The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held on Monday September 25 1961 with Trustee Ware presiding.

A quorum was declared present. A motion was made and passed that the minutes of the Town Assembly not be read.

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

Mr Ware reported that signs posting Arden as Private Property and that those that did not observe safety measures would be prosecuted as Trespassers had be erected at the suggestion of Judge Wahls and our attorney. It is hoped that a statute can be passed in the Legislature to allow private communities to enforce state motor laws.

Mr Ware reported that the Levy Court of New Castle refused the bids for sewers in Arden because they felt they were excessive. They will call the bidders to a meeting in about two months and discuss the problems with them. The bids were high because of narrow roads rock curbs, no place to put dirt from excavations etc. The report was accepted.

Mr Friedman reported for the Civic Committee. The pool has been closed because of contaminated water and it has been felt that it can never be reopened. The Committee

is studying plans to lower the dam and make the pool into a safe skating rink in cold weather. If the water continues to be so contaminated as to present a health hazard as a stream the Board of Health will be requested to check it again. Dutch elm disease has killed two large trees on the Highway - one in front of the Old Hall the other in front of Beechams and these trees will be removed. The Tree Committee and Community Planning Committee are going to study types of trees that should be planted to replace our dying trees. Report of the Committee accepted.

No report from Assessors.

The Budget committee presented its Budget for approval of the Town Assembly so that it can be presented for referendum vote.

It was moved and seconded that the item "30" for the school fund be deleted and placed in the Contingency fund. This motion was defeated.

It was moved and seconded that the Budget Committee report be referred to referendum. Report was accepted.

The Community Planning Committee called all voters in order to urge them to come to September Town Assembly. They plan to continue this at other Town assemblies to get people to know how the town operates

The committee was congratulated for a job well done as the attendance at the meeting was the largest in years.

Regist-rat-ion Committee reported 356 voters.

Auditing Committee no report.

Sewer and Water Committee stated that the Engineer had checked a broken pipe that was causing overflowing sewage into the creek and it has been repaired. The overflow caused by heavy rains will be checked also. Committee got a hold with Mr Tang concerning water situation but they have not had any definite results from the contact yet. Report accepted.

Safety Committee: Since the new signs have been placed up we have had two arrests and the residents are not taking advantage of the fact they cannot be arrested for traffic violations. Flyers will be sent out outlining bike safety regulation. Motion made and passed to accept the report.

By Laws Committee presented a proposed amendment to the By Laws to eliminate the quorum of 35 needed to hold the meeting. The Proposed Amendment: "No quorum shall be required for the Town Assembly" was present for vote to send to referendum but it was defeated by a vote of 40 nays to 3 ayes.

The following people were nominated to serve on Board of Assessors to be elected by proportional representation:

Ray Lipsteen, Morris Rosen, Paul Smith, George Kazan, William Press, Murray Lasky, Henry Aughey, Katharine Furman, Clyde Davis, Frances Furman, Sigmund Schoor, Carl Vanderbilt, Gordon Gregg, Warren Davis, Janet Gregg (~~the~~ requested naming withdrawn before votes had been mailed).

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Morley
Secretary