The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held on September 16, 1966 with Trustee Ware presiding.

After a quorum was declared present the minutes of the ~~June~~ Town Assembly were read. Mr Donald Stephen wanted the statement that he felt the Board of Assessors had not lived up to the requirements of the By laws, therefore he would not sign the report. Mrs. Shaul Gladstone wanted the statement that he had signed the Board of Assessors report because he was the secretary of the Assessors. The minutes with these additions were accepted ~~as read~~.

The financial report of the Trustees was read and approved. A copy is on file. The balance of uncollected rents as of September 16 was $7016.39.

The Trustees have written to the New Castle Planning Committee protesting classification of Stitt Harney Road as a minor arterial road. This classification would enable the State Highway Department collect federal aid in widening the road but it would have to be widened to 60 foot width. Now that we are an incorporated village we should have representation on the Town's planning committee. It is possible that we will get state funds for roads in August of 1967 but we have to measure roads, do have a census in the spring.

It is very possible that Arden will be reassessed by the county next year and this will increase county taxes due. The school taxes will also be increased.

Civic Committee reported that general maintenance work has been done and that they have four bids for snow removal but the contract has not been awarded yet.

Assessors No report

Budget Committee report: The Committee considered the effect of the incorporation of the Village of Arden and the fact that the State Municipal Street Aid Fund will take care of the city streets and the police protection. It will be necessary to dedicate the roads to public use in order to qualify for the Street Aid Fund.

The Budget Committee feel that although the responsibility for Road maintenance will probably take place ~~prior~~ prior to March 25, 1967, they have included money in the budget to take care of expenses until June 30, 1967. The final settlement of 2000 to James Julian was also included.

The proposed increase in school taxes were not considered. Taxes + administrative Expenses amounted to $41500. Amount left to Budget is 8500. Total items budgeted 6920. leaving a balance of 1580 for contingencies.

There were questions as to whether we knew how much and when we would receive money from the Municipal State Aid Fund.

As soon as the Town of Arden dedicates the Roads, the Village of Arden can take over responsibility of maintenance.

The question was asked as to what happens to maintenance of Road from March 25, 1967 until such time as we get funds from the Municipal State Aid Fund.

Mr. I. B. Finkelstein stated the Town must be realistic about establishing an adequate sinking fund. All tax plants must be paid first. We had an adequate sinking fund but an increase in School taxes wiped it out. There is no provision in the present budget to take care of an increase in School taxes which will be voted upon shortly.

A motion was made and passed by 25 aye to 15 nays that the Budget be laid on the table until more study can be given to it. At the next meeting it can be removed from the table and discussed.

Community Planning reported progress. Advisory Committee - details covered by Committee report.

Registration Committee reported 368 residents.

Report of Safety Committee.

The Committee has hired Edwin M. Anderson as special policeman.

Suggested following traffic code be enacted.

1- All motor vehicle laws of State of Del. now shall apply to Arden except where said laws are in conflict with any incorporation of Village of Arden

2- All amendments to above laws to apply

3 Following local laws

a- speed limit 20 mph except on Harry Road

b- No parking on yellow curbs or other non parking area

c- Either both left or both right wheel off the road and must leave adequate clearance for traffic at all time. All land 15 feet from center of Road is Town property

d- Cars shall park on one side of Road only.

e- drinking of alcoholic beverages on roads, greens parking lots prohibited.

f- Loitering on parked cars on road, greens + parking lots prohibited

g- all Stop signs must be obeyed.

h- Due caution must be observed at all times, since Arden roads also pedestrian paths

i- Littering or committing other nuisance is prohibited.

4- Penalties for violation as specified in motor ~~vehicle~~ vehicle laws pertain

5- Where penalties are not specified in code, a penalty of $10 and costs shall be assessed.

6- all arrests by duly constituted authority shall be by written ticket and shall be tried at office of nearest magistrate

7- duly constituted authority is defined as any member of State Police, New Castle County Police or Arden Police.

The Committee is submitting the traffic code for approval so it can be turned over to the Commissioners for action. Before code can be enforced it will be necessary to dedicate the Roads to public use

There was some question that Community owns right of way to 15 feet from center of road. It would be necessary to survey each Road to determine this.

It was felt that a lawyer should be engage to record the code and that a

code that can be enforceable be adopted
It was pointed out that many of the laws in the state motor vehicle code cannot apply to Arden and that Safety Committee should extract laws that apply to us. Copies of our vehicle code should be made available to resident
A motion was made that the proposed safety code be submitted to the Commissioners of the Village of Arden for consideration. Motion passed.

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Carl Von Oeele, Bernard Brockman, Donald Stephens, Murray Lashey, William Morley, Morris Rosen, Louis Beale, Richard Downes, Robert Rommell, Reese Davis.

A motion was made and passed that a letter be sent to the family of Ethel Gordon extending our sympathy at her passing.

Meeting on motion adjourned.

Mary Morley
Secretary