# VILLAGE OF ARDEN TOWN ASSEMBLY MARCH 27, 2023

Town Meeting Minutes

JUNE 26, 2023

The next Town Assembly for the Village of Arden 7:30 Gild Hall

2119 The Highway, Arden, Delaware

# TOWN ASSEMBLY REPORTS AT- A- GLANCE

**7.0 Town Chair's** - Chair Jeffrey Politis.

- Signed mosquito control from DNREC agreement.
- Signed up to work to sign DelDOT agreements electronically.

**8.0 Trustee Report** – Carl Falco

- 2023 Land rent collected to date.
- 2023 New Castle County Senior School Tax Rebate programs application and requirements.
- Ash Tree - The Arden Trust treated ash trees on leaseholds in 2021. Emerald ash borer another round of treatment is due this year.
- Lease Transfers**:** No leaseholds have transferred since the January Town Assembly meeting**.**

**9.0 Treasurer's Report** – Skip Bailey

- Introduce Carole Connor, Village resident, as the new Bookkeeper for the Village. David Michelson continues to assist us for the immediate future with the transition to Carole as the bookkeeper.
- All financial policies are posted to Village website.
- All Financial Reports are effective as of March 27, 2023.
- Statement of Fund Balance now includes ARPA spending activity line item.

**10.0 Advisory Committee Report –** Sachin Puranik

- Simon Hamermesh, Safety Committee Chair, presents **Motion:** Broadcast the June Town meeting via Zoom to Arden residents**.**
- Finding ways to securely store our town documents electronically in a way accessible by all officers and committee chairs

**11.0 Board of Assessors –** Deborah Ricard

- Notice of upcoming public meetings

**12.00 Standing Committee Reports presented in Ascending Order**

**12.1 Archives –** Lisa Mullinax

- Current exhibit on the Ardentown Centennial.

- The passing of Connee McKinney - Archives will be honoring Connee with a small exhibit of her work.
- Our first new Afternoon with the Artist event, featuring Janet Williams, was a great success!
- The Museum will be featured on an upcoming segment of "The 302," local programming on Me.tv. It should be airing early next month.

**12.2 Audit** - Cookie Ohlson

- All was in order

**12. 3 Budget** – Deborah Ricard

- Arden Budget 3 Year Projection 2024 – 2027.
- A new line-item has been included in the non-discretionary section of this projection titled The Property Tax Reassessment Contingency which is a way to save for the anticipated increase when updated reassessment values are used to determine Arden's tax bill in 2025.

**12.4 Buzz Ware Village Center** – Betty O'Regan

- Update on ARPA grant.
- Construction status of new kitchenette in Rm 3.
- Long-term Tenants: Awakened Hearts and Wilmington Sudbury School.
- Diverse programing that is open to the community:
  - Ardens Artisans Collective -A Social Media Workshop
  - The Tellebration an evening of storytelling
- Monthly Activities at the Buzz
  - The Coffee House - The Ken Rosenberg EXPERIENCE
  - The Buzz Ware Bookies: *The Light in Luna Park* by Addison Armstrong, *Our Lady of Perpetual Hunger* by Lisa Donovan
  - Art on the Town - *New Works, Mostly Maine* by Ardentown resident Hugh Phibbs
  - Tai Chi with Jill Emery
  - Art Nights
- Betty O'Regan announcing stepping down as Chair but will continue to be actively involved.

**12.5 Civic** – Steve Benigni

- Estimate returning $30,000 of our current fiscal year allocation to the General Fund.

- Certified arborists perform needed work on the Fels Oak, including the installation of a steel cable static support system.
- ORPT funded Clubhouse Path project will begin when weather conditions are suitable.
- A representative from Civic or other village committee will be attending an Americans with Disabilities Act training workshop for municipal officials.
- To prevent further damage and to repair the grass in the overflow parking area near the Buzz Ware Village Center, the committee proposes to extending the TYPAR GrassProtecta mesh to other areas of the green where vehicles routinely park for larger events. The Civic Committee is exploring a variety of options to protect and repair the green.
- Plan on aerating the greens in the near future.
- An updated quarterly trash schedule will be posted on the village website this week.
- Asking all of our residents to keep an eye out for branches and large sticks on the greens and to pick some up.

**12.6 Community Planning** Community Planning

- Update 3-Ardens Transportation Group and Wilmapco
- Annual report for the Memorial Garden from Barbara Henry
  - Eight interments in this fiscal year.
  - Bartlett Tree Services contracted services of $3.993.
  - Received $1,966 in donations
  - Current balance in the Memorial Garden fund is $6,830.
- A Summary Report on the Advisory Retreat February 4, 2023
  "What Does Arden Look Like in Twenty Years?"
  The four topics chosen by a survey of the participants were:
  1. Community Involvement/Increasing Volunteerism & Social Engagement
  2. Environmental Stewardship and Climate Impact Management
  3. Aging in Place – Accommodating an Aging Population
  4. Historical preservation/awareness/how to assure Arden's heritage in passed down.

**12.7 Forest –** Carol Larson

- Annual Woods Clean-up
- For the fifteenth year, we were awarded Tree City status by the Arbor Day Foundation.

- Path work – Experiments with path in-fill for low wet areas.
- Rerouted the path along Naamans Creek behind the Politis' house.
- Our work group for Invasive weed removal continues.
- We've planted live stakes along Naamans creek to develop native shrubs inexpensively.
- Immense crop of lesser celandine this year.
- Update on ARPA project progress: on Watershed E at Mill and Wind Lane.

**12.8 Playground** – Mark Wood

- Discus interest for exercise equipment stations.

**12.9 Registration** – Chair Cecilia Vore

- Elections of Officers & Committee members (presented after Call to Order)
- Schedule when votes will be counted and posted.
- Motion: First reading of 3 changes to voting procedures defined in the Charter.

**12.10 Safety** – Simon Hamermesh

- New signage for delivery and or emergency for residents living on dead end streets.

