The regular meeting of the Town Assembly was held on Monday, July 27, 1954 at the
City Hall with Trustee Wane presiding.

After a quorum was declared present the
minister of the Mayor meeting were read and
approved.

Trustee report. Mr. Wane reported that
the Trustees had given the Arden Water Co. permission
to open Miller Road to Hillside Road. When they
found that the water company was contaminating
down Miller Road they contacted them
again. The water company immediately
sent them a letter outlining the work to
be done. They are laying 6" mains down
Miller Road to Long Lane and 6" mains
down Woodlawn Rd to Thomas town. There
will be connected to the existing mains at certain points and will increase pressure
to all homes serviced by these 6" mains.

They are planning to install 4 fire
hydrants along the area. They were asked to hire Mr. Vandesco to repair the roads
they tore up and are willing to do this.

The trustees hired Mr. John Cahill, an
engineer, to check the humps outlined by
the water company to see if it would benefit Arden. He reported that if the
Pumps at the gauges connected on the 3" main to the 8" main open it would increase
pressure and improve the supply quality to the homes if the water supply in the
reservoir is adequate. The Public
Service Commission is going to go over
the whole problem with the trustees and
let us know what our rights are
concerning water service in Arden.
The financial report of the Trustees was read and the copy filed. The report of
the Trustees was accepted.

By Bloomingdale reported that a
representative from the State Board of
Health checked the pond and took samples
of the water. He checked along the
stream and found the sewage was
going into the stream above the Marsh
Road. The flow was small but the
offending party was given notice to
abate the nuisance in 30 days. He
instructed Mr. Bloomingdale to
consume every how along the pond to
prevent contamination by the sewage.

His instructions were being carried
out.

Civic Committee report by A. Williams stated
that the pond would be drained and cleaned
of the water ceased to flow over the
dam. Work had been outlined and some
of it completed at the field theater.
The pump atRobert had become clogged
and they are checking that carefully
because they seem to be sending slurry
into the catch basin as the dike trying
to locate the source. Alderman offered
to sell their lawn mowers to the
Civic Committee but they decided not
to invest in it because the present
system of contracting with the Ryan
seems to be working at very satisfactorily.
The report was accepted.

The report of the Board of Assessors
read by Freda Harmon. The assessment
agreed upon by unanimous vote is as follows:
the base rate at the 100% rate was increased by 11 70 cents from 3.15 to 3.50 per 1000 ass. feet.
Factors for assessment of property differing in more than one road to be allowed to remain the same but it is recommended that they be critically reviewed next year.
This increase will approximate 12 76 cents bringing the total rental for 1955-1956 to approximately $13,984 as compared to $12,639 last year.

Mr. Stephens felt the assessors were frustrating the dead of trust by asking only an 11 70% increase because land values have increased tremendously and Urban rents have not increased accordingly. Arden and Ardenwood pay 4.50 per 1000 sq. ft. It is frustrating the whole Single Taxer's payment and he will ask the Trustees to get a decision from the Court of Chancery as to the legality of the assessment.

It was pointed out that it is the social value of the land that makes the land valuable.

Mr. Ross pointed out that the principle of Single Tax states the advantage of land belongs to society and collection of these advantages is called rent. No one person should have the advantage of this land, it belongs to everyone.

The question was asked why Arden was assessed at 3.50 and Arden at 48.

Mr. Horrison stated Arden was assessed recently in New Castle County at $560,000 as opposed to $444,000 per 1000 ass. lots will be $44,000 at school tax, $42,000 which will
leave $646 to be budgeted as the majority of residents desire. Assessors cannot
assign a bond without tax on
the land value. Since 1946 land
rent in Arden has been increasing.
Rent in Arden was based on use value,
rental value but land outside Arden
is dollar value or speculative value.
We do not have to accept the rent
of Arden ton as Ardensworth or correct.
Mr. Freeman pointed out that when
the Chancellor handed down his decision
in one of the court cases concerning
right of the assessors to assess
Arden land he pointed out the distinction
between rent and tax. Rent is based on
profit but tax has no element of personal
in it and is the amount accepted by
the householders and residents to support
their needs.
David McClinton asked for the floor
but the motion to deny him the right
to speak was because he is not a resident
and the motion was carried long line
defeated 23 to 12.
Mr. Ward pointed out the report that Arden
had to get $800 in 1,000 sq. ft. because they
had to pay off their interest and principal
then land sold not based on fact. Rent in
Mushroom homes covers the obligation.
Mr. Jeffery pointed out that by keeping
the assessment low it limited the
number of improvements the community
could enjoy.
John Page pointed out that Ardenton
Assessment may increased 30% this year and this could not be justified by real estate tax. Mr. Stephen stated that the full rental value in Ardenvon had not been collected for several years and that is the reason for the greater increase this year.

A motion was made and accepted to accept the Assessors report.

Community Planning Committee has been working with Theater Civic Committee to make plans for improving the theater.

Registration Committee reports for resident.

Safety Committee. Steps signs have been replaced at Miller & Hillside Road. Residents are requested to observe these signs. Bath State & County Police are going to check this area & arrest not complying. Other signs will be replaced in town soon.

Sanitary Committee. The feel steps should be taken to start sanitary district. Small Stephens reported that work on new system of sewer disposal has been completed at the cooler. State sanitary engineer are helping him find best method of taking care of situation in Little Cyprus.

School Trustee report four teachers have been engaged this year.

The following people have been nominated

The Nominating Committee reported Clifford Hendricks and Ethel Warren elected to serve for 2 years on the Community Planning Committee.

Mr. Embulstein suggested that the Sanitary Committee attempt to get some data concerning the cost of sewerage systems in cities. It has been stated that a door-to-door survey is going to be made by the Deputy State Sanitary Engineer.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moody
Secretary