

2022 – 2023 ARDEN BUDGET Referendum Results

for the expenditure of Town funds for the fiscal year beginning March 25, 2022, and ending March 24, 2023

See accompanying notes to Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Arden Budget Ballot on back of this ballot.

| PROJECTED INCOME | | | PROJECTED EXPENSES | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---|--|-------|---------------------|
| | Notes | | Non-Discretionary Expenses | | Notes | |
| Land Rent | 1 | \$ 766,000 | County Taxes | | 6a | \$ 120,395 |
| Delaware Municipal Street Aid* | 2 | \$ 19,446 | School Taxes | | 6b | \$ 446,619 |
| Interest and Other Income | 3 | \$ 18,100 | Trash Service | | 7 | \$ 67,260 |
| Buzz Ware Village Center | 4 | \$ 30,000 | Trust Administration | | 8 | \$ 27,516 |
| American Rescue Act | 5 | \$ 219,926 | Village Non-Discretionary | | 9 | \$ 52,210 |
| | | | Buzz Ware Operations | | 10a | \$ 30,000 |
| | | | Buzz Ware Renovation Fund | | 10b | \$ 2,000 |
| | | | Delaware Municipal Street Aid | | 11 | \$ 19,446 |
| | | | American Rescue Act | | 12 | \$ 219,926 |
| Total Projected Income | | \$ 1,053,472 | Total Non-Discretionary Expenses | | | \$ 985,392 |
| Reserve Funds | 3 | \$ 180,407 | Proposed Discretionary Expenses | | | \$ 108,100 |
| TOTAL Funds Available | | \$ 1,233,879 | TOTAL Expenses | | | \$ 1,093,492 |

Eligible voters: 338. **170 votes needed to approve an item. 1 item defeated**

Invalid Budget ballots 1

Approve entire budget 155

Disapprove entire budget 3

Ballots with itemized disapprovals (shown below)..... 44

| | NOTES* | | # disapprove / resulting total approval | | NOTES* | | # disapprove / resulting total approval |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|---|------------------------|--------|-----------|---|
| Advisory Committee | 13 | \$ 100 | 1 / 198 | | | | |
| Archives Committee | 14 | \$ 1,800 | 2 / 197 | Safety Comm: General | 23 | \$ 3,400 | 11 / 188 |
| Board of Assessors | 15 | \$ 100 | 0 / 199 | Safety: Speed Enforce. | 24 | \$ 1,000 | 13 / 186 |
| Budget Committee | 16 | \$ 100 | 0 / 199 | Buzz Ware Support | 25 | \$ 5,000 | 6 / 193 |
| Civic Committee | 17 | \$ 58,000 | 6 / 193 | Donations – ACRA | 26a | \$ 2,000 | 3 / 196 |
| Community Planning Comm | 18 | \$ 500 | 1 / 198 | Donations – Ardn Page | 26b | \$ 500 | 0 / 199 |
| Forest Committee | 19 | \$ 8,000 | 13 / 186 | Donations–Ardn Library | 26c | \$ 1,200 | 4 / 195 |
| Playground Committee | 20 | \$ 4,000 | 8 / 191 | Donations – Fire Co's | 26d | \$ 1,600 | 2 / 197 |
| Playground Capital Equip | 21 | \$ 10,000 | 35 / 164 | Donations – Ardn Club | 26e | \$ 500 | 7 / 192 |
| | ITEM DEFEATED | | | Contingencies* | 27 | \$ 10,000 | 11 / 188 |
| Registration Committee | 22 | \$ 300 | 0 / 199 | | | | |

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSES: \$ 108,100

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 2022–2023 ARDEN BUDGET BALLOT • Prepared September 2021**

INCOME:

1. **Land Rent** – Based on Assessors' report from June 2021 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 2022.
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 – \$3,000 (No longer includes investment income from the Schroeder estate)**Reserve** – Combination of Trustees' Prudent Reserve \$136,362 and Town's Prudent Reserve \$14,045 and accrued capital fund of \$30,000. (This does not include \$8,586 expected Trustee difference between expenditures and revenue).
4. **Buzz Ware Village Center** – Estimated income for 2021/2022 based on projected revenues from rentals, programs, grants, and donations.
5. **American Rescue Act** – Federal grant to jumpstart the economy after Covid19. Subject to legal restrictions.

NON-DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES:

6. **Property Taxes** –The New Castle County property and school taxes are grossed up to include rebates paid to qualifying leaseholders.
7. **Trash/Recycle Service** – Current contract with Waste Management expires in 2021. New 3-year contract with Trash Tech includes a 3% annual increase.
8. **Trust Administration**
 - a. Audit – \$5,323
 - b. Professional/Legal – \$6,351
 - c. Administrative/Operations – \$13,370
 - d. Office Rent – \$2,472
9. **Village Non-Discretionary Expenses**
 - a. Operation and Legal Fees – \$21,381
 - b. Insurance – \$12,381 (Trust and Village)
 - c. Salaries - \$11,450/Bookkeeper \$5,150
 - d. Payroll taxes – \$1,848
10. **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 9). **BWVC Renovation Fund** from Arden of \$2,000 matches other villages' recent annual contributions.

11. **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.
12. **American Rescue Act (ARA)** – Specific expenditures will be subject to approval at town meeting in accordance with the guidelines for the ARA program.

DISCRETIONARY BUDGET EXPENSES:

NOTE: Each committee that reduced its budget by 10% for the 2021-2022 fiscal year will have its budget restored to 2020-2021 levels in 2022-2023:

13. **Advisory Committee** – budget restored
14. **Archives Committee** – budget restored
15. **Board of Assessors** – budget restored
16. **Budget Committee** – budget restored
17. **Civic Committee** – No change
18. **Community Planning** – budget restored
19. **Forest Committee** – budget restored to 2019-20
20. **Playground Committee** – budget restored
21. **Playground Capital Equipment** – Replace non-compliant equipment
22. **Registration Committee** – budget restored
23. **Safety Committee** –budget restored 2019-20
24. **State Roads** – Signage, upkeep, and speed enforcement on Harvey and Marsh – budget restored to 2019-20
25. **Buzz Ware Support** – budget restored
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.
26. **Town Expenses**
 - a. ACRA Donations – budget restored
 - b. Arden Page Donations – No change
 - c. Arden Library Donation – budget restored
 - d. Fire Companies Donation – No change
 - e. Arden Club Donation – No change
27. ***Contingencies** – This is a pass-through expense, it is not funded using money collected for land rent. Expenses occur only when the contingency fund is not fully funded.

Election conducted Tues, Nov. 2, 2021

Arden Registration Committee
Elizabeth Varley, chief elector