



VILLAGE OF ARDEN TOWN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 24, 2022

Town Meeting Minutes



Next Town Assembly for the Village of Arden is March 22, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. Gild Hall

MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS/POLICIES PRESENT

9.0 Advisory Committee Report – Danny Schweers

◦ **Motion #1.**

The Advisory Committee asks the Town Assembly to amend the motion creating the Governance Task Force, the motion it approved at the September meeting of the Town Assembly, striking the words "five (5) residents" and replacing those words with "seven (7) residents". Hand vote: **Motion passes and is approved**

◦ **Motion #2 Approval** of the slate of nominees for Governance Task Force John Schefflen (CP), Ray Seigfried (Chair), Kate Threefoot, Barbara Macklem, Lynda Kolski, Beverly Clendening, Steve

Motion# 2: Hand Vote: Ayes: 56, Nays:8, and Absentee: 3. Ayes have it!

◦ **Motion #3**

Deborah Ricard presented a motion that the Governance Task Force shall conduct four (4) public meetings each year during the months of January, March, June and September which shall be open to all residents, Trustees and leaseholders of the Village. The Governance Task Force shall fix rules and regulations for the conduct of the meetings, provided that reasonable opportunity shall be afforded to all persons entitled to notices thereof to be heard at such meetings. Majority vote. Motion passed.

11.8 **Budget** – Deborah Ricard Fill Vacant Position

There was no self-nominate from the floor.

There is a motion from the Budget Committee to approve Bob Erenburg to fill the remaining time of Nick Stalloni's position.

No objections. **Approved by Unanimous Consent**

13.0 New Business

- **Motion presented by Danny Schweers**

MOTION: The word “officers” in Village documents, refers to the Chairs of the Town Assembly and Advisory Committee, the Village Secretary, and the Village Treasurer. Calling them “officers” shall not confer any additional responsibilities on those holding these offices; that is, they shall have only those responsibilities authorized by the town charter or approved by the Town Assembly.” Motion Passed.

- **Motion presented by Mike Curtis:** I move that The Town Assembly of the Village of Arden urge New Castle County Council, at the completion of the re-assessment, to reduce the assessed rates or tax rates on the value of buildings and other improvements only until the desired revenue is attained. Tabled.

Attendance

Jael	Aumack NV	Elaine	Hickey	Eric	Reed
Skip	Bailey	Randy	Hoopes	Elizabeth	Resko
Beverly	Barnett	Lee	Hoover	Grace E	Ressler
Steve	Benigni	David	Jones	Deborah M	Ricard
Jennifer	Borders	Brian	Killian	Clay	Ridings
Walter	Borders	Michelle	Klein	Toby	Ridings
Brooke	Bovard	Lynda	Kolski	Iris	Roseman
Maria	Burslem	Larry	Lambert NV	Warren	Rosenkranz
Marianne	Cinaglia	Carol	Larson	John	Scheflen
Beverly	Clendening	Barbara	Macklem	Danny	Schweers
Pam	Cohen	Ron	Meick	Vicki	Scott
Mike	Curtis	David	Michelson	Ray	Seigfried
Carol	DiGiovanni	Ken	Morrison NV	Lynn	Shapira
Dorinda	Dove	Gary	Mullinax	Nadiv	Shapira
Bob	Erenburg	Lisa	Mullinax	Sara	Somerville
Kyle	Evans Gay NV	Vered	Nohi	Susan	Stith
Carl	Falco	Betty	O'Regan	Bob	Stith
Stevie	French	Denis	O'Regan	Steve	Tanzer
David	Gerbec	Cookie	Ohlson	Elizabeth	Varley
Simon	Hamermesh	Ron	Ozer	Mary	Vernon
Ellie	Hansen	Shana	Pinter	Cecilia	Vore
Stephen	Harcourt	Jeffrey	Politis	Larry	Walker
Leannan	Harcourt-Brooke	Pam	Politis	Jan	Westerhouse
Tegan	Harcourt-Brooke	Sachin	Puranik	Tom	Wheeler
Barbara	Henry	Gary E	Quinton		

- 1.0 **Call to Order** - Chair Jeffrey Politis called meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.
- 2.0 **Approval of Minutes** - September 2021 Town Assembly Minutes approved as presented.
- 3.0 **New Residents** – Mike Zazzu, Brandon Scott and Kile Jobson, Mary Kennedy Wong.
Welcome!

4.0 **Recognition of Departed**

Departed Residents: 2021: A year in review of those of our friends, neighbors and relatives that we lost: Ronald William Nair, Milton Isaac, John A. Covert (aka Jack), Nancy S. Covert, Jill Brandner, Sandra J. Hulton, Charles Brodigan, Marjorie Mabrey, Linda Vandever Scott, Dan Williams, Linda Ann Parks, Jennifer Coope Alzner, Erhard “Hardy” F. Hoegger, Peter A. Willis, Lis Downes, Hal E. Goodwin, Jr., Linda Eaton, Rev. Canon James D. Von Dreele, Bill Williams, Ginny Gotides, Sally Hamburger, Laura Rowell, Jane Haggard, Ruth Bean, Ruth Ann Crovetto.

5.0 **Visitors** (2 minutes each):

- Representative Larry Lambert (State Representative of 7th District).

Updates

HB 259 - Emergencies alerts for catastrophic chemical relief is now out of committee. This is his first bill; he has been working on it for years.

He is Chair for the Justice Over Forty Oversight Committee, which is an Environmental Justice Committee.

Contact information Larry.Lambert@delaware.gov , 302-668-2205.

- Senator Kyle Evans Gay (Senator for the 5th district)

Updates

House/Senate have worked on expediting some credentialing for our national guardsman, who are providing some respite to healthcare workers in facilities throughout the state. She has been working with the kids department (DSCYF - Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families) to make sure they can hire and retain their best workers.

Her contact information:

Kyle.Gay@Delaware.gov, (302) 744-4137, [www.fb.com/SenKyleEvansGay](https://www.facebook.com/SenKyleEvansGay)

Assistant: Charline Ganthier – Cine@delaware.gov, (302) 744-4166.

Monthly news letter featuring legislative and community updates, sign-up at:

www.tiny.cc/SenGay

6.0 Town Chair - Jeffrey Politis

Communications from the Chair.

Since the last town meeting....

1. We moved into 2022. Happy New Year to Everyone.
2. Per the settlement for the lawsuit filed against the Village of Arden by Ms. Carol DiGiovanni, the Village agreed to consider forming a trust to manage the Schroeder bequest. A draft of the trust document is now online for you to review. I have requested dates for both February and March from our Town Attorney to review and clarify any questions about the proposed Trust. Once those dates are determined, we will set up open meetings – the meeting dates will be announced via email distribution. If you have not signed up for the Village email distribution, please go to the Village website at arden.delaware.gov and sign up.

