

ARDEN ELECTION RESULTS • NOV 5, 2019 BUDGET REFERENDUM

2020 – 2021 ARDEN BUDGET

for the expenditure of Town funds for the fiscal year beginning March 25, 2020, and ending March 24, 2021

See accompanying notes to Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Arden Budget Ballot on back of this form.

PROJECTED INCOME			PROJECTED EXPENSES		
	Notes		Non-Budget Expenses	Notes	
Land Rent	1	\$ 724,950	County Taxes	5a	\$ 113,642
Delaware Municipal Street Aid	2	\$ 19,446	School Taxes	5b	\$ 433,611
Interest and Other Income	3	\$ 23,050	Trash Service	6	\$ 70,672
Buzz Ware Village Center	4	\$ 30,000	Trust Administration	7	\$ 26,787
			Village Non-budget	8	\$ 51,488
			Buzz Ware Operations	9	\$ 30,000
			Buzz Ware Renovation Fund	9	\$ 2,000
			Delaware Municipal Street Aid	10	\$ 19,446
Total Projected Income		\$ 797,446	Total Non-Budget Expenses		\$ 747,648
Reserve Funds	3	\$ 105,000	Proposed Budget Expenses		\$ 95,050
TOTAL Funds Available		\$ 902,446	TOTAL Expenses		\$ 842,698

COUNTY TAXES, INCLUDING REBATES, ARE INCREASING MORE THAN \$41,000.00 OVER LAST YEAR

Eligible voters: 352. **177 votes needed to approve an item. All items passed**

Invalid Budget ballots 4

Approve entire budget 171

Disapprove entire budget 1

Ballots with itemized disapprovals (shown below)..... 38

	NOTES*		# disapprove /resulting total approval		NOTES*		# disapprove /resulting total approval
Advisory Committee	11	\$ 50	0 / 209	Safety Comm: General	20	\$ 1,700	7 / 202
Archives Committee	12	\$ 1,800	10 / 199	Safety: Speed Enforce.	21	\$ 500	12 / 197
Board of Assessors	13	\$ 100	0 / 209	Buzz Ware Support	22	\$ 5,000	10 / 199
Budget Committee	14	\$ 100	0 / 209	Donations:ACRA	23a	\$ 2,000	5 / 204
Civic Committee	15	\$ 58,000	14 / 195	Donations: Ardn Page	23b	\$ 500	0 / 209
Community Planning Comm	16	\$ 500	3 / 206	Donations: Ardn Library	23c	\$ 1,200	6 / 203
Forest Committee	17	\$ 7,200	10 / 199	Donations: Fire Co's	23d	\$ 1,600	3 / 206
Playground Committee	18	\$ 4,000	10 / 199	Donations Arden Club	23e	\$ 500	7 / 202
Registration Committee	19	\$ 300	0 / 209	Contingencies	24	\$ 10,000	15 / 194

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSES: \$ 95,050

Policies below are for information only. Policy adoption is addressed at town meetings.

1. The total approved expenditure limits the fiscal year (FY) expenditure to that amount unless additional funds are approved by referendum. Funds may be shifted between line items with approval of the committees involved and the Town Treasurer.
2. There are funds that are available to the Village and its committees that are outside of the scope of this budget and are governed by policies set up by the Village.
3. Income received by a committee outside of this budget will be earmarked for that committee to spend above the budgeted money approved by referendum. In addition, those monies can be carried over year over year for that committee with approval of the Town Treasurer.

*Notes to 2020–2021 ARDEN BUDGET BALLOT • Prepared Sept. 2019

INCOME:

1. **Land Rent** – Based on Assessors' report from June 2019 Town Meeting. Note that Trustees will transfer money to the town to cover Town's budget.
2. **Delaware Municipal Street Aid** – Annual street aid. The State of Delaware is providing funds for the FY 2020.
3. **Interest and other Income** – Income from the following sources:
 - a. Rights-of-way
 - i. Cable – \$8,600
 - ii. Antenna – \$6,500
 - b. Investment income – \$7,950**Reserve** – Combination of Trustees' Prudent Reserve (\$65,000) and Town's Prudent Reserve (\$10,000) and accrued capital fund of \$30,000.
4. **Buzz Ware Village Center** – Estimated income for 2020/21 based on projected revenues from rentals, programs, grants, and donations.

NON-DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES:

5. **Property Taxes** – underbudgeted by ~\$26,400 in 2019-2020
 - a. **County Taxes** – Estimated to be 3% higher than 2019 actual. 2019 Actual was \$14,000 higher than budgeted due to application of New Castle County local services rate.
 - b. **School Taxes** – 3% increase to the 2019 actual.**NOTE:** The New Castle County property and school taxes are grossed up to include rebates paid to qualifying leaseholders.
6. **Trash/Recycle Service** – No change. Three-year contract renegotiated in August of 2018 went into effect September 1, 2018 and includes a 3% increase.
7. **Trust Administration**
 - a. Audit – \$5,168
 - b. Professional/Legal – \$6,166
 - c. Administrative/Operations – \$12,981
 - d. Office Rent – \$2,472
8. **Village Non-budget**
 - a. Operation and Fees – \$21,020
 - b. Insurance – \$12,020 (Trust and Village)
 - c. Salaries - \$11,450/Bookkeeper \$5,150
 - d. Payroll taxes – \$1,848

9. **BWVC Operations** – Estimated expenses for operating the facility and running programs. This entry includes all utilities, payroll, licenses and fees to operate the building. This entry does not include insurance expenses for operating and maintaining the facilities (note 8). **BWVC Renovation Fund** from Arden of \$2,000 matches other villages' recent annual contributions.
10. **Delaware Municipal Street Aid (MSA)**– Annual street aid is decided in the actual fiscal year, so this is an estimate. MSA is a pass-through expense and the village will spend only what the state provides.

DISCRETIONARY BUDGET EXPENSES:

NOTE: The Budget Committee asked each committee to consider reducing its budget by 10% to help offset the unexpected county tax increase. Forest, Safety, and Audit (which technically has no budget), agreed to reduce their budgets.

11. **Advisory Committee** – \$150 decrease (75%)
12. **Archives Committee** – No change
13. **Board of Assessors** – No change
14. **Budget Committee** – No change
15. **Civic Committee** – No change
16. **Community Planning** – No change
17. **Forest Committee** – \$800 decrease (10%)
18. **Playground Committee** – No change
19. **Registration Committee** – No change
20. **Safety Committee** – \$1,700 – 50% reduction from last year.
21. **Speed Enforcement** – Harvey Rd. including signage and upkeep on state roads. - \$500 – 50% reduction.
22. **Buzz Ware Support** – Village support for BWVC based on prior years' experience in Maintenance & Operations. These funds would only be used in case of budget income shortfall from rentals.
23. **Town Expenses**
 - a. ACRA Donations – No change
 - b. Arden Page Donations – No change
 - c. Arden Library Donation – No change
 - d. Fire Companies Donation – No change
 - e. Arden Club Donation – No change
24. **Contingencies** – No change.