The regular meeting of the Town Assembly was held on September 27, 1852, with Citizen Warren presiding.

After a quorum was declared present, the minutes of the June meeting and the December meeting of 1851 were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. Freeman was read stating that he could not be a nominee for the Board of Assessors this year.

The financial report of the Trustees was read and approved. A copy is on file.

Committee report. Although the complete report on the current year's performance is not ready yet, the present fiscal year's deficit is $100. The deficit is great in the year because extensive work done to the pool, nearly filling an extra guard, repaired a leaking well, need for new equipment, and making an addition to the pool by lot. The committee has requested that the town help defray this deficit. We have spent a considerable sum removing trees around the town. Several elms have developed Dutch elm disease and had to be removed and burned immediately. Regular maintenance of the town has been carried out. Mr. Tyler states the committee desires the commendation of the meeting for such work done. The report of the committee was accepted.

Board of Assessors' report.

Budget Committee report by Carl Van Dike.

The committee estimated an income of $600 for expenditure of $700 with a surplus of...
$9,700 to be budgeted.

Leona Page made a motion that $9,700 be allowed for the purpose of budgeting it for secretary pay to be directed to $6,000. After some discussion concerning the need for the increase the motion was carried.

The contribution to the A.C.A. of $1,00 was questioned as to whether it was properly commended. Donald Stephens requested that the Board get a lawyer's opinion on this.

The Budget Committee eliminated the expense of $100 for rubbish collection because it did not serve many residents.

A motion was made and passed to allocate $100 for rubbish collection in the proposed budget.

The budget as amended was approved for referendum to be conducted by the Registration Committee.

Community Planning Committee is working on the project of control of Dutch elm disease and the replacement of trees with the Arborist Committee.

The Registration Committee checked all qualified electors for the September meeting and found 397 residents qualified to vote.

An report Advisory Committee.

By-laws Committee reported that in the final meeting a motion was made to change the millage rate for Assessors. The proposed amendment read as follows:

Amend Article II Section 3 as paragraph three.

The Board of Assessors shall be elected by popular vote. The seven nominees necessary...
the highest tateal shall be declared elected
and shall fulfill office for period of year
or until their successors are elected and
qualified.

There was considerable discussion
concerning the proposal amendment. Editor
Page explained the working of the House System
of proportional representation. He felt it
totally represented a democratic form of
election to permit the minority group to select at
least one member.

Mr. Norman felt that the Registration
Committee board manipulate the outcome
of the voting by method of selecting vote color.

Mr. Page felt that the majority
should control election of Assessors.

Mr. Page also felt that the elective system
of democracy being an expression of the will
of the majority and the minority.

A motion was made and passed by
a roll of 34aye and 23 noes that the
vote for the House System of proportional
representation in selecting the member of the
Board of Assessors.

Mr. Seligman pointed out that we had
not dealt with what we refer to the report of the
By-laws Committee. He offered made
a motion that the By-laws committee
report to amend the method of selection
of Board of Assessors be accepted and
presented for referendum vote. The
motion was defeated by 24 ayes and 31 noes.

Water and Sewerage Committee reported the
petition for a sewerage system was reny.
Circulated in the town.

The committee reported that signs that have been

... through the town are being replaced. That

... street obstructions at corners are being

... checked and cut down.

A motion was made and seconded that

... an appeal to assessors of Arden land by the

... assessors to assess the land at 3 80.0

... or be presented along with the

... assessor assessment for decision by

... referendum vote.

The motion was defeated by 14 yes and 84 nays.

The following were nominated to serve

... on the Board of Assessors to be elected by

... referendum vote: William Rees, Martin Holden,

... Herman Smith, Henry Andrew, Beth McClean,

... Michael Jeffs, Carl Van Buren, Frank Herron,

... James Robie, Fred Delgrosso, Francis White,

... Lloyd Estes, Ollie Vike.

Martin Holden felt thatamesha should

... withdraw as chairman of the Registration

... Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Mr. Holden's resignation for the

... Registration Committee.

Safety Committee is requested to check the

... Arden streets and to find any way of possible to prevent.

The meeting is then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Molly Secretary.