3. Lastly, a reminder that this meeting is being recorded and we ask that you please state your name when you speak.

Let's have a respectful and deliberative meeting. Thanks.

So submitted,

Jeffrey Politis

Town Chair, Village of Arden.

Questions/Comments

Carol DiGiovanni read a letter she received from her attorney, John Worth and requested it to be included in the minutes. She says that the trust agreement that is posted to the Village website is not the final trust because it is still in negotiations. Jeff responded to the letter saying that it is "absolutely absurd and incorrect that he has offered to spend any money out of the Trust". He expressed that he is tired of the type of misinformation that goes around. "That is completely inaccurate". "The document that is presented on the town website is the document provided by our town's attorney and it was provided to John Worth. It is the document that we will work from and it does meet the requirements of the settlement". Jeff said open meetings will be announced once he has received them from the town's attorney. The trust will be discuss the trust in more detail.

Letter read into minutes by Carol DiGiovanni

Schroeder Trust - Expenditure of Trust Funds

jwork0036@comcast.net

To: 'carol digiovanni'

Mon, Jan 24 at 6:32 PM

Carol,

With regards to the above-referenced matter, from my communications with yourself and other members of the Town Assembly, it is my understanding that the Chair of the Village of Arden Town Assembly intends to spend funds associated with the Schroeder Will. It is also my understanding that the means by which Mr. Politis intends to spend the funds is by committee assignment through the Town Assembly.

If this happens, it is a violation of the Town Assembly's vote and agreement to place the Schroeder Will funds in trust. As you will recall, the Town Assembly, as part of an agreement in the *DiGiovanni v. Village of Arden* litigation, voted to place the Schroeder Will funds in trust. The Town Assembly Chair cannot simply ignore this vote. To do so would be a violation of the Village of Arden's Charter at the very least. In turn, this is likely to land the Town Assembly back in the Chancery Court, where it will unnecessarily spend legal fees explaining the violation to the Court.

As you know, the proposed trust agreement presented by the Village of Arden's attorney is woefully inadequate—lacking much of the necessary language for the proper administration of a trust. Because of the dearth of proper language, it has taken a significant amount of time for me to put together a proper trust document that truthfully and honestly reflects the language of the Schroeder Will and which provides the trustees of that trust with the proper structure and guidance to allow them to properly administer the trust. Fortunately, that process is nearly complete, and it is my hope that we (myself and the Village of Arden's attorney) will be able to present a proper trust agreement to the Town Assembly for a vote by the next Town Assembly meeting.

In the meantime, any attempt by the Chair to spend Schroeder Will funds would be a violation of the vote placing the funds in trust.

Please feel free to disseminate this communication as you see fit if you wish to convey this message further.

Sincerely,

John Work

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Communications Report – Thank you!

7.0 Trustees – Carl Falco

Trustees Report to Town Meeting: January 24, 2022

Finances: We cannot provide hard copies of the Trustees' quarterly financial summary to hand out as is our usual custom; the financial summary will be available as a part of this report when it is posted as part of the meeting minutes; a hard copy can be obtained by request.

Land Rent: Land rent bills are being prepared and will be mailed the first week of February. Land rent is due March 25, 2022. Included with the land rent bills is an explanation of how the land rent amount is determined, based upon the 2021 Arden Board of Assessors Report. Also included with the land rent bills is a reminder to leaseholders of New Castle County programs available to reduce your property taxes. The Trustees rebate the amount of the reduced tax bill to the leaseholder. Over \$40,000 was returned to leaseholders last year. You can get information about the property tax reduction programs online or by calling New Castle County at 302-395-5340. The county personnel will walk you through the application process. Please be sure you apply before the deadline of April 30th so that your tax reduction can be approved and processed for the upcoming tax year.

Audit: The 2020-2021 Trustees' audit, performed by Barbacane Thornton & Company, will be completed by the end of January. Copies of the audit report will be sent to the Town Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Audit Committee.

Leasehold transfers: Since the September Town Assembly meeting there have been two leasehold transfers: 2100 Harvey Road to Julie Taylor Parrott and Daniel Henn; 2320 Cherry Lane to Michael Zuzu.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Falco, Trustee

Trustees Report – Thank you!

8.0 Treasurer's Report – Skip Bailey

Skip reviewed Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021. (Copy of statements following minutes)

Treasurer's Report - Thank you!

9.0 Advisory Committee Report – Danny Schweers

Upcoming Elections

Besides setting the agenda for meetings of the Town Assembly, the Advisory Committee is charged with finding nominees for March elections of officers and committee members. At the next meeting of the Town Assembly, on March 28, 2022, we will hold an election to fill the four vacant officer positions and the 20 vacant committee positions. Because we need two nominees for every vacant committee position, we are looking for a total of 44 members of the Town Assembly to serve the village.

So far, the following are willing to serve. If any members of the Town Assembly have the names of additional nominees, or are willing to serve yourself, or have a correction, please speak up!

CHAIR OF TOWN ASSEMBLY = Jeffrey Politis, Brooke Bovard (one-year term)

SECRETARY = Liz Resko (a paid position with a one-year term)

CHAIR OF ADVISORY = Brooke Bovard, Sachin Puranik (a one-year term)

TREASURER = Skip Bailey (a two-year term& is a paid position.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS (all two-year terms)

ARCHIVES - 2 positions to be filled = Elaine Hickey (yes), Sadie Somerville (?)

AUDIT = 1 position to be filled = Cookie Ohlson (YES),

BUDGET = 2 positions to be filled = David Gerbec (YES), Vicki Scott (YES), Leslie Carey (YES)

BUZZ = 3 positions to be filled = Debbi Sheiker (YES), Mary Young (?)

CIVIC = 2 positions to be filled = Steve Benigni (YES), Carol Larson (YES), Simon Hamermesh, Bob Erenburg COMMITTEE WANTS HELP!

COMMUNITY PLANNING = 3 positions to be filled = John Scheflen (YES), Mark Wood (?), Grace Ressler

FOREST = 2 positions to be filled = Beverly Clendening (YES), David Jones (YES), Lisa Wolfe (YES), Eric Reed (Yes)

PLAYGROUND = 3 positions to be filled = Barbara Henry (NO), Larry Walker (YES)

REGISTRATION = 1 positions to be filled = Dela Bryan (NO), Barbara Macklem (NO), Cecilia Vore (YES), Jess Colgan-Snyder (YES), Katey Scobell (YES), David Nordheimer (YES), Steve Tanzer (YES)

SAFETY = 2 positions to be filled = John DiGiacoma (YES), Stephen Harcourt (YES)

The deadline for nominations is at the end of the Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022. After that, absentee ballots will be available for those who cannot attend the March 28 meeting of the Town Assembly. Candidates are encouraged to write a statement about why they are running! They can be emailed to Cecilia Vore at registration@arden.delaware.gov or to me. Also, there will soon be a link on the Village website with instructions for submitting statements.

