The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Ardene was held on Monday, July 28, 1955, at the Hall with Trustee Miller presiding.

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

A letter was received from Mr. Carl Karlsson resigning from the Board of Assessors at the time the Committee because he was leaving Arden.

A motion was made and seconded accepting his resignation and expressing the gratitude of the community for many years of service to Arden.

The Trustee financial report for period was read and approved as a copy is filed.

It was reported that the Trustees have been doing everything possible about the water situation in Arden. The time for positive action has come and they need letters of complaint from residents of the town to present to the Public Service Commission. They have asked the Community Planning Committee to work with them on this problem. They have considered starting legal action but it is necessary to first take the matter up with the Public Service Commission. A motion to this effect was accepted.

The Auditing Committee report was given by Mr. Samuel Freeman. They examined the books of the Trustee, checked bank statements, checks, and other records and found them all to be correct and in excellent condition. The report of the Auditing Committee was accepted.

The Curie Committee report given by Mr. Gilbert Womack stated that Hillside Road and a section
of Sherwood Road have been repaired, the path near Warley, and the pond drained and cleaned with the partial volunteer help after the firestorm in July. General maintenance of the town's drinking water from the swimming pool tended at the plant several times, and the report is that the water is safe for swimming purposes.

There is nothing in the pool to cause the skin condition, such as the site that are prevalent now and the condition is probably caused by the excessive and prolonged heat. Keeping the road leading to the pond is becoming a serious problem and there is no remedy. If it were the people in the community cooperate with the safety and use committee. Arden on has purchased new grass cutting equipment and they are going to keep the lawn green now. The town committee wrote to the school's principal for the active interest and help he has been to it.

On motion the report was accepted.

The Assessor's report was presented by Mr. Frank E. Harrison and it recommended that the base rate be increased from 3.00 to 3.15 per 1,000 square feet. The remaining factors were not changed.

The approximate increase in total rent will be $547 for a total of $14,534 for the year 1953-54.

Mr. Stephen stated that as much as Arden and Arden court by higher contracts he wondered if the Assessor of Arden contacted the areas around Arden in arriving at their contracts. Mr. Harrison said that the fact that land in the vicinity of Arden is increasing in value was considered in that.
Arden land is valued at about $3700 on the
NewLand rent has been increasing since 1845
and the value of Arden Land has increased
by $500 a year in the last 6 years. Mr. Finkelstein de-
clared that the figure of $3700 per acre for Arden land
at the time was $34.25 per acre. The figure of $34.25 per acre is
correct. The motion to adopt the discrepancy
and resolution made at the last meeting of the
Board of Assessors was read: "The base rate of
$315 per acre at the value of
$34.25 per acre was approved. If all other factors
other than if all factors were to be included the
land value would be about $3700.

An motion the report of the Assessors was
accepted unanimously.

Mr. Finkelstein moved a motion that we
eliminate the quorum at Town Council meetings.
An amendment to the motion stated
that we amend the By-Laws to make the
quorum 1 instead of the present 35.

There was considerable discussion concerning
the advisability of eliminating a quorum at
Town Council. The amendment to the
original motion was carried with a vote of
20 to 1.

Mary Molloy made the suggestion that
Town Council be scheduled three months instead
of trying to crowd so much work in the
three summer months. Mr. Freeman pointed out
that this would necessitate other changes in
the By-Laws such as months in which committees
were elected and reported etc. The suggestion
met with favorable approval and in motion it was to be sent to the By-laws Committee to be set into proper form for adoption as an amendment to the By-laws.

Community Planning Committee have been holding regular meetings.

Registration Committee report 41 voters. Advisory Committee report. The Secretary gave a resume of the Advisory Committee committee and the report was adopted.

Safety Committee: Traffic is being controlled, but there are several residents of the town who are consistent offenders. It has been suggested that those who fail to comply with the safety regulations enforced by the town have their names posted in a public place as causes that offenders. The Safety Committee is trying to find out if they have the legal right to carry out these orders.

It was reported that a resolution thanking Mr. Vandenbosch had been prepared by that a special honoring him has been presented on July 6. The resolution was read to the Town Assembly and an engrossed copy will be prepared for Mr. Vandenbosch. The letter of sympathy to these residents of the town who have died in the past year will be sent in the near future.

Two old business:

Under new business the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot electing Edith Ware and Clifford W. Sheld for a two-year term on the Community Planning Committee. Their names had been submitted for election at the June meeting.

The only nomination for replacing the absent member on the Civic Committee carried the resignation.
Mr. Karlsson was absent, therefore the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing him to fill Mr. Karlsson's place.

Under Good of Welfare Mr. Curtis stated that we should use every possible means to interest the residents in the activities of the town and awaken their sense of responsibility as citizens. He thought that a pamphlet prepared by the Community Planning Committee would be a good idea.

Meeting on motion adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Mary Melly, Secretary