The August 28, 1944 Meeting of the Town Assembly of Aderen Del.

The meeting was held at Mild Hall Aderen Del and was presided over by Trustee Warr. After the Chairman had declared a quorum to be present, the minutes of the July 24 meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. C.R. Scott, Chief of the Auxiliary Police of the Aderen Civilian Defense Sector was read by the Secretary. Mr. Scott explained why the Auxiliary police were unable to assist in policing Aderen.

The secretary read a financial report which was presented by the Trustees for the period from March 25 to August 28, 1944. The report was accepted.

Herman Kummel reported for the Civic Committee. The report, a copy of which is attached, was accepted.

Dr. Jaffe stated that he thought the Civic Committee was justified in closing the swimming pool for lack of a chlorinating agent, but that the closing of a swimming pool as a precaution against contracting infantile paralysis was not justified since scientists do not know as yet how the disease is spread.
William Frank reported for the Board of Assessors. A copy of the report being attached. The main point presented was that at a meeting with Trustees Ware and Cohen, the Board of Assessors was told by the Trustees that they, the latter, considered the full rental value of Arden land to be what the community through its democratically elected assessors decided it to be. The report as well as some attached personal remarks by Mr. Frank were accepted.

Edith Ware, H. J. Pressman, and Frances Harrison reported for the Community Planning Committee, the Auditing Committee, and the School Committee, respectively. The reports, copies of which are attached, were accepted.

Samuel Freeman and Russell Peterson reported progress for the Pay-Laws Committee and the Registration Committee respectively.

John Broeker reported for the Budget Committee presenting the budget which the committee had drawn up for the period from March 25, 1945, to March 25, 1946. It was moved and seconded that the budget be accepted for submission to a referendum.

During the discussion which followed the question as to what was meant by
the variable budget item proposed for partial payment of janitor's salary and for school playground equipment. Mr. Brocker explained the items as follows:

It is planned to spend a total of $438 for janitor service and playground equipment combined. The janitor, who receives a total salary of $500, will be paid between $0 and $280 by the Town of Arden depending on the amount which the State of Delaware appropriates for such service. At the present time, the State appropriation is $80 but an attempt is being made to increase this appropriation after July 1, 1945 to $350 per year. The difference between $438 and the amount paid by the Town of Arden for janitor service will be used for the purchase of playground equipment. Arrangements have been made with Ardentown officials so that Ardentown will pay one half as much as Arden pays for janitor service and for school playground equipment.

William Frank Rushed who decided whether or not a new fund was returned to the general town funds or was held over for expenditures in the next fiscal year. Mr. Petersen explained that the procedure at the present time was such that
any budgeted fund which was unexpended at the end of the fiscal year automatically reverted to the general town funds unless the Civic Committee obtained the permission of the Town Assembly to carry a specific fund into the next period.

Mr. J.J. Dressman suggested that the item labeled "General Emergency" be increased so as not to hamstring the activities of the Civic Committee in meeting emergencies.

Mr. Frank questioned the right of the Civic Committee to expend money from an emergency fund for items not specifically approved by a majority of the residents of Orleans. It was decided that since any emergency item incorporated into the budget must obtain the approval of a majority of all the residents of Orleans, the provision of the deed of trust would be satisfied regardless of how the Civic Committee approved such funds.

J.J. Dressman withdrew his previous motion and moved that the proposed budget be changed so that the emergency item would total $450 and that the amended budget be accepted for submission to a referendum. The motion was seconded and
Approved. A copy of the accepted budget is attached.

The Chairman asked for nominations for the Civic Committee. It was moved and seconded that the present committee be nominated. It was moved, and seconded, that the nominations be closed. Hereby, the following were re-elected to the Civic Committee: Herman Kummer, Robert Bloodwell, John Gordon, William McClure, and George Mooney.

The Chairman asked for nominations for the Board of Assessors. The nominations to be submitted for a referendum vote by the pole system of proportional representation. The following were nominated: David Bloom, Lena Kurzio, William Frank, Samuel Feldman, Frances Harrison, Frank Harrison, Tuta, Jane H. D., Pressman, John Brocker, and Louis Warmington. Frances Harrison withdrew her name from nomination.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Assembly Delegate. R.W. Peterson was nominated. It was moved, seconded, and approved that nominations be closed. Hereby, Mr. Peterson was elected.

David Bloom pointed out that the National Planning Commission has asked small communities to submit plans for post war
building projects. Mr. Bloom suggested that Arden consider the building of sewers as a positive project pointing out that the county has tentative plans for running a trunk line sewer along Dublin Road. Mr. Bloom moved that a committee of 4 be appointed to study the question of building a sewer system for Arden and to report back to the Town Assembly. He further moved that the following members be on the committee: H. D. Ware, Samuel Freeman, Frances Harrison, Samuel Harrison, Cecil Liberman and David Bloom. The motion was seconded and approved.

It was moved, seconded and approved that all of the committee be thanked for their fine work.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting adjourn.

Signed: R. W. Peterson

October 24, 1944 meeting
January 23, 1945 meeting
February 13, 1945 special meeting
April 24, 1945 meeting