Finally, a “Meet the Candidates” forum via video will take place on Saturday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m. Between the statements and the forum, members of the Town Assembly can make a more informed choice when voting.

Governance Task Force

A motion creating a Governance Task Force was approved by the Town Assembly at its September, 2021 meeting. Concerning formation of that task force, the motion stated that “The Governance Task Force will be made up of five (5) residents of the Village of Arden, including at least one from the Community Planning Committee, nominated by the Town Chair with consent of the Advisory Committee. The Town Assembly will approve the final members of the Governance Task Force.”

At the January 3rd meeting of the Advisory Committee, the Chair of the Town Assembly presented a list of not five (5) but seven (7) residents for its consent. To quote from the minutes of that meeting, “The Chair of the Town Assembly created a list of names of people he thought would be interested [in serving on the Governance Task Force], added anyone who self-expressed interest, and asked many to reach out to anyone they knew who would be interested. He did not reach out to everyone on the list. If they were interested, he met with them face to face anywhere from one hour to two hours. He primarily talked about what he thought the committee needed to be made up of, what their interest was in being a part of the task force and to make sure that they understood that this was a real working task force. He emphasized that this is going to be work and it is going to be a lot of work. Things that were under consideration was flexible. As best he could, he wanted a mix of: ages, newbies, people who have been here for a while. The

motion asks for five residents. After talking to everyone and gaining an understanding how much more work there was, and most people agreed, it would probably be better to have seven people instead of five. It has been suggested to start work with five [and add two more later], but Jeff's concern was bringing people on after the task force had met and started work: then it's a catch up for them. If you start with seven and someone drops out for whatever reason, still enough people to work. He tried to come up with a group of people with wide variety of thoughts and better to add as much diversity of thought and do it up front."

The Advisory Committee consented to that list of seven and so now asks the Town Assembly to approve two motions.

Motion #1 Comments/Questions

Point Of Order

Brooke Bovard calls Point of Order "You cannot amend something previously adopted. You can only amend it if no action has been taken on the original motion. It must be seconded is debatable and requires two thirds of the members to vote in the affirmative to pass. Brooke Bovard suggests presenting a new motion with 7 members. Danny Schweers, Parliamentarian, says motions are changed all the time. Change the wording of previous motions made at Town Assemblies. He stands by his motion as worded but states it is not something that he has researched. Brooke Bovard says she will send the information if needed. At this meeting she does not have the specific rule but will provide after meeting.

Cecilia presented a motion - Move that the Governance Task Force consist of seven (7) members. Seconded by Elizabeth Varley. Jeff Politis suggests continue with the motion

because the town can actually do that as the Governance Task Force was approved as a motion. It is not a motion to amend but to make the task force 7 members that has been seconded.

Hand Vote: Motion passes and is approved.

Motion#2

Danny provided the slate of nominees in chat box as well as read the list.

Our second motion is to approve the seven residents selected by the Chair of the Town Assembly to serve on the Governance Task Force. They are:

Ray Seigfried - Chair

John Scheflen

Kate Threefoot

Lynda Kolski

Barbara Macklem

Beverly Clendening

Steve Benigni

Speak for or Against Motion #2

Marianne Cinaglia would like to see for all motions the count to be recorded in the minutes (how many voted yes, voted no or abstained). Jeff Politis - Roberts Rules of Order allows for a voice vote, hand vote etc.

Against the motions #2

Feels that there is a lack of diversity because nobody on this list is a native Ardenite, there is

only one person on the list who had children and the average is over 65.

Against the motion because there are no nominate from the floor. (The reason why there are no nominees from the floor is because the original motion reads “is a slate of nominees presented to Town Assembly for approval”)

Speaking for Motion# 2

These names on the slate reflect a very good cross section of the community. There is complete faith that they will do a very diligent job in looking at these issues.

Motion# 2: Hand Vote: Ayes: 56, Nays:8, and Absentee: 3. Ayes have it!

Motion# 3

Deborah Ricard presented a motion that the Governance Task Force shall conduct four (4) public meetings each year during the months of January, March, June and September, which shall be open to all residents, Trustees and leaseholders of the Village. The Governance Task Force shall fix rules and regulations for the conduct of the meetings, provided that reasonable opportunity shall be afforded to all persons entitled to notices thereof to be heard at such meetings.

Amended Motion

Marianne Cinaglia presented a motion to amend Deborah Richard’s motion to remove the word “leaseholder”. Defeated. (It’s an open meeting. It is informational. Leaseholders have every right to express their point of view. It doesn’t mean that anything they have to say will have to be accepted. Someone might come up with a really good idea. It’s not a meeting in which they would vote. It’s simply a discussion).

Motion #3 Majority vote motion passed

Faithfully submitted,
Danny Schweers, Chair, Advisory Committee

Advisory Report Approved – Thank you!

10.0 Board of Assessors - Deborah Ricard

The 2022 Board of Assessors includes Brooke Bovard, Denis O'Regan, Deborah Ricard, John Scheflen, Vicki Scott, Elizabeth Varley and Tom Wheeler.

Elizabeth Varley convened an organizational meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. At that meeting Deborah Ricard was elected Chair and Vicki Scott was elected Secretary.

Meetings are generally scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in person at the Buzz Ware Village Center, masked and with social distancing. With the continuing Covid pandemic, meeting via zoom is also an option. Our first working meeting was held Wednesday, January 5. The next meetings will be Wednesday, February 2; Wednesday, March 2; Wednesday, April 6; Wednesday, May 4; and Wednesday, June 1. Wednesdays, May 25, June 1 and June 22, are tentatively scheduled as extra work meetings, if needed to complete our annual report. Public Meetings are scheduled for 7 pm on Wednesday, May 4, and Wednesday, June 1. The Public Meetings are opportunities to share your opinions on assessment issues. All meetings are open. The Assessors welcome you to attend to hear the discussions.

Zoom contact information for all meetings as well as the topic for each session is posted on the official bulletin board outside the BWVC and on the Assessors page of the arden.delaware.gov website.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Ricard

Board of Assessors Report – Thank you!