**13.0** Governance Task Force -Ray Siegfried

- Update on work accomplished:
  - There are 13 of the 15 Ordinances on the web page with recommendations for your review.
  - They have gone through sections 1-13 of the Charter with recommendations. We still have 14-18 to review.
- What should be included in the Charter, and what authority does Town Assembly have in approving Ordinances and Resolutions? Both are considered Village laws. Our Charter resolved these questions right up front.

**14.0 Old Business**

**15.0 New Business** – Court Mandate County reassessment: Budget Committee will continue to work on this and will report at the June town meeting.

## Motions/ Referendum Presented

**10.0 Advisory** – Sachin Puranik

**Motion**
Simon Hamermesh Chair of Safety Committee presented the following motion: Broadcast the June Town meeting via Zoom to Arden residents**.** Hand Vote Ayes have. **Motion Approved.**

**12.9 Registration** – Chair Cecilia Vore

**Referendum -First reading** (Note: **Below the line of the Motion for changes to three voting procedures** are the precise changes that would be needed to change the charter. This is written in the way you would submit to the Delaware Legislation. The original text is provided to you and crossed out is the text that you want removed and the new text that you want to insert is underlined.)

**Motion:**

A) The Registration Committee shall implement the following changes to three election procedures that are defined in the Act to Reincorporate.

1. Change the requirement for passage of a general referendum from a majority of all eligible voters to a majority of those who vote in the referendum.

2. Change the timing required for the Board of Assessors election to match the required timing of the Budget Referendum.

3. Codify the use of Absentee Voting in the March Election of Committees and Officers that was approved by the Town Assembly in March 2011 and implemented in March 2012.

B) If approved by the Town Assembly, the Registration Committee will hold a general referendum, presenting each change to the residents of Arden for approval.

C) If approved in the general referendum, the Registration Committee will petition the Delaware state legislature to amend the Town Charter (Act to Reincorporate) to include these changes.

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The pertinent sections of the Act to Reincorporate are listed below, as well as the specific language for these changes.

**1. Change the requirement for passage of a referendum from a majority of all eligible voters to a majority of those who vote in the referendum.**

Three changes needed to the charter; new language indicated with underlined text

**i. Section 3(b)**
"General referendum shall mean an election or vote of all the residents of the Village at which the vote of a majority of the residents ~~of the Village~~ who vote shall be necessary for the passage or approval of any matter…"

**ii. Section 7(e)**
[In the event of a proposed alternative assessment] "… such proposed rate and the rate determined by the Board shall both be submitted to a general referendum of the residents of the Village… The rate approved ~~by a majority of residents~~ in the general referendum shall be the rate in effect until redetermined in the manner herein provided."

**iii. Section 8(c)**
"… The budget, with any amendments thereto, shall be approved by the Town Assembly and submitted to a general referendum of the residents of the Village…The budget, if approved ~~by a majority of the residents of the Village~~ in the general referendum, shall govern the use and expenditures of the moneys therein specified…"

**2. Change the timing required for the Board of Assessors election [in Section 7(a) ] to match the required timing of the Budget Referendum [in Section 8(c) ].**

1 change needed to the Charter; new language indicated with underlined text

**Section 7(a):** *Conduct of the Assessors election*
"…Candidates for the Board of Assessors shall be nominated by the Town Assembly at its regular September meeting of each year. No later than 45 days after such nomination, the Registration Committee of the Village shall conduct the election of the Board of Assessors. The Registration Committee shall mail ballots containing the names of all nominees to each resident of the Village… ~~Each resident shall return his marked ballot to the Registration Committee within 30 days after the mailing thereof.~~ No ballot shall be counted unless received by the Registration Committee on or before a date fixed by the Committee, which shall in no event be less than 15 days from the date the Registration Committee mails the ballots. The Registration Committee shall tally the votes cast … "

**3. Codify the use of Absentee Voting in the March Election of Committees and Officers that was approved by the Town Assembly in March 2011 and implemented in March 2012.**

The Act to Reincorporate (1967) defined two officers (Town Chair and Secretary) and two committees (Budget and Registration). The power to create additional officers and committees is vested in the Town Assembly [sections 4, 6(a)]. Officers and committees created by the TA can also be modified by the TA. To ensure that Absentee voting is allowed for the two officers and two committees that were not created by the Assembly at a Town Meeting, an article should be added to Section 6: Committees of the Town Assembly

1 addition to the Charter; new language indicated with underlined text:

**6 (c)** The Election of Committees and Officers shall be held at the regular March meeting of the Town Assembly. Absentee voting shall be allowed for this election. The Registration Committee shall establish and conduct the absentee voting procedure.

## Attendance

| First Name | Last Name | | First Name | Last Name | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Steve | Benigni | 1 | Tegan | Harcourt-Brooke | 40 |
| Brooke | Bovard | 2 | Stephen | Harcourt | 41 |
| Mike | Moran | 3 | Ed | Rohrbach | 42 |
| Rodney | Jester | 4 | David | Reese | 43 |
| Alfred (Dink) | Pompper | 5 | Sarra V | Klimberg | 44 |
| Sadi | Somerville | 6 | Sachin | Puranik | 45 |
| Helen 'Cookie' | Ohlson | 7 | Ellie | Hansen | 46 |
| Tom | Wheeler | 8 | Bob | Erenburg | 47 |
| Jan | Westerhouse | 9 | Walter | Borders | 48 |
| Warren | Rosenkranz | 10 | Jennifer | Borders | 49 |
| Rachelle | Zazzu | 11 | Ruth | Panella | 50 |
| Kathrine | Threefoot | 12 | Jess | Colgan-Snyder | 51 |
| Lee | Hoover | 13 | Stevie | French | 52 |
| Vicki | Scott | 14 | Pam | Cohen | 53 |
| Mary | Vernon | 15 | Betty | O'Regan | 54 |
| Steve | Tanzer | 16 | Mary | Young | 55 |
| Deborah M | Ricard | 17 | Elizabeth | Varley | 56 |
| Laura | Wallace | 18 | Barbara Anne | Macklem | 57 |
| Lisa | Mullinax | 19 | Maria | Burslem | 58 |
| Pat | Pyle | 20 | Alan | Burslem | 59 |
| Susan | Stith | 21 | Vered | Nohi | 60 |
| David D | Claney | 22 | Eric | Reed | 61 |
| Robert | Stith | 23 | Ray | Seigfried | 62 |
| Taylor | Parrott | 24 | Sam | Panella | 63 |
| Carl | Falco | 25 | Andrew | Jordan | 64 |
| Ron | Meick | 26 | David | Gerbec | 65 |
| Carol | Larson | 27 | Jeffrey | Steen | 66 |
| Dan | Henn | 28 | William 'Skip' | Bailey | 67 |
| Dorinda | Dove | 29 | Larry | Walker | 68 |
| Jill | Althouse- | 30 | Peter | Compo | 69 |
| Simon | Hamermesh | 31 | Jeffrey | Politis | 70 |
| Joad | Kazan | 32 | Cecilia | Vore | 71 |
| Denis | O'Regan | 33 | Paul | Nolan | 72 |
| Beverly | Clendening | 34 | Heidi | Hoegger | 73 |
| Lisa | Wolfe | 35 | Pam | Politis | 74 |
| Harold | Kalmus | 36 | Lea | Walker | 75 |
| Elaine | Hickey | 37 | Eric | Braunstein | 76 |
| Garrett | Colgan-Snyder | 38 | Elizabeth | Resko | 77 |
| John | Scheflen | 39 | | | |
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**1.0 Call to Order** – Chairman Jeffrey Politis called meeting to order at 7:37p.m.

