The February 4, 1946 Special Meeting of the Arden Town Assembly

The meeting was held at
tell Hall, Arden, Delaware, and
was presided over by Trustee #1.
After the Chairman had
declared a quorum to be present,
the minutes of the August 27,
1945, meeting of the Town Assembly
were read and approved.

The secretary read a financial
report from the Trustees of Arden
for the three months period ending
January 22, 1946. The report
was accepted.

Herman Ximmer reported for
the Civic Committee. The report,
a copy of which is attached, was
accepted. The main subject discussed
in the report was the construction
of the Green Lane extension, a
project which was carried out
by Mr. J. L. Vonderer after receiving
from the Civic Committee a cancellation
of a previous order and which failed
to receive the necessary number
of votes in the September 1945
referendum to approve its being
completed.

Mr. Peterson suggested that
since 75% of those voting on the
referendum approved the above
project, the Registration Committee
be authorized to count the additional
ballots which were received at Brubba.
Post Office subsequent to the tallying of the ballots, a procedure which would very likely result in obtaining the additional 2 votes required to obtain the approval of a majority of all of the residents of Arden.

Mr. Pargenie suggested that the Trustees of Arden pay the bill from a Contingency Fund upon receiving a 3/3 vote of the meeting.

Chairman Ware stated that such a procedure was illegal under the Deed of Trust and the By-Laws of the Town Assembly.

Mr. Brown asked the Civic Committee why the bill for the above construction was not paid out of the Road Repair or Emergency Funds.

Mr. Humme stated that it was considered advisable by both the Budget Committee and the Civic Committee that the expenditure of large sums of town funds be specifically approved by referendum vote.

Mr. Berstine moved that the Registration Committee be authorized to pick up the ballots in Bubble Post Office and recount the referendum. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson and after much discussion was voted down by a vote of 18 to 24.
Approved that the problem of how to pay Mr. Vanderer and Alessandro Petrillo Co. for the labor and materials, respectively, put into the construction of the Green Lane extension be placed in the hands of a committee of three for its recommendation as to how the bill might be paid.

The Board of Assessors, The Budget Committee, and the Community Planning Committee presented no report.

Mary Morley reported for the Registration Committee. The report, a copy of which is attached, was accepted.

David Bloom reported for the Committee on Sewers stating that the committee is continuing with its program to get the county to survey the Lower-Adams area with a view toward setting up a sanitary district in the area. At the completion of the survey the county will make an estimate of the cost of the project and will then hold a referendum to vote on the setting up of the sanitary district. The report was accepted.

The following nominations were made for the 5 member Budget Committee:
John Ware
Carl Karlsson
Emmanuel Gerstine
Earl Missimer
Earl Brooks
Meyer Pressman
Thomas Farrell
Henry Angley
Amy Scholens

It was moved, seconded, and approved that nominations be closed.

The Registration Committee took charge of the meeting to supervise the casting of ballots for the election of the Budget Committee. At the completion of the balloting, the Registration Committee retired to tally the vote.

David Bloom criticized on present mechanism for conducting referenda and moved that the By-Laws be amended so that items now decided by referendum be decided by a two-thirds majority vote of those voting on an election day set aside for balloting on given issues. The motion was seconded. Chairman Ware ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that the Town Assembly could not amend the By-Laws and even if it could such an amendment would be illegal under the Deced of Trust.

Samuel Harrison moved that the Registration Committee be directed...
to post and announce at the next Assembly meeting the names of those who did not vote on the last referendum. The motion was seconded and then voted down.

Edmund de Forest Curtis moved that the Registration Committee be directed to set a date for counting ballots and to count no ballots thereafter. The motion was seconded and then voted down.

The Registration Committee reported on the results of the election of a Budget Committee. The following members were elected:

- Thoresa Farrell
- Earl Simmerman
- Emmanual Berstine
- John Ware
- Carl Karlsson

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Signed: D.W. Peterson