11.0 Committee Report. (Descending Order)

11.1 Safety - Brooke Bovard

The Safety Committee has been very busy this season, mostly in coordinating upgrades to our road system. We understand that the project for improvements of the Marsh/Harvey system will be started soon. All thanks to our reps both present and former for their support in this.

We also met with DelDOT engineers to get some possible help on making the Orleans/Harvey intersection and bus stop. We have some preliminary ideas from them on that. I encourage everyone to read the note Senator Gay posted in the chat, about upcoming speed cameras on 95.

The Safety Committee has put forward a small request in the COVID money to pay someone for their time running a community Zoom if we are locked down again. We all hope this is not necessary.

Related to these things is an unofficial working group among the three Ardens to look into the possibilities for help from Wilmapco in designing a comprehensive transportation needs assessment for the three Ardens. Safety, Civic, and Community Planning have sent representatives to this process and I am asking this body for a sense of the meeting that we are endorsed to continue in this role as the process moves forward. We will not, and cannot, commit to any action without coming to the Town Assembly. May I have that?

The Safety Committee chair is personally indebted to Simon Hamermesh for so ably representing us at the January Advisory meeting.

Which brings me to my final point, which is that this committee is a working and reasonable group, and I am proud to be a part of it. We need two more candidates before the March meeting, and I hope someone will step forward. All are welcome.

Thank you,
Brooke Bovard
Chair of Safety

So there appears to be a sense of the meeting to continue in the role as the process moves forward.

Safety Report - Thank you!

Procedural Motion: Warren Rosenkrant presented a motion to suspend agenda and bring Budget Report forward to be read next. **No objections.** Second by Elizabeth Varley.

11.2. Registration - Cecilia Vore

Elizabeth Varley read the Registration Report

Fall 2021 Elections

The Registration Committee conducted the annual Budget Referendum & Assessors Election. Ballots were counted on Nov. 2 for the 2022-23 Budget Referendum and election of the Board of Assessors for 2022. There were 338 residents eligible to vote in these elections. We received 206 valid envelopes containing ballots and 4 invalid envelopes giving us a 61% participation.

Under the rules for approval, the budget needed 170 “yes” votes to pass. There was 1 invalid budget ballot. The votes in detail are as follows: 155 for “Approve Entire Budget,” “Disapprove Entire Budget” and 44 ballots with itemized disapprovals. One item (Playground capital equipment) was defeated; all other items on the budget were approved.

Advisory Committee	0	Safety Committee: General	7
Archives	10	Safety-Speed Enforcement	12
Board of Assessors	0	Buzz Ware Support	10
Budget Committee	0	Donations - ACRA	5
Civic Committee	14	Donations - Arden Page	0
Community Planning	3	Donations - Arden Library	6
Forest Committee	10	Donations - Fire Companies	3
Playground Committee	10	Donations - Arden Club	7
Registration Committee	0	Contingencies	15

Individual disapprovals are included in this report, but will not be read aloud:

The following residents were elected to the Board of Assessors in this order: Elizabeth Varley (convener), Deborah Ricard, Brooke Bovard, Tom Wheeler, Denis O'Regan, Vicki Scott and John Scheflen.

Thank you to Bob Erenburg, Kelly Gillen, Simon Hamermesh, Albert Marks, Michael Oates, Sachin Puranik, and Laura Wallace, who were also willing to serve and allowed their names to be placed in nomination.

Thank you to all the candidates for their thoughtful statements about themselves and their candidacy.

This year, because of Covid precautions, the vote count was conducted by as few people as possible, widely spaced over 2 rooms at the Buzz Ware Village Center. The Registration Committee thanks Carl Falco, Barbara Henry, Rachel Kantner and Jeff Politis for assisting committee members Elizabeth Varley (chief elector), Cecilia Vore, Barbara Macklem and Marcia Scheflen.

Election results were posted on [arden.delaware.gov](https://www.arden.delaware.gov) and are filed in the Town Office in the Registration Committee's binder of election records. Actual ballots are kept for one year. This year we had major problems with the delivery of the Referendum ballots by the Post Office – or, more accurately, with the failure of the Post Office to deliver the ballots. Around half of the ballots were returned to the town mailbox 2 weeks after mailing, marked as undeliverable. No one at the Hares Corner post office was able or willing to explain why this happened. We have contacted our U.S. congresswoman's office and are pursuing our complaint with all our elected federal representatives. By working directly with our local post office, we think we can avoid this problem in the future.

Our Plan for the March Election

The Committee will conduct the Election of Committees and Officers at the March meeting. Residents who are 18 years of age or older and who have lived in the Village for 6 months or more on March 28, are eligible to vote. If we are able to meet in person for the March Town Meeting, we will return to our regular voting procedure during the meeting, along with absentee voting for those who are unable to attend the March 28 meeting.

If we have a virtual Town Meeting in March, we will follow the voting procedure we used in 2021:

- The actual ballot will be posted on the website before the March 28 Town Meeting. The ballot must be downloaded, printed and filled out during the meeting, then returned to the village mailbox in a sealed envelope with the voter's name and signature. Printed ballots and return envelopes will be available at the town bulletin board at the Buzz Ware Village Center for those who are unable to print their own ballots. The deadline for returning ballots will be 3pm, Wednesday, March 30. Only those attending the Town Meeting via Zoom will be eligible to vote in this way. Envelopes will be checked against the list of those attending the meeting, before being separated from the secret ballots.
- Residents who are unable to attend the virtual town meeting on March 28, can vote with an absentee ballot by submitting an Affidavit Request by March 21. The Affidavit Request is posted in the Chat Box, or it can be downloaded from the town website, or printed copies are available at the town bulletin board.

To summarize: There are two ways to vote in the March Elections of Committees and Officers: (1) Request an Absentee Ballot by March 21, or (2) attend the Town Meeting on

March 28. If we meet in person, voting takes place and ballots are collected during the meeting; if there is a virtual meeting, you will print or pick up a ballot yourself and return it by Wednesday, March 30.

The committee distributed 20 Welcome packets to newcomers in 2021. We have delivered 5 packets so far this year. If you know of newcomers, or are a newcomer and haven't received one, please contact the Registration Committee.

Respectfully,

Registration Report -Thank you!

11.3 Playground Committee – Larry Walker

Barbara Henry presented the following:

Since the last Town Meeting the required Playground Equipment Safety Inspections were made, and all equipment is in safe condition.

In March, the Committee will order additional quantities of playground mulch, which will be spread under the equipment on both Greens. If weather permits, the swing standards and monkey bars on the Sherwood Green will be repainted.