**2.0 Election of Officers & Committees**
Registration Committee and Chairman held elections. Voting continued throughout the meeting.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes -** January 2023 Town Assembly Minutes approved as presented by Unanimous consent. No objections. Minutes A**pproved.**

**4.0 New Residents:** Rachelle Zazzu says she is not new but this is her first town meeting. Welcome!

**5.0 Recognition of Departed**
Connee McKinney, Joan Forsberg (Rick Ferrell's mother), Mary Lockerman.

All were welcomed to comment about those we have lost in the last quarter.

Steve Tanzer says his wife's father, Edward Carol, who lived with them, has passed.

A moment of silence.

**6.0 Visitors-** None

**7.0 Town Chair's -** Chair Jeffrey Politis
Communications from the Chair.

Since the last town meeting….

1. Tonight is election night and we are back to voting here in person. Seems strange that it was just a year ago that we were meeting via zoom. Nice to be together again in person to vote and conduct business.

2. Additionally, I wanted to thank those willing to serve on a committee of the Village. It is through the service of our committee members that allows the Village to run. Thank you.

3. We received the paperwork for mosquito control from DNREC. As we have agreed to spraying in recent years, I have signed and returned the agreement. Note that spraying for mosquitos does not automatically happen, but rather a request must be made to mosquito control from the Village.

4. I have signed up to work to sign deldot agreements electronically. This will allow us to avoid printing, signing, scanning, and emailing or just mailing papers back and forth.

5. Reminder that I use an email distribution system for announcing town related information. If you have not signed up for it, you can go to the website and find the sign up on the right column.

6. Thanks to the Buzz Ware Village Center for providing refreshment tonight.

7. 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.

Communications Report – Thank you!

**8.0 Trustee Report –** Carl Falco

**Finances:**
Hard copies of the Trustees quarterly financial report have been provided at this Town Assembly Meeting and the report will also be available for review online as part of the Town Assembly Meeting minutes. The amount of 2023 Land Rent collected as of Friday March 24 at noon is $603,678.34. The total to be collected is $777,921.49. If you have any questions about your bill, please contact our administrative assistant Rachel Kantner (475-7980 or email Trustees.of.Arden@gmail.com).

**2023 Application for Senior School Tax Rebate:**

New Castle County offers a Senior School Property Tax Credit to property owners if you are over 65 or will be turning 65 by July 1st of the year you apply. For individuals moving to Delaware on or after 1/1/2018, you must be a resident at least ten years prior to application.

The Senior School Tax Property Tax Credit will appear on a leaseholder's New Castle County School Tax bill, which is sent to the Trustees for payment. The Trustees will rebate the amount that the Property Tax Credit reduces the tax bill to the leaseholder. This can be up to a $500 rebate annually.

New Castle County has other programs that may reduce a leaseholder's County and School property taxes based upon low income and/or disability. Any such reductions in a leaseholder's tax bill will also be rebated to the leaseholder by the Trustees. Information about these property tax reduction programs can be found online at: https://www.newcastlede.gov/182/Tax-Exemptions. You may also apply for the rebates by calling New Castle County at 302-395-5520. The county personnel will walk you through the process.

Make sure you apply in a timely fashion to ensure that your paperwork is received before the deadline of April 30th so that your tax credit and/or tax exemption can be approved and processed for the current tax year. Last year more than $44,000 was rebated to 72 leaseholders.

Ash Trees

The Arden Trust treated ash trees on leaseholds in 2021. To protect the trees from the Emerald ash borer another round of treatment is due this year. We will assess the trees to determine if they are healthy enough for the treatment to be effective. On a positive note, research shows that the borer population collapses after the host trees in an area have either died or been protected. This is good news because treatments won't be needed indefinitely to maintain our remaining ash trees. Carol will be contacting those with ash trees on their property, contact the Trust if you have questions.

**Lease Transfers:**

No leaseholds have transferred since the January Town Assembly meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Falco, Trustee

Trustee Report – Thank you!

**9.0 Treasurer's Report** – Skip Bailey
The Treasurer would like to remind all Village residents that all Village financial policies, general policies and those regarding monetary gifts, investment guidelines, endowment funds, and requests for grants are all found on the Village of Arden website under Budget Committee/Finances. These policies have been and remain in place.

I would like to formally introduce Carole Connor, Village resident, as the new Bookkeeper for the Village. David Michelson continues to assist us for the immediate future with the transition to Carole as the bookkeeper.

**Review of basic financial reports**
All reports are effective as of March 27, 2023.

Statement of Financial Position
Funds are in standard status. Money Market fund at TD Bank continues minimal interest income.

Statement of Financial Activity
Committees, other budgeted items.

