

# 2016 – 2017 ARDEN BUDGET BALLOT

For the expenditure of Town funds for the fiscal year beginning March 25, 2016, and ending March 24, 2017

*See accompanying notes to Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Arden Budget Ballot on back of this form.*

<u>PROJECTED INCOME</u>			<u>PROJECTED EXPENSES</u>		
	<u>Notes</u>		<u>Non-Budget Expenses</u>		<u>Notes</u>
Land Rent	1	\$ 627,409	County Taxes	5a	\$ 91,000
Delaware Municipal Street Aid	2	\$ 16,735	School Taxes	5b	\$ 360,000
Interest and other Income	3	\$ 23,050	Trash Service	6	\$ 58,350
Buzz Ware Village Center	4	\$ 43,000	Trust Administration	7	\$ 25,500
Buzz Ware Renovation Fund	4	\$ 4,000	Village Non-budget	8	\$ 56,390
			Buzz Ware Operations	9	\$ 43,167
			Buzz Ware Renovation Fund	9	\$ 2,000
			Long-term Debt Service	10	\$ 16,176
			Delaware Municipal Street Aid	11	\$ 16,735
<b>Total Projected Income</b>		<b>\$ 714,194</b>	<b>Total Non-Budget Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 669,318</b>
Reserve Funds	3	<u>\$ 285,000</u>	<b>Proposed Budget Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 101,910</b>
<b>TOTAL Funds Available</b>		<b>\$ 999,194</b>	<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 771,228</b>

**DIRECTIONS FOR VOTING:** Please choose one of the following - either #1 or #2:

**#1. Approve or disapprove the entire budget by marking an X in the box next to your choice.**

**I approve of the entire budget.....**

**I disapprove of the entire budget .....**

**OR**

**#2. Disapprove individual items by marking an X in the accompanying box (  ).**

**Any items not marked will be counted as approved.**

***If you choose to disapprove individual items below, DO NOT mark either of the items in #1 above.***

	NOTES*		disapprove		NOTES*		disapprove
Advisory Committee	12	\$ 200	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety- Speed Enforcement	22	\$ 1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archives	13	\$ 1,800	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buzz Ware Support	23	\$ 5,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board of Assessors	14	\$ 50	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donations – ACRA	24a	\$ 2,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capital, Maintenance, and Repair Fund	15	\$ 10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donations – Arden Page	24b	\$ 1,500	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civic Committee	16	\$ 56,135	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donations – Arden Library	24c	\$ 850	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Planning Committee	17	\$ 1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donations – Fire Companies	24d	\$ 1,600	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest Committee	18	\$ 6,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donations – Arden Club	24e	\$ 500	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playground Committee	19	\$ 3,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contingencies	25	\$ 10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registration Committee	20	\$ 200	<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget Committee	26	\$ 75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety Committee: General	21	\$ 1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSES: \$ 101,910**

**POLICY STATEMENTS:**

- 1. The total approved expenditure limits the fiscal year expenditure to that amount unless additional funds are approved by referendum. Funds may be shifted between line items with approval of the committees involved and the Treasurer.
- 2. Income received by committees outside of this budget, such as from grants, will be earmarked for that committee to spend above the budgeted money approved by referendum. In addition, those monies can be carried over year over year for that committee with approval of the the Town treasurer.

**Notes to 2016 – 2017 ARDEN BUDGET BALLOT • Prepared Sept. 2015**

**INCOME:**

- 1. **Land Rent** – Based on Assessors’ report from June 2015 Town Meeting. Note that Trustees will transfer money to the town to cover Town’s budget.
- 2. **Delaware Municipal Street Aid** – Annual street aid. The State of Delaware is providing funds for the FY 2016.
- 3. **Interest and other Income** – Income from the following sources:
  - a. **Rights-of-way**
    - i. **Cable** – \$8,600
    - ii. **Antenna** – \$6,500
  - b. **Investment income** – \$7,950

**Reserve** – Combination of Trustees’ Prudent Reserve (\$152,000) and Town’s Prudent Reserve (\$103,000) and accrued capital fund of \$30,000.
- 4. **Buzz Ware Village Center** – Estimated income for 2016/17 based on projected revenues from rentals, programs, grants, and donations.

This entry includes all utilities, payroll, licenses and fees to operate the building. This entry does not include insurance expenses for operating and maintaining the facilities (note 8). BWVC Renovation Fund from Arden of \$2,000 matches other villages’ recent annual contributions.

- 10. **Long-term Debt Service** – Purchase of Sherwood Forest property.
- 11. **Delaware Municipal Street Aid** – Annual Street Aid – pass-through expense.

**DISCRETIONARY BUDGET EXPENSES:**

- 12. **Advisory** – No change
- 13. **Archives** – \$360 increase
- 14. **Board of Assessors** – No change
- 15. **Capital, Maintenance, and Repair Fund** – Drawdowns expected this FY.
- 16. **Civic** – No change
- 17. **Community Planning** – No change
- 18. **Forests** – No change.
- 19. **Playground** – Per previous year’s expenses
- 20. **Registration** – No change
- 21. **Safety** – No change
- 22. **Speed Enforcement** – Harvey Rd. Fees. - No Change
- 23. **Buzz Ware Support** – Village support for BWVC based on prior years’ experience in Maintenance & Operations. These funds would only be used in case of budget income shortfall from rentals.
- 24. **Town Expenses**
  - a. ACRA Donations – \$500 increase per request
  - b. Arden Page Donations – No change
  - c. Arden Library Donation – No change
  - d. Fire Companies Donation – No change
  - e. Arden Club Donation – No Change
- 25. **Contingencies** – No change.
- 26. **Budget** – No change

**NON-DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES:**

- 5. **Property Taxes** – Decrease of \$6,136 from 2015-2016 budget.
    - a. County Taxes – New Castle County taxes are estimated to increase by \$1,851 compared to YE 2015 levels.
    - b. School Taxes – School Taxes are estimated to decrease \$7,987 vs YE 2015.
- NOTE: The New Castle County property and school taxes are grossed up to include rebates paid to qualifying leaseholders.
- 6. **Trash/Recycle Service** – Increase of \$1,700.
  - 7. **Trust Administration**
    - a. Audit – \$4,800
    - b. Professional/Legal – \$4,500
    - c. Administrative/Operations – \$13,800
    - d. Office Rent – \$2,400
  - 8. **Village Non-budget**
    - a. Operation and Fees – \$31,762 (3% over last year)
    - b. Insurance – \$11,330 (Trust and Village)
    - c. Salaries - \$11,450
    - d. Payroll taxes – \$1,848
  - 9. **BWVC Operations** – Estimated expenses for operating the facility and running programs for 2016/17.

**Deadline:**  
**Ballots must be received by**  
**7:30pm Tues, Nov. 10**