The Committee has submitted for ARPA Funding two proposals for new playground equipment, with one piece for each Green. The proposed climber on the Village Green would replace a jungle gym that is no longer compliant with current Playground Safety Requirements, and it would be suitable for children ages 3 to 12 years. The larger climber would be installed on the Sherwood Green and would also replace a jungle gym that is no longer compliant with current Playground Safety Requirements. That climber would be a considerable challenge to children of a wide range of ages. New playground equipment is a

wonderful way of drawing Arden children and their parents to the Greens for play activity and socializing, and it would significantly improve safety for our children.

Larry Walker

Chair

Playground Report – Thank you!

11.4 Forest - Carol Larson

Our slate of nominees for the March election includes Bev Clendening, co-chair, Eric Reed, Lisa Wolfe and Dave Jones. The committee meets on third Mondays at 5:00 at the Buzz.

VOLUNTEERS Weekly work group

The Forest Committee has a steadfast group of volunteers going out weekly to pull invasive species, most often on Tuesdays at noon, depending on weather conditions. Thanks to Eric Reed and Lisa Wolfe for all the hours reducing our invasive species cover and improving the plant diversity in the woods. Contact us if you'd like to join us and be included in the email contacts. If you have an area you'd like to see cleared near your leasehold, we can help. Information can be found in the January and upcoming February page.

DISC GRANT

We applied to the Delaware Invasive Species Council for a grant to clear plots of invasive species-- then enclose them and monitor for regrowth and the effects of deer browse. The plots are at the Cherry Lane Trail Head. Two plots will have deer enclosures – one will be cleared and planted with native plants. Another plot will be cleared but not planted so we can compare the regrowth of the seed bank that is already there. There will be a control plot (no barrier to deer) and a plot with a fishing line barrier so we can see the difference

between the polypropylene grid barrier and the inexpensive fishing line barrier. We're excited to see what happens!

There will be scheduled monitoring of plant growth in the plots. The grant is for about \$1400.

Look for posted signs explaining the project.

“Ivy Pull” FEBRUARY 19

We will have an Ivy pull on Saturday February 19th from 12-2 to help remove the ivy in the Cherry Lane grant area. Contact us to be on the email notice list and come out and join us.

Ivy Festival – April 2

We'll be having an ivy festival April 2 and will award prizes for the largest ball of ivy, the longest strand, the thickest vine cut (we're looking at over 4" diameter stems.). There will be prizes, kids' activities and refreshments. It's also the kick-off for the Arden Woods Clean-Up week! April 2-9. Come and claim the area you want to clean up. Or bring you trash to the party; we'll take the weight for the Christina Watershed Cleanup statistics. Let's rack up that tonnage

FENCE

Fence at Sunset Farms – We will be completing the fence along the Sunset Farms border this spring to be scheduled in March -exact time to be determined. We will be looking for able bodied volunteers to provide this community service. Contact Bev Clendening to be included in the effort.

The Winter Edition of LEAF is now available online at [www. Arden.delaware.gov](http://www.Arden.delaware.gov) with the inimitable writing and editing by Jill Althouse Wood. Always uplifting.

Water Management

Forest Committee worked closely with the CIVIC committee developing our request for **ARPA** funds. Our proposals are taken from the Water Management Plan drawn up by the planning firm Foresite Associates. The plan will be finalized in the next few weeks. DNREC Planning and Implementation Grants are coming available this February, also and we hope to submit applications pending matching grant funds.

A big part of the Water Management Plan includes reducing impervious pavement. This is an important means of reducing pollutants and water flow across the landscape. If you have plans to pave or resurface, we urge you to consider pervious paving. Eventually New Castle County will be required to reduce their impervious surfaces to comply with Clean Water regulations. Ideally, Arden will be able to secure grant funding from the state to help with better paving practices including leaseholds. We are doing research on paving methods so stay tuned, contact Carol Larson with your paving plans.

Forest Report -Thank you!

11.5 Community Planning – Jennifer Borders

G-Ardeners Community Garden at BWVC

The community garden annual kick-off meeting will take place at the Buzz Ware Village Center on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Applications for plots will be available for those who have the time, energy and commitment to grow their own vegetables, but lack the space or sun to do so in their own yards. Please join us. The community garden will officially open the first Saturday of Spring 3/26/21. Contact Garden reps: Toby Ridings and David Jones for more details.

3 Ardens Working Group on Transportation and Safety

The three-Ardens have an opportunity to apply to WILMAPCO (Wilmington Area Planning Council) for help to develop a plan to enhance traffic calming and safety solutions along the three state roads within our boundaries—Harvey, Veale, and Marsh. An informal working group was recently created to facilitate this. It consists of representatives from the three villages of Arden, Ardentown and Ardencroft. Arden committees represented include Community Planning, Safety, Civic and Forest. Public engagement will be solicited via workshops, meetings, surveys, etc. WILMAPCO will cover all costs of the planning work including hiring a consultant. When a plan is drafted, each village will have the opportunity to approve the plan at their respective town meetings. Adopting a plan will not require us to implement its recommendations. The plan will be non-binding, but from it we hope to have a set of publicly supported and prioritized projects.

American Rescue Fund Act (ARPA)

There have been big changes to ARPA project eligibility now that the Final Rule has been issued by the Treasury Department. Essentially, our law firm, Barnes and Thornburg, has confirmed that the Village can now use its entire funding amount on any Covid-related project (with a very few exceptions).

Tonight, I will be summarizing each of the eleven initial proposals for ARPA funding that the Village has received. Proposals came from both Committees and individuals. I encourage you to download the full document, read, and absorb the proposals on your own if you have not already done so (see document in PDF form and the link to the document on the Arden.delaware.gov website placed in the chat box). The full document is also attached to this report.

<https://arden.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ARPA-Proposals-2.pdf>

After the summary, we will open the floor for questions to clarify the proposals. At this moment in the process of reviewing proposals, we are not seeking to debate the merits of the proposals. We really just want to give a sense of the meeting to those who have submitted proposals to help them gauge levels of support from the Town. Final proposals will be requested to provide detailed information and confirmed cost estimates-- the deadline for final proposals will be in March.

Tonight, we are conducting a preliminary non-binding poll on Zoom. We will be asking that you pick your top 3 projects and then rate the projects from 0 to 5. A special Town Meeting in April will be scheduled to thoroughly discuss and debate the details of the final proposals. A vote will be taken at that meeting to determine which projects will be funded.

Proposals Summary -- in order of guesstimated costs-- high to low

A. Stormwater Mitigation

- 1: J1: Pervious Parking Area at Arden Craft Shop Museum
J2: Bioretention Garden at the intersection of Millers Road, Walnut Lane, and Lower Lane.
- 2: E1: Pervious Paving of Mill Lane Between Harvey Road and Wind Lane
E2: Bioretention Garden at the Southeast Corner of Mill Lane and Wind Lane
E:3 Bioretention Garden at 2204-2212 Mill Lane leaseholds

B. BWVC Sewer Improvements

The anticipated areas in need of remediation include all three of the bathrooms, the adjacent office area, the hallways and exterior of the building, potentially extending to the street sewer tie-in.