Statement of Fund Balance
All is in order. Funds remain in the Municipal Street Aid fund for continued use by the Civic Committee. This report now shows specific spending activity within the Village approved ARPA projects.

Respectfully Submitted,
Skip Bailey, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report – Thank you!

**10.0 Advisory Committee Report –** Sachin Puranik
The Advisory Committee met in person at the Buzz Ware on March 6th to set the agenda for this meeting.

The committee's biggest task each year is to find candidates to serve the village in various capacities. Many among the residents helped with this task by reaching out to friends and strangers. I would like to thank Deborah Ricard and Marianne Cinaglia for hosting a meet the candidates meeting. I also want to give a sincere thank you to the over 60 residents who volunteered for our committees. Good luck to all the candidates!

One thing that has been discussed over the past few meetings of the Advisory Committee is how the village can make better use of technology. To that end, we are exploring two different ways of streamlining our communication. The first of which is finding ways to securely store our town documents electronically in a way accessible by all officers and committee chairs. This may lead to better record keeping and maybe even more streamlined processes for things like reimbursements. The second is by making Town Assembly more accessible by streaming the meeting to residents. Simon Hamermesh will speak on that next.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sachin Puranik
Advisory Chair

**Motion**
Simon Hamermesh Chair of Safety Committee read the following motion: Broadcast the June Town meeting via Zoom to Arden residents**.** Hand Vote Ayes have. **Motion Approved**

Note: This means the people can watch the meeting and listen in only. No participation. First phase only. This is for just the June meeting. It is a trial run, an experiment to see what it would take.

**Speak to or against the motion**
It will not be recorded and not posted; it is just broadcasted. It is only for Arden residents. It will be distributed to only Arden residents by email invite to attend zoom town meeting.

Jess Colgan-Snyder - Big fan of this idea especially since they are not in Arden in the summer.

Steven French Speak for the motion. She will be leaving to put her children to bed shortly and it would be nice to be able to continue following along at home once the children are taken care of. This motion is just for viewing. Maybe latter on it can be more interactive as we go forward.

Susan Stith likes the idea but she would prefer a full hybrid where she can participate in the town meeting with question, voting, etc. She noticed there was a lot of participation at town meetings during Covid via zoom and if we do not continue to offer hybrid meetings, she believes we will lose a lot of attendees.

Elizabeth Varley is against the motion. If we move forward and expand this to be fully functional meeting, that is what she will vote against. Her concern is that there was a very nice turn out tonight but in the long run does not believe they will have a good turnout for in-person meetings.

Advisory Report - Thank you!

**11.0 Board of Assessors –** Deborah Ricard

The 2023 Board of Assessors includes of Deborah Ricard/Chair, Vicki Scott/Secretary, Brooke Bovard, Denis O'Regan, Shana Pinter, Elizabeth Varley and Tom Wheeler. This Board continues to meet in person, with a Zoom option, on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm to work toward determining next year's formula for land rent assessment. These monthly meetings are open and agenda topics are listed on the BWVC Official Notice Bulletin Board as well as on the Assessors page of the arden.delaware.gov website. Upcoming public meetings are scheduled in person at the BWVC on Monday, May 8, and Monday June 12, at 7 pm. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend to ask questions and share concerns about how Arden's land rent is determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Ricard

Board of Assessor's Report - Thank you!

**12.00 Standing Committee Reports presented in Ascending Order**

**12.1 Archives –** Lisa Mullinax
The Arden Craft Shop Museum is open Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m. Our current exhibit on the Ardentown Centennial will continue through October.

The passing of Connee McKinney was a great loss to her family, the Ardens community and to the Museum. We are honoring Connee with a small exhibit of her work from the museum collection, including illustrations she did for ACRA and a lovely picture of Connee and Robin taken in her studio in the Craft Shop building.

Our first new Afternoon with the Artist event, featuring Janet Williams, was a great success! Janet has graciously permitted us to keep her paintings on display

in the Bernie Schwab Community Room at the Museum through April 16. We are looking forward to featuring many more Ardens artists.

The Museum will be featured on an upcoming segment of "The 302," local programming on Me.tv. It should be airing early next month.
As always, we welcome your interest in your museum!

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mullinax

Comments/Questions
ARPA update: They are still refining their requirements. They have not requested any funds because they have not decided on a vendor.

Archives Report - Thank you!

**12.2 Audit** - Cookie Ohlson
On March 22, Debbie Ricard, Laura Wallace and Cookie Ohlson met to examine the quarterly vouchers and invoices for Arden. All was in order.
Cookie Ohlson, Chair

Audit Report – Thank you!

**12. 3 Budget** – Deborah Ricard
Budget Committee members include Deborah Ricard/Chair, Vicki Scott/Secretary, David Gerbec/Spreadsheet Master, Brooke Bovard and Bob Erenburg. The Budget Committee has met most months during the past year on third Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom. In January Carl Falco/Senior Trustee, Skip Bailey/Treasurer and Jeffrey Politis/Chair of Town Assembly shared information needed to compile Arden's Budget 2023 3-Year Projection for 2024-2027. This document is provided for guidance only and is primarily used by the Assessors. Tonight, this completed financial forecast is shared with the Town Assembly and will be submitted to the Board of Assessors at their next meeting.

The format of the 3-year projection is consistent with prior years. All committee budgets are expected to be maintained at the current level. ARPA funds continue to be included and will remain a part of this document going forward until they are either spent on approved projects or returned to the federal government. No increase in county or school taxes is anticipated this year; however, the Budget Committee has been strongly encouraged by county

and school district representatives to prepare for the future. For this reason, a line-item titled Property Tax Reassessment Contingency, equal to 2% of county and school taxes, has been included in the non-discretionary portion of this projection. The Property Tax Reassessment Contingency is a way to save for the anticipated increase when updated reassessment values are used to determine Arden's tax bill in 2025. Any contingency funds not needed for this purpose will be used to reduce Arden's land rent assessment for leaseholders.

