The July 24, 1944, Meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, Del.

The meeting was held at Biddle Hall, Arden, Del., and was presided over by Trustee Ware.

After the chairman had declared a quorum to be present, the minutes of the June 26 meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from the Board of Trustees of the Arden School which pointed out that the Permanent Budget Commission of the State of Delaware, after receiving the plea of Mrs. Samuel Harrison, Chairman of the Town Assembly's School Committee, had granted the full amount requested for repairs to the Arden school. The letter requested the permission of the Town Assembly to use funds appropriated by the Town of Arden for specific school repairs which are now covered by the State's appropriation for additional improvements to the school. It was further pointed out that the school Trustees' program directed toward securing a permanent modern school for the Arden area was making considerable progress.

The Secretary read the letter which had been written at the request of the Town Assembly to The Auxiliary Police of the Arden...
Defense Sects asking them to consider the setting up of a program whereby they could contribute to the maintenance of law and order in Arden. No reply had been received.

At the request of Mr. Joseph Habberton a letter which had been written to him by the Trustees of Arden was read. The letter rejected Habberton's claim for back wages for services rendered as policeman of Arden.

Trustee who are reported for the Trustees stating that a financial report would be presented at the August meeting.

Herman Xumme reported for the Civic Committee. A copy of the report is attached.

Mr. J. Pressman asked that the report with all of its recommendations be accepted and that a vote of thanks be given to the Civic Committee for the fine job that it had done. The motion was seconded and approved.

William Frank reported for the Board of Assessors. The report, a copy of which is attached, included the following resolution which had been unanimously adopted by the Board of Assessors:

Be it resolved that the base land rents in Arden, beginning March 25, 1945, be the same as the base land rents for the year
beginning March 25, 1944;
and be it further
resolved that the assessors feel
that further studies and decisions
should be made by the Board of
Assessors during the coming year
with the view of working out a
more practicable system of land
rental valuations than that now
in effect.

J. K. Jaffe praised the new
spirit of cooperation and moved
that the report including the
above resolutions be accepted and
that a vote of thanks be given
to the Board of Assessors for the
work that it has done. The
motion was seconded and approved.

Mary Morley reported for the
Registration Committee stating that
the only function of the committee
during the past month was to
bring the list of the residents
of Order up to date.

Thomas Farrell reported for
the Budget Committee stating that
the committee was at work on
the preparation of the budget
for 1945-46 year.

Edith Ware and N. J. Freeman
reported progress for the
Community Planning Committee and
the Auditing Committee respectively.

Frank Harrison reported for
the School Committee. Mrs. Harrison
stated that the School Trustees'
letter had already pointed out the
successful results of the committee's efforts to obtain more funds from the state for repairs to the Arden school and moved that the Assembly empower the secretary to write to Gov. Bacon, Mr. Seaman, Mr. Stone, and Dr. Holloway thanking them for their cooperation and consideration in helping the Arden School obtain the repair funds. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dr. J.K. Jaffe moved that the School Committee be thanked for its fine work, that the report be accepted, and that the Committee be reimbursed for any expenses it may have incurred. The motion was seconded and approved.

Clement Wood pointed out that the residents of Arden were considerably indebted to Mrs. Harrison for the tremendous amount of work which she did as Chairman of the School Committee and that Mrs. Harrison's plea before the Permanent Budget Commission had considerable to do with the acquirement of all which was requested.

Under new business Henry Angley asked for advice from the Town Assembly as to what the School Trustees should do with the $367 which had been appropriate for school repairs which are now covered by the state appropriation.
Mrs. Harrison stated that the additional $367 could be put to good use in making additional improvements to the school.

The meeting agreed that the money had been appropriated for school maintenance and that the school trustees could spend the money for any maintenance problem.

V.J. Bresman suggested that the residents of Order raise lot numbers in addition to their normal address as an assistance to the mailmen.

Thomas Farrell asked for a report of the vote on the previous budget item concerning the payment of $375 in back wages to the former Order policeman Joseph Hobart. The secretary reported that 93.9% of the residents who voted on the item approved the payment, 72.9% of all of the eligible voters having voted.

Samuel Freeman moved that a By-Laws Committee of 5 be elected to function as a special committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

The following individuals were nominated:

Samuel Freeman
Elmer Wood
William Frank
Lena Hurlong  
William Ford  
H. J. Bressman  
Sylvan Levy  
David Bloom  
Russell Peterson  

William Ford and David Bloom withdrew their names from nomination.

J. N. Jaffe moved that the By-Laws Committee of consist of 7 members and that the 7 who had been nominated be elected. The motion was seconded and approved.

Henry Angley told of the progress which had been made toward obtaining a new school for the Ardne district and asked for the assistance of all who were interested. He suggested that plans be formulated as soon as possible so that the formation of an Ardne school district can be proposed to the Legislature in January.

Edmund Hurlong asked that the School Committee be directed to submit a plan for a new school to the Town Assembly. Chairman Ware stated that such action would fall as a regular responsibility of the School Committee.

Signed: R. W. Peterson