C. Village-wide high-speed Wi-Fi for all households, community buildings and open spaces

This is for equipment and service in year one provided by WhyFly. The service fee in subsequent years would be taken on by the Village and paid through land rent paid (about \$150-200/year per household).

D. Playground Climbers

1. Replacement of existing large Climber on the Sherwood Green
2. New Climber for 2–6-year-olds on the Arden Green

E. Arden Pool Repairs/Improvements

Redo the main deck concrete of the pool and build a pavilion inside the pool grounds for better facilities for gathering.

F. New Outdoor Pavilion Communal Space with Arden Club

Will be built in the Shady Grove area to make the space more useful for community events.

G. Craft Shop Museum Website for better access to our collection

Improvements to our web site and an increase in our online presence will continue to record and build the community.

H. New ADA Woods Access in Sherwood Forest

Raised walkway with interpretative plaques to enhance the woods experience for our community connecting the end of the fire lane that enters the woods from Marsh and the end of Hillside Road on the Sherwood Roadside.

- I. Wages for Zoom session staffing
Wage compensation for the person who staffs weekly meetings for future Zoom meetings.

Jennifer Borders, CPC Chair

Community Planning Report -Thank you!

ARPA Funds Use Polls.

The reason for the poll, is to give you a flavor of the types of projects that have been proposed and to provide feedback for the proposals around which ones you like or don't like. There will be a special town meeting to vote for projects. The details of the nine projects listed on the poll is on the Village website <https://.arden.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ARPa-Proposals-2.pdf>.

Jeff created a poll as follows:

9 projects were listed with instructions to

1. Mark up to three choices for your favorite idea and
2. To prioritize your three choices on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is do not think this idea should be done and 5 is I love it.

The results were as follows (the poll is listed in attachment sections):

Storm Water Mitigation Projects 86%

BWVC Sewer Improvements 81%

Village-wide high-speed Wi-Fi for all households, community buildings and open spaces 8%

Playground Climbers 30%

Arden Pool/Repairs/Improvements 14%

New Outdoor Pavilion Communal Space with Arden Club 30%

Craft Shop Museum website for better access to our collection 22%

New ADA Woods Access in Sherwood Forest 19%

Wages for Zoom Sessions staffing 3%

11.6 Civic – Steve Benigni

In addition to the typical public works projects that come up during the fall and winter months, the Civic Committee has been giving special attention to two important tasks — implementing the transition to Trash Tech waste service and preparing to receive, fund, and implement the final version of ForeSite Associates’ village stormwater management plan. As you might expect, there were a number of sporadic transition issues that the committee has discussed with Trash Tech, including missed pick-ups, missing or broken containers, a broken truck which deposited glass and trash liquids along the route, and residents having occasional difficulty contacting customer service. Trash Tech management has committed to addressing each of these issues and has been responsive to our concerns. The three villages are considering a joint meeting with Trash Tech representatives to follow up these issues.

As you know from the Forest/Civic ARPA proposals mentioned by Community Planning, we have spent much time reviewing the preliminary stormwater management plan so that we can proactively evaluate specific recommendations and apply for upcoming DNREC and other agency planning and implementation grants and take advantage of ARPA funding.

Carol Larson and I participated in a two-day Delaware Resilient and Sustainable Communities League annual conference via Zoom. Presenters highlighted a variety of planning and funding resources for sustainable projects.

Rick Ferrell is working with Arden Construction to implement our new snow removal contract. Rick will be in contact with the contractor prior to and during snow events to best handle each unique situation. As we did last year, we plan to minimize environmental salting impact by using a compound containing magnesium chloride rather than sodium chloride.

Carol Larson has been coordinating work on communal trees and greens, including aeration of the greens as recommended by the stormwater plan.

Ed Rohrbach is coordinating upcoming maintenance repairs to the Field Theater. We have asked the Shakespeare Gild for their recommendations for needed improvements.

Thanks to our village IT guru, Rob Whitehead, our online Field Theater reservation form has been fixed, and we hope to soon implement a revised reservations and permits calendar. Miscellaneous projects include dead and dying tree removals, trimming, clearing, ash tree treatment, water main leaks, fence repair, Field Theater cleanup, drain clearing, and removing a dead deer carcass, which was a lot more difficult to arrange than you may think.

Thanks as always to those who have been keeping our storm drains clear. Please consider “adopting” the drain nearest you.

Finally, be on the lookout for an opportunity to buy your own piece of Arden history as we figure out a way to sell or auction our old street signs. Thanks again to Mark Wood for his work in replacing and storing the signs.

We continue to receive suggestions and concerns through our civic@arden.delaware.gov email account. We appreciate your input and will continue to address these issues as they arise. Please keep in mind that the Civic Committee does not monitor social media.

Our next Civic Committee meeting will be this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at The Buzz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Benigni

Civic Committee Chair

Civic Report - Thank you!

11.7 Buzz Ware Village Center – Betty O’Regan & Mary Young Co Chair

The BWVC is again pivoting due to the uptick of the Omicron variant, as we continue to follow the State of Delaware’s safety protocol for COVID19. Currently, all individuals aged Kindergarten and up must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status when they are an employee or visitor at any indoor business or space open to the public.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Assistance)

We have submitted a request for support for the replacement of our sewer system. Help with lost revenue and water drainage issues are also a possibility.

Winter Market

Thanks to the artisans who donated almost \$300 from their earnings from this very successful and enjoyable event.

Marketing

Testimonials needed. We are working on soliciting reviews via Google for web to enhance searches. Contact Ken Rosenberg or Pam Cohen for more information.

BUILDING UPDATES

- Recently accomplished
 - Partial roof replacement
- Issues being addressed
 - Stage ceiling repair
 - Remediation of a leak under the solar panel
 - Phone line repair
 - Exterior lighting along the pathway
 - Re-keying the building
 - Hiring an additional custodian (contact Pam Cohen if you or someone you know is interested in this part-time position)

PROGRAM UPDATES

Ongoing

- **Awakened Hearts-** We are making progress with a mutually agreeable arrangement . They are meeting via Zoom for Jan.

