The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held on September 21, 1967 with Trustee Ware presiding.

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

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

Mr. Ware presented the minutes of a special meeting of the Trustees and the Commissioner held on September 5 and attended by members of the Budget Committee, Civic Committee and Safety committee. The Trustees reported that even with funds available from Municipal Street Aid fund for purchase of right away which amounted to $2,645.78 and amount of rents outstanding deemed collectible by October there was not enough money in the Trustee Fund to pay Taxes amounting to $43,834.88.

A ruling has been received from the attorney general's office that money expended on Roads and Police protection from July 1, 1966 to present may be refunded to the Trustee Fund from the Street Aid Fund.

These expenditures amounted to $5777.55 - Even with this money the deficit would be $2889.56; therefore the meeting decided that some of the outstanding bills would have to be deferred until 1968 fiscal year and the Civic Committee and Safety Committee were requested to carry out only the most necessary work around the town.

Mr. Ware reported that Mr. Joseph Rosenthal would not submit a bill for all the legal work he has done.

A motion was made that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Rosenthal for his work for Arden. The motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Treasurer was on motion accepted.

Civil Committee report by Mr. Williams reported that Mr George Kershaw has received a contract to repair St Martin lane damaged by the August storm and to repair section of ~~Sherwood~~ Hillside Road leading from Sherwood Road into edge of Sherwood Forest. The Civil Committee has been asked to put dye into several homes that seem to have overflow of sewage. Snow removal contract has been given to Hannum and Solway for minimum of $200 and maximum of $450. The Committee submitted its requirement for maintenance of Arden to the Budget Committee. The report on motion was accepted.

Assessors - No report.

Budget Committee circulated the budget. The Budget was divided into 2 parts. The first budget of money received from rental and yearly payment of road rightaway sales is subject to approval by referendum. Section 2 is a proposed expenditure from the Municipal Street Aid Fund. Expenditure of this fund is restricted by state law to roads and police protection only.

It was pointed out that the Budget Committee did not budget any money for Roadwork and that the Street Aid money was not available until August.

A motion was made and passed that $1000 be included in the Budget for roads

and that the Civic Committee be empowered to shift funds from Common and Forest to Roads if necessary.
A motion was made and passed to submit the Budget as amended to referendum.
No report from Community Planning.
Auditing or Advisory Committee.
Registration Committee reported 383 voters.

Safety Committee reported that the Safety Code enacted into law in July is now being enforced by the magistrate office in Independence Mall. Signs prohibiting parking speeding will be installed and these will permit more rigid enforcement of the traffic code. The Safety Committee has contacted Ardentown Committee to find out how much of the cost of need equipment like siren, lights, possible 2 way radio uniform for police they will be willing to share.
It was suggested that a copy of the Safety Code should be placed in the Library so that those interested can read it.
The report on motion was accepted.

School Trustee reported that Reese Davis is the new school Trustee. The school has 82 student. A music program has been instituted. The school has been painted inside and out. Parents are asked to keep their children from painting on it.
Arden Neighbors - no report.

Frank Abutowicz has been appointed the Town's representative to the Brandywine Council of

Civic organization. He reported that the Council is opposing the proposed rezoning of the Carpenter tract. If the proposed zoning was approved the area would have twice the density of down town Wilmington. The decision on zoning has been deferred.

Under unfinished business the noise that is caused by traffic crossing the man hole covers was discussed. The County engineers should fix them.
The Trustees reported they tried several legal way to have the Kings Ridge sign removed but it is a non conforming use of residential land.

Under New Business the following were nominated to serve on the Board of Assessors
Henry Aughey, Shaul Gladstone, Murray Lashey, Carl Van Oreele, Louis Bean, Bernard Brockman, Donald Stephens, Frank Herzog, William Morley, Morris Rosin, John Berk, Frank Starr.

Dogs are running at large and getting into trash cans. It was felt that residents should be reminded not to place garbage in uncovered cans.

A letter of sympathy is to be sent to the children of Richard Dolmetsch.
Mr. J. B. Finkelstein was honored by the Brandywine Council of Artist because of his tremendous contribution to Delaware.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Morley
Secretary