed out that making communions - forest factors on a percentage basis, they ~~the~~ will increase as the land assessment go up.
The motion was put to vote and was defeated by a vote of 7 ayes and 28 nays.

A motion was made and passed to send a letter to Albert Williams thanking him for his years of work for Arden on the Civic Committee and Budget Committee.
Letters of sympathy are to be sent to the family of Edwin Downs - the Town Assembly paused for a moment of silence and to Jeannette Berger for the tragic death of her son, Gordon Westfall.

A letter is to be sent to the Ralph Pontes and the Charles Pettits commending them for their prompt action in taking care of Ted Sharkey and Michael Sutton when a can of Orange exploded and burned their eyes. A letter is also to be sent to Claymont Fries Company thanking them for ~~prompt~~ excellent first aid administered while rushing the boys to the hospital.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Maley
Secretary