- **WSS-** Things are going smoothly with Wilmington Sudbury School. They are still at 7 students but are getting requests for 2022 and 2023. They are considering including 3-4 four-year-old's next year.
- **Art on the Town**– AJ Stalloni's exhibit, "I Need A Place to Hide" will be Feb. 4. 6:00-9:00
- **Art Studio**- was cancelled for Jan.
- **Coffee House**- was cancelled for Jan.
- **Arden Fiber Arts**, cancelled until further notice
- **Buzz Ware Bookies**- are meeting via Zoom. The book for Feb. 14 is "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah
- **Qigong** (chee-gung) with Dominic Chan, September 30 @ 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
- **Tai Chi**- with Jill Emery meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. As a community sponsored event, this class is open to all and is solely supported by donations.

New

- **Move and Be Well.** Contact Joan Warburton-Phibbs to learn more or sign up for the course starting Feb. 1. Tues. and Thur. 9:00-10:00 a.m. Zoom options are available.
- **Yoga**- 9:00-10:00 Sat. mornings, Jan. 22-Feb. 5. A second class at 10:45 will be offered with very limited space available. Children's yoga class ages 4 to 12 at 11:30 AM, pending. Text Susan Oates if children are interested.

We are actively seeking nominees for the upcoming election. If you are interested in running or have any questions, please contact any committee member, Mary Young, Debbi Sheiker, Toby Ridings, Maria Burslem or myself.

Check our web site ardenbuzz.com for the latest COVID protocols, program offerings, and for the forms to request use of the building. Special events are usually advertised on the community bulletin boards as well as on the website. ALL PROGRAMMING IS SUPPORTED BY YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Respectfully submitted,

Betty O'Regan

BWVC Co-Chair

Buzz Ware Village Report - Thank you!

11.8 Budget – Deborah Ricard

I want to thank Brooke Bovard, David Gerbec and Vicki Scott for serving on the Budget Committee and meeting via zoom on the third Thursday of the month. The committee is currently working on the 3-Year Financial Forecast. We appreciate the insight and assistance that has been received from Treasurer Skip Bailey, Senior Trustee Carl Falco and Chair of Town Assembly Jeffrey Politis. This updated document will be presented at the March Town Assembly Meeting.

Unfortunately, committee member Nick Stalloni no longer resides in Arden and has resigned. Nick is thanked for his service on the Arden Budget Committee. The Budget Committee is pleased to submit to this Town Assembly, Bob Erenburg's name as a willing volunteer to fill this vacancy. Bob has met with the Budget Committee and received our unanimous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ricard

Motion to fill vacant position

There was no self-nominate from the floor. There is a motion from the Budget Committee to approve Bob Erenburg to fill the remaining time of Nick Stalloni's position.

No objections. **Approved by Unanimous Consent.**

Budget Report Thank you!

11.9 Audit - Helen "Cookie" Ohlson

On January 17, Debbie Ricard and Cookie Ohlson met to examine the vouchers and accounts of Arden. All is in order.

Cookie Ohlson

Chair, Audit Committee

Audit Report – Thank you!

11.10 Archives – Lisa Mullinax

Renovations and repairs to the Arden Craft Shop Museum building are still going on. We do not yet have a date for the re-opening of the main gallery, but we will be opening a new show next month.

Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers, we have rearranged the Collection so we can hold a scaled-down version of our new exhibit, "Images from the Ardens 1900-1960," in the Bernie Schwab Community Room. We will start welcoming you on Sunday, February 6, and the exhibit will be open at our usual times, Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Entry will be through the Cherry Lane entrance. Due to COVID restrictions and the

smaller space, we will be limiting visitors to 5 at a time. All visitors must be masked. Please come by and see what we have unearthed from the Collection. There are a few surprises!

We are pleased to announce that the new season of the WHY-12 series “Movers and Makers” will open on February 3 at 7:30 p.m. with a feature on the Ardens. A number of artists and creators in the Ardens graciously agreed to be interviewed for the show, and the Archives Committee--in particular Sadie Somerville, Barbara Macklem and myself--worked closely with the producer to provide historical background, tours, and access to the interviewees. After the show airs, we will make a streaming video available on ardencraftshopmuseum.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mullinax, Chair

Archives Report - Thank you!

12.0 Old Business –

Mask Mandate Motion was tabled at last town assembly and the person who presented decided not to present.

13. New Business

- **Danny proposed from advisory Committee: MOTION:** The word “officers” in Village documents, refers to the Chairs of the Town Assembly and Advisory Committee, the Village Secretary, and the Village Treasurer. Calling them “officers” shall not confer any additional responsibilities on those holding these offices; that is, they shall have only those

responsibilities authorized by the town charter or approved by the Town Assembly.” Motion Passes.

This motion is being presented because a few residents are adamant that the title “officer” is not a legal term reflected in our Charter. They view the chairman’s roll to conduct the meeting but is not an executive. It is been debated for years. To put this to rest finally this motion is being presented to simply codify what has been common practice. The charter gives us permission to elect such official’s when the Town Assembly deems proper. It gives the power to create these officers in whatever compacity we think is needed and is not limited. Ray Siegfried, the Chair of the newly formed Governance Task Force will take this up and many more. He says this question has to be answered and this motion will help to resolve it until the Governance Task Force can address it.

(Mike Curtis presented an amended motion by replacing “officer” with “officials”. Amended Amendment denied overwhelming)

- **Motion presented by Mike Curtis:** I move that The Town Assembly of the Village of Arden urge New Castle County Council, at the completion of the re-assessment, to reduce the assessed rates or tax rates on the value of buildings and other improvements only until the desired revenue is attained. Motion tabled and will be presented under Old Business at next town assembly. (Note: It will be a year or two before the county reassesses.)

14.0 Good & Welfare

- Deborah Ricard - Meet the Candidates is scheduled for March 12. You can post your statements on website. She encourages all to learn about you neighbors and vote at the next Town Assembly.

- Pam ACRA Updates:

ACRA has resumed programming in a limited way with COVID. ACRA gave several thousand dollars' worth of aid to residents of the Ardens with the support of Claymont Community Center and individual independent contributions. Unfortunately, they will be retiring the ACRA fund that they were unable to spend on their events during the height of the pandemic in 2020. Thanks for all the support! There is a little bit of money left and they are beginning to field applications for short-term use. That will go away unless it is maintained for private donations.

They are launching their 2022 directory. If you have changes to your contact information, please update.

- Lisa Mullinax reminds all to watch documentary about our community, Arden. (WHYY-Channel 12 on February 3rd). It will stream on WHYY website and on app). Lisa will send Jeff a note so he can send out an email blast to the Arden gang.

Barbara Macklem further added that she wanted to let you know they really enjoyed participating in it. As of tonight, no one who participated in it has seen film yet. They had no editorial control. They are as excited as the community about the documentary. "We will all see you on Friday or we will all go into hiding on Thursday night".