The Arden Budget 2032 3-Year Projection 2024-2027 will be posted on the Budget Committee's page of the arden.delaware.gov website and a few copies will be available for review in the Arden Library. Interested individuals may email budget@arden.delaware.gov to request a copy of this document.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Ricard

Budget Report – Thank you!

**12.4 Buzz Ware Village Center** – Betty O'Regan
Work on improvements to the building continues and programing remains solid. ACRA is gearing up for a new year and Wilmington Sudbury intends to renew their lease. Thanks to the Monday Night Art Group (Cookie Ohlson, Jeanne Orr, Linda Celestion, and Marybeth Brainard) for assembling the showcase display. Russ McKinney will provide the next exhibit featuring Connee McKinney's book, *The Arden School*, as well as her many contributions to the Buzz Ware Community Center and the Arden community. *Remember to book rooms at the BWVC, contact Pam Cohen, Building Usage Manager at Ardenbuzz@gmail.com*

**ARPA grant**
With the completion of filling and reseeding, the installation of the new sewer system is complete. Our appreciation is extended to Denis O'Regan, Rachel Brown, and Community Planning for obtaining and facilitating this important upgrade. None of this would have been possible without the support of the Town Assembly who voted to use some of the grant money in this way.

**Renovation Projects**
Construction of a new kitchenette in room 3 is very close to completion. Thanks to our volunteers Mary Young, Mike Moran, Patrick Barry, Jeremy Sheiker, Clay Ridings, Jacob and Jeffrey Pollitis.

**Long-term Tenants**
Business as usual for both Awakened Hearts and Wilmington Sudbury School.
**Diverse programing that is open to the community–**

Ardens Artisans Collective A Social Media Workshop for Artisans was held on March 25. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 25 7-9 PM for next Artisans Social. This is a great opportunity to learn about your artist neighbors' background and their recent/current projects.

The Tellebration evening of storytelling was whimsical and entertaining. Thanks to Gerry Konzelmann for sponsoring. The group hopes to return in November. You won't want to miss this event, which is especially fun for kids.

Always look for announcements and details for upcoming events in the Arden Page and on the BWVC website.

**Monthly Activities at the Buzz**

- **The Coffee House** on April 14th features **"The Ken Rosenberg EXPERIENCE"**,

  followed by open stage until 11:00. Coffee, water, and soda is available for purchase. BYOB. Admission is $5 for adults and $1 for children.
- **The Buzz Ware Bookies** will discuss *The Light in Luna Park* by Addison Armstrong on April 6 and on May 4 *Our Lady of Perpetual Hunger* by Lisa Donovan. As always, all Ardenites and friends of the Ardens are welcome. Reading the book is optional. If you like, bring a snack or beverage to share.
- **Art on the Town** occurs on the 1st Friday of each month. April 14 will feature *New Works, Mostly Maine* by Ardentown resident Hugh Phibbs. His new works introduce innovative media, supports and presentations, appearing as watercolors but created with a novel medium and methylcellulose, used as a paste adhesive, as varnish. Complementary refreshments.
- **Tai Chi** with Jill Emery is for all levels. They continue to meet Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday 9:00-10:00

- **Art Nights** Monday evenings 7:00-9:00 This supportive and friendly core group has convened for several years now, working on their own projects. They welcome drop ins and newcomers.

- As always, *contributions to the Buzz are always appreciated when you participate in one of our community events.* A complete list of events and meetings plus other information is on our website, ardenbuzz.com

Generous, forward-thinking, hard-working, my fellow committee members for the past 4 years have been a pleasure to be involved with. I have a highest respect for each of you and appreciate the strengths and commitment that you bring to the table. I will be stepping down as an elected, voting member but will continue to contribute in other ways. Please contact the committee if you too feel that you want to join the list of "Friends of the Buzz".

As always, thanks to the committee…Toby Ridings, Maria Burslem, Susan Stith, Partrick Barry, Shari Phalan, Ken Rosenberg and dedicated employees Pam Cohen, Rachel Brown, and Jeremy Sheiker.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty O'Regan
BWVC Co-Chair

Buzz Ware Village Center Report – Thank you!

**12.5 Civic** – Steve Benigni

- In our January report, we projected that we would be returning about $20,000 of our current fiscal year allocation to the general fund. Because we were fortunate to not have any snow events this season, and because timing considerations will move a couple of projects into the new fiscal year, we will be returning approximately $30,000 this year.

  We do not expect to be able to return such a large part of our budget next year because of expenses that we expect to incur fulfilling the matching portion of our ORPT grant, performing supplemental Watershed "E" storm water management work suggested in the Water Quality Master Plan, and possible road repair costs beyond our Municipal Street Aid allocation. (Although we have been fortunate to escape a significant number of damaging freeze-thaw cycles this year, there is an ongoing deterioration of our roads that will need our attention in the future.)
- As we reported last meeting, we contracted with a certified arborist to perform needed work on the Fels Oak, including the installation of a steel cable static support system. That work has been completed.

- Work on the ORPT funded Clubhouse Path project will begin when weather conditions are suitable for the treatment of bamboo culms and rhyzomes.

- A representative from Civic or other village committee will be attending an Americans with Disabilities Act training workshop for municipal officials on May 24th. This workshop was suggested by DNREC to provide guidance in our working with the Architectural Accessibility Board for the Clubhouse Path and other projects.

- The grass in the overflow parking area near the Buzz Ware Village Center continues to suffer from damage caused by vehicles driving and parking on the green. The Arden Club recognizes its responsibility to help the village prevent and repair the damage and has proposed extending the TYPAR GrassProtecta mesh to other areas of the green where vehicles routinely park for larger events.

  The Civic Committee is exploring a variety of options to protect and repair the green. The grading and mesh installation from several years ago seems to have been successful in preventing deep rutting but has not prevented grass damage and surface mud formation. We are developing a year-round maintenance and repair plan and will communicate parking guidelines, restrictions, and procedures to all groups, organizations, and gilds that use the overflow parking area (i.e., The Arden Club, Concert Gild, Buzz Ware Village Center, Swim Club, Ardensingers, etc.).

- We will be aerating the greens in the near future.

- A reminder that if you have trash, recycling, or yard waste service issues involving your leasehold, you should contact Trash Tech customer service. (The number is on the trash can.) Report problems involving multiple leaseholds or repeated issues to the Civic Committee.

- A updated quarterly trash schedule will be posted on the village website this week. FYI: This week is a recycling week.
- Thanks to everyone who has been keeping our stormwater catch basin grates clear. You've been doing such a good job that we've decided to ask your help with another ongoing project. Mature trees and Arden winds cause a lot of small and not-so-small branches to fall on our greens — Village Green, Sherwood Green, and Memorial Garden and Memorial

Garden Overflow. We are asking all of our residents to keep an eye out for branches and large sticks on the greens and to pick some up and either drop them onto one of several small stacks found on the periphery of the green or start a new one if you don't see an existing stack. We will periodically haul them away.

- 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Benigni
Civic Committee Chair

Comments/Questions
Instead of paying to have the sticks removed, suggest offer them to resident for kindle for their home fireplace or plan another communal fire and use them for that event.

Civic Report – Thank you!

**12.6 Community Planning** – Jennifer Borders

1. 3-Ardens Transportation Group and Wilmapco are continuing to move ahead on the planning phase of making the community safer, more walkable and accessible. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, from 6 to 8 PM, at the Buzz Ware Village Center. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided. A special workshop for school age children will also be held beforehand. For more information you are encouraged to go to www.wilmapco.org/ardens.

2. Here is the annual report for the Memorial Garden from Barbara Henry, FY 2022-23. The Memorial Garden had eight interments in this fiscal year. The annual Memorial Garden clean-up was not held in 2022 due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Bartlett Tree Services performed contracted services of $3993. We received $1,966 in donations this year. Current balance in the Memorial Garden fund is $6,830.
3. A Summary Report on the Advisory Retreat February 4, 2023

"What Does Arden Look Like in Twenty Years?"

INTRODUCTION

The Arden Advisory Committee hosted a retreat, on February 4, 2023, at the Buzz Ware Village Center titled, "What Does Arden Look Like in Twenty Years?" The goal for the retreat was "To begin to map out a path for the future for the Town on each of four topics discussed and gain insight into our collective goals". It was facilitated with by Tricia Arndt, from the DE State Office of Planning.

TOPICS

The four topics chosen by a survey of the participants were:
1. Community Involvement/Increasing Volunteerism & Social Engagement
2. Environmental Stewardship and Climate Impact Management
3. Aging in Place – Accommodating an Aging Population
4. Historical preservation/awareness/how to assure Arden's heritage in passed down.

Topic 1: Community Involvement/Increasing Volunteerism & Social Engagement
Vision-- To boost volunteerism and social engagement
Idea Summary:
•Train leaders on how to promote volunteer engagement in Town
•Create a database of willing volunteers and their skills
•Provide childcare during Town Meetings so parents can participate more easily; have a simultaneous Town Assembly for teens
•Engage new residents by creating a mentor program; invite newbies to Gild dinners or private homes
•Revive Merry-Go-Rounders
•Explore how to instill a sense of ownership/responsibility for the community
And many more....

Topic 2: Environmental Stewardship and Climate Impact Management
Vision-- To improve the land, water and air for our community and the region
Idea Summary:
•Provide native trees and plants for residents and offer to help plant them
•Provide wildlife-friendly lighting, composting bins and rain barrels to residents
•Have community-wide knowledgeable oversight of tree/forest health-- a tree council
•Require or encourage permeable paving on driveways and/or streets

•Create incentives for non-grass lawns
And many more....

Topic 3: Aging in Place-- Accommodating an Aging Population
Vision: To become an age-friendly community so that seniors can remain in the Ardens
Idea Summary:
•Demographics
•Collaborate with Claymont Community Center and Ivy Gables to provide services
•Support communal housing, co-housing and promote ADU's
•Make sure the Ardens community buildings and commons are accessible for the differently-abled
•Facilitate good-neighbor groups to check on residents
And many more....

Topic 4: How to assure Arden's heritage is passed down/ Historical preservation
Vision-- To assure Arden's history and culture are fostered and made an integral part of who we are as a community
Idea Summary:
•Create an "Ardens 101" class and/or video for all new residents; and a kids' version of 101 too
•Create signage for all historical places in Town so people know them; use QR codes to link to info on the internet
•Create a Standard Operating Procedures manual for government; and do succession planning for important positions in Town
•Create a "third place" in Arden such as a coffee shop for communing together
•Expand hours, galleries, storage space and parking for the Arden Craft Shop Museum
And many more....

CONCLUSION

The Community Planning Committee is now tasked with digging into the list of prioritized goals that came out of the retreat. CPC will refine and communicate the ideas of the retreat and will work alongside the other committees on realizing them. This will be a focus for the Community Planning Committee for this coming year and perhaps coming years.

To ask about the status of any of the topics covered by the retreat or to add ideas, please contact us at: Planning@Arden.delaware.gov.

The full minutes of the retreat are available online at the CPC webpage.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU

How can you best invest in the place you live? How can you encourage others to do so?
Is there anything you would like to add about these topics?
What legacy can we leave for the next generation of Ardenites?

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Borders, CPC Chair

Comments/Questions
Brooke: People do not know where the historic sites are; maybe Archives can have more walking tours.

Cecilia: Who attended that retreat sits the largest demographics for volunteers in the community was from people 65 to 75. How do we reorganize our committees and reorganize our priorities so that people over age 65 can continue to serve on the committees without getting burnt out not because of their age but because of their longevity of volunteering. Maybe it's time to consider hiring outside for help. It's time to rethink things.

Jess: She likes the idea of having apprentice as a way to learn all about the community and how things work. There are lots of ways that we can learn more about the Ardens. When you know more about your community, then we have more ownership over it and we become more involved, then it's like a perpetuating system.

Deb: She likes the way Arden is intergenerational even though at the present time there are not that many. But it is important to include them in some component of whatever we are doing and they see what happening that helps them to buy into it and this keeps the heritage going.

Pete: A proud member of the 65 and older community. At yesterday's celebration of life for Connee McKinney was constantly remembrances in Arden with 'Living with the arts' by making it a part of daily life. He hopes we continue to highlight this.

Jill: A member of the young ones. Consider what our cultural life in Arden is so rich and what is that going to look like in 20 years? What allowances do we want to make (i.e., artists' studios)?

Betty: Something that really impressed her at Connee's memorial yesterday was a very strong, emotional memory of the adult children who were raised in the Ardens. There were many who got up and spoke recalling what a magical place this was to grow up in. Suggest to include these people as resources and have them try to pinpoint exactly what it was that made it magical. Tap into that memory and record it and duplicate for the future. Kate: How could you tap into that memory? Maybe an email survey or an event in conjunction with the Arden Fair; invite them to have a conversation.

Sachin: One reason why a shortage of young people is housing cost is unaffordable in Arden and everywhere. One solution is to allow leaseholder to build small houses on their lots.

Emily: The older generation might have very different needs but they can still be very actively involved.

Jeff: These are questions that we are going to be asking for a long time and we will probably never have a true answer for it. These are the questions that make us think about our community. Most of the time we just go about living in the community. What brought us here? What do we love about it? Speaking for himself he feels lucky that whoever was here before him, gave him this gift. He thinks about what gift are we going to give the next generation who is going to live here. He asks you to think about these questions and think how can you best invest in the place that you live? Everything that you do whether it is talking to a neighbor or joining a town meeting is an investment into the community. For our community to exist it actually takes an investment in the community. Last question about what it is going to look like in 30 years? What's the gift that we give to the next generation. What the retreat did was start the conversation and hopefully it will become a much broader conversation as we think about the community going forward.

Community Planning Report – Thank you!

**12.7 Forest –** Carol Larson
Annual Woods Clean-up: April 22 which is Earth Day! We're back to In-person gathering prior to dispersing for clean-up. Meet at the Buzz Picnic tables at 9:00 for coffee and treats – we'll have a raffle of a forest team weeding

session and plants to give away. Check the April Page! Lots of Earth Day activities. Forest Committee is Gardeners Gild: Earth Day Dinner Gild, Jill Althouse- Wood.

For the fifteenth year, we were awarded Tree City status by the Arbor Day Foundation. Arden's Arbor Day Celebration will be April 29th – we have Dogwoods to plant at the Buzz that will replace some aging ones, bring out your dogs we'll have dog treats.

Two dead oaks were taken down along the Highway trail. They were in striking distance to leaseholds and dropping major limbs in the path

**Path work** – Experiments with path in-fill for low wet areas include bark slabs and monkey balls, we've had positive and negative reports about these practices, please let us know your opinion. Two new bridges are installed courtesy of a friendly Buckingham Greene neighbor are in the Sherwood side of our woods!

We rerouted the path along Naamans Creek behind the Politis' house because of the eroding creek bank. Please be careful on the paths.

Our work group for Invasive weed removal continues -- usually on Tuesdays at 10. Anyone whose leasehold borders the forest can request the team to come work adjacent to their leasehold. We can help identify native and non-native plants.

We've planted live stakes along Naamans creek to develop native shrubs inexpensively. Live stakes are cut from red twig dogwood- which has the ability to resprout from cuttings.

We're frustrated with the immense crop of lesser celandine this year. There's a very short window of time for treatment when it's warm enough and only the celandine is showing so we can avoid native plants. As requested, we flagged all areas that were treated please use care around flagged areas. Restricted Entry Interval for glyphosate is 12 days as per the EPA registered label.

ARPA project progress: on Watershed E at Mill and Wind Lane. After collecting surveys, there are now some preliminary layouts of facilities from Foresite. They have been working with obstacles of the utilities in the area and limitations of the right-of-way. Foresite expects to present information at the April Civic committee meeting, then confer with neighbors adjacent to the

project, and develop a plan to present to the town – hopefully in time for the June meeting.

Forest Report – Thank you!

**12.8 Playground** – Mark Wood
Since the last Town Meeting, the required playground equipment safety inspection had been made. All equipment was "adult tested," and is in safe condition. Additional certified Playground Mulch was added under all the equipment to provide a shock absorbing landing are for falls from the swings and jungle gyms.

For the GAGA PIT, the fundraising has been completed and materials purchased, so later this Spring on a Saturday afternoon, the Pit will be constructed. This should be a welcomed addition to ACRA and the Town when it is first assembled near the Buzz Ware Village Center. As approved in January, this Gaga Pit will be movable.

The Climber to replace the jungle gym on the Village Green has been ordered, and should arrive this spring. It will be installed by a licensed playground equipment installer. The jungle gym will be available to anyone who might want it as a lawn ornament, or trellis for vines. If you are interested in acquiring this retired playground item, please let a member of the Playground Committee know soonest.

In an effort to make the landing surfaces under the playground equipment better, the Committee has ordered eight rubber mats to be put under eight swings on the Sherwood Green. The mats hopefully will eliminate the "trenches" that the children's feet dig in the playground mulch as they drag them on the ground while swinging.

A group of residents is interested in installing "Adult Fitness Stations" around the edge of the Village Green, and these would serve as a "fitness break" for the many people walking the half-mile perimeter of that Green. This group is assembling information on different types of adult equipment, along with pricing. Those project costs possibly could be funded through the Village's ARPA Grant.

Submitted by
Mark Wood, Chair

Exercise Stations
Cookie Ohlson & Rachelle Zazzu- Exercise Stations
They are interest in getting the sense if there is interest in having exercise stations around the Green. this is for feedback only and it is not a vote. They are proposing 14 stations around the Green in which 9 stations do not need any equipment or apparatus. One lap around the green is a half a mile and 2 laps is a mile. Need to install signs some have posts at stations. It could extend to the other two Ardens if there is interest and maybe install more vigorous exercise equipment. $1,400 (11 stations) and $2,600 (17 stations).

Feedback - signage at stations
Preserving our spaces and our history does not include a lot of metal signage around the Green. There are maintenance issues and safety issues that could be unsightly and perilous for other using the green.

If against the signs, then maybe use low profile rocks

Feedback - the idea of having stations
The Archives offer walking tours of the Village they will include walking milage.

When Frank Stevens and Will Price laid out our community it had lots of wide-open spaces. The last few years more is going onto the Green (big plastic slide). Not in favor of putting more permanent things on the Green. I think we should preserve and enjoy the open space we have.

Respect what the Green has been and what it should be in the future.

We are creative; make the exercise stations "Ardenesque". Find a way to make it esthetically pleasing but the idea is exactly what is needed. We have multigenerational roots here. Kids, adults and seniors need the exercise. She can see the Green as being a lot of things not just viewed but used.

Like the idea but hate the location. This Green is going to look like an amusement park if we add anything more. Maybe the smaller Greens like the Petite Green, the Green in Ardencroft could accommodate this.

This would be a great opportunity to augment sign poles by starting something new and this continues the thought process that Community Planning presented at the retreat. We all can benefit from exercise and that is a key component to having a healthy community.

Playground Report – Thank you!

**12.9 Registration** – Chair Cecilia Vore
The committee conducts the annual election of Committees and Officers tonight. Votes will be counted on Tuesday, March 28, at the Buzz Ware Village Center at 12:30 pm. The public is permitted to attend, but observers should be mindful of continuing Covid risks. Results will be posted on the Village website and bulletin boards.

The committee met on Feb. 22 to discuss the need for changes to three voting procedures that are defined in the Charter. The committee will present a motion tonight that explains these changes and the procedure for approving changes to the Charter. Tonight, will be the first reading only. If this motion is seconded at a third reading in September, debate and a vote will follow then.

(Note: **Below the line of the Motion for changes to three voting procedures** are the precise changes that would be needed to change the charter. This is written in the way you would submit to the Delaware Legislation. The original text is provided to you and crossed out is the text that you want removed and the new text that you want to insert is underlined.)

**Motion:**
A) The Registration Committee shall implement the following changes to three election procedures that are defined in the Act to Reincorporate.

1. Change the requirement for passage of a general referendum from a majority of all eligible voters to a majority of those who vote in the referendum.

2. Change the timing required for the Board of Assessors election to match the required timing of the Budget Referendum.

3. Codify the use of Absentee Voting in the March Election of Committees and Officers that was approved by the Town Assembly in March 2011 and implemented in March 2012.

B) If approved by the Town Assembly, the Registration Committee will hold a general referendum, presenting each change to the residents of Arden for approval.

C) If approved in the general referendum, the Registration Committee will petition the Delaware state legislature to amend the Town Charter (Act to Reincorporate) to include these changes.

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The pertinent sections of the Act to Reincorporate are listed below, as well as the specific language for these changes.

**1. Change the requirement for passage of a referendum from a majority of all eligible voters to a majority of those who vote in the referendum.**

Three changes needed to the charter; new language indicated with underlined text

**i. Section 3(b)**
"General referendum shall mean an election or vote of all the residents of the Village at which the vote of a majority of the residents ~~of the Village~~ who vote shall be necessary for the passage or approval of any matter…"

**ii. Section 7(e)**
[In the event of a proposed alternative assessment] "… such proposed rate and the rate determined by the Board shall both be submitted to a general referendum of the residents of the Village… The rate approved ~~by a majority of residents~~ in the general referendum shall be the rate in effect until redetermined in the manner herein provided."

**iii. Section 8(c)**
"… The budget, with any amendments thereto, shall be approved by the Town Assembly and submitted to a general referendum of the residents of the Village…The budget, if approved ~~by a majority of the residents of the Village~~ in the general referendum, shall govern the use and expenditures of the moneys therein specified…"

**2. Change the timing required for the Board of Assessors election [in Section 7(a) ] to match the required timing of the Budget Referendum [in Section 8(c) ].**

1 change needed to the Charter; new language indicated with underlined text

**Section 7(a):** *Conduct of the Assessors election*
"…Candidates for the Board of Assessors shall be nominated by the Town Assembly at its regular September meeting of each year. No later than 45 days after such nomination, the Registration Committee of the Village shall conduct the election of the Board of Assessors. The Registration Committee shall mail ballots containing the names of all nominees to each resident of the Village… ~~Each resident shall return his marked ballot to the Registration Committee within 30 days after the mailing thereof.~~ No ballot shall be counted unless received by the Registration Committee on or before a date fixed by the Committee, which shall in no event be less than 15 days from the date the

Registration Committee mails the ballots. The Registration Committee shall tally the votes cast … "

**3. Codify the use of Absentee Voting in the March Election of Committees and Officers that was approved by the Town Assembly in March 2011 and implemented in March 2012.**

The Act to Reincorporate (1967) defined two officers (Town Chair and Secretary) and two committees (Budget and Registration). The power to create additional officers and committees is vested in the Town Assembly [sections 4, 6(a)]. Officers and committees created by the TA can also be modified by the TA. To ensure that Absentee voting is allowed for the two officers and two committees that were not created by the Assembly at a Town Meeting, an article should be added to Section 6: Committees of the Town Assembly

1 addition to the Charter; new language indicated with underlined text:

**6 (c)** The Election of Committees and Officers shall be held at the regular March meeting of the Town Assembly. Absentee voting shall be allowed for this election. The Registration Committee shall establish and conduct the absentee voting procedure.

**Questions/Comments** (Cecilia is looking for feedback and if people have different ideas.)

Comments about Change #1

1. Change the requirement for passage of a general referendum from a majority of all eligible voters to a majority of those who vote in the referendum.

Cecilia -Years ago, the town overwhelmingly voted that it would require majority of those who voted. The change was not done the way it should be since procedure is defined in the Charter that it requires a change to the Charter. Registration would like to reconsider this and do it properly. The way the voting is done now it does not allow for absentee voting. Jeff Steen - Point of clarification - you said there was an overwhelming for making this change. Was that at a Village meeting or was that at a referendum. Cecilia - Originally was intended to be an Ordinance and it was discussed a lot at three consecutive meetings. At the end of the 3rd discussion, they decided that they did not want to do it as an ordinance. The change could be implemented simply by the town meeting accepting the Registration Committee's Report and