- Simon Hamermesh wanted all to know about a nice project that is planned for this summer to installing sidewalks from Candlelight Theater to Montessori School. Simon provided the link if you want to check it out further
<https://deldot.gov/projects/index.shtml?dc=details&projectNumber=T201769011#project-details1>

- ° Danny encourages people attend art loop in downtown Wilmington and at the BWVC which is the first Friday of each month. He has two photographs that he will be exhibiting at the Chris White Gallery at 7th and Shipley Street. Showing time is 5 to 8.

15.0 Motion to Adjourn 11: 17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Resko,

Village of Arden Town Secretary

Postcard reminders and agenda will be mailed prior to next Town Assembly meeting.

All are welcome hither

Please note: Those attending Town Meetings are eligible to vote who are 18 years of age, or older.

Attachments Next page

Trustees of Arden	
Financial Report	
Town Meeting January 24, 2022	
Current Assets	
Schroeder Bequest (Arden B&L)	\$ 20,880
Schroeder Bequest (Vanguard)	242,511
Trust Reserve (Arden B&L)	101,663
Trust Reserve (Vanguard)	18,448
M & T Checking Account	53,997
Total Cash & Equity	\$ 437,499
Land Rent Receivable	34,262
Total Current Assets	\$ 471,761
Income & Expenses	
Income Mar 25-2021-June 28-2021	
Land Rent Received	\$ 725,874
Other Income-All Sources	6,171
Total 2020-21 Operating Income	\$ 732,045
Expenses Mar 25-2021-June 28-2021	
Village of Arden	\$ 150,000
Trust Administration*	21,029
New Castle County and School Tax	495,699
Tax Rebates to Leaseholders	41,793
Total 2021-22 Expenses	\$ 708,520.55
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 23,524.46
*(Salary, Payroll Tax, Legal, Audit, Bookkeeping, Office Rent, Operations)	

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Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31 2021

		Notes
Checking/Savings		
1000 · TD Bank Checking Account	58,813	Includes \$359.81 TD bank Buzzware Debit Card
1010 · TD Bank MSA Checking Account	2,749	Municipal Street Aid
1010 · TD Bank Money Market Account	250,267	
1032 - Arden Building & Loan	31,131	BuzzWare \$388, Schroeder \$14,150 Village \$16,593
1050 - Fidelity Investments - net value @ 12/31/21	484,978	Schroeder Bequest - Initial Investment \$301,002
Total Cash	827,938	
LIABILITIES		
2000 · Accounts Payable, Current Liabilities, PR Tax Payable	7,220	
FUND BALANCES		
Buzz Ware Renovation Fund	48,108	
J Schroeder Bequest	499,128	
Memorial Garden	8,069	
Municipal Street Aid	2,749	
Capital Maintenance Fund	30,000	
Village - cash available to meet budgeted expenses @ 12/31/21	72,257	
Vacant Dwelling Fund	19,980	
Playground Grant	30,465	
ARPA Funds	109,963	

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Statement of Financial Activity
As of December 31, 2021

	<u>3/25/21- 12/31/21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% to Budget</u>	
Revenue				
4000 - Transfer from Trustees - Land Rent	150,000	207,707		
4100 - Donations, grants, rentals	7,596	-		
4510 - Franchise Fee Receipts	6,442	15,100		
4900 - Interest Income	1,368	150		
Total Revenue	165,407	222,957		
Expenses				balance left in budget
6000 - Payroll & Payroll Taxes	13,934	18,448	75.53%	4,514
6300 - Administrative Expenses	16,626	33,040	50.32%	16,414
8000 - Committee Expenses - see detail below	15,052	79,890	18.84%	64,838
8010 - Contributions & Donations	5,480	5,480	100.00%	-
Contingency Fund	-	10,000	0.00%	10,000
8030 - Trash Service	58,347	76,099	76.67%	17,752
Total Expense	109,439	222,957	49.09%	113,519
Surplus (deficit)	55,968	-		
Committee	Actuals YTD	Budget		balance left in budget
Advisory	-	-		-
Archives	1,315	1,620	81.15%	305
Board of Assessors	-	50	0.00%	50
Budget	-	50	0.00%	50
Buzz Ware - Renovation Fund	-	2,000	0.00%	2,000
Buzz Ware - general operating support	-	4,500	0.00%	4,500
Civic	11,127	58,000	19.19%	46,873
Community Planning	-	400	0.00%	400
Forest	2,283	7,200	31.71%	4,917
Playground	327	3,600	9.07%	3,273
Registration	-	270	0.00%	270
Safety	-	2,200	0.00%	2,200
	15,052	79,890	18.84%	64,838

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	BuzzWare	Buzz renovation	J. Schroeder Bequest	Special Village Funds Memorial Garden	MSA	Capital/Maint/Re pairFund	Vacant Dwelling Fund	Playground Grant	ARPA Funds
	3/25/21- 12/31/21	3/25/21- 12/31/21	3/25/21- 12/31/21	3/25/21- 12/31/21	3/25/21- 12/31/21	3/25/21- 12/31/21	3/25/21- 12/31/21	3/25/21- 12/31/21	3/25/21- 12/31/21
Revenue									
4000 - General Funds - Village	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4010 - Donations	-	-	-	5,111	-	-	-	-	-
4100 - Program Donations	7,304	2,194	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4300 - Grants	-	-	-	-	18,758	-	14,950	-	100,983
4400 - Rentals	18,328	5,215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4520 - Vacant Property Registration Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200	-	-
4900 - Interest & Dividend Income	16	-	3,382	-	-	-	-	-	-
SREC	-	972	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9900 - Unrealized gains on investments	-	-	36,880	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	25,737	8,381	40,262	5,111	18,758	-	22,150	-	100,983
Expenses									
6000 - Payroll & Payroll Taxes	12,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6300 - Administrative Expenses	871	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6310 - Janitorial Supplies	1,201	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7020 - Utilities (gas, electric, water, telephone)	3,152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7060 - Licenses/Permits/Fees/AlarmMonitoring	958	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7800 - Repairs & Maintenance	2,513	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8000 - Program Expenses	3,131	-	-	2,245	27,550	-	47,675	3,320	-
Total Expense	24,487	-	-	2,245	27,550	-	47,675	3,320	-
Surplus (Deficit)	1,251	8,381	40,262	2,866	(8,792)	-	(25,525)	(3,320)	100,983
Carried forward fund balance		39,727	458,868	5,203	11,541	30,000	45,505	33,785	-
Fund balance		48,108	499,128	8,069	2,749	30,000	19,980	30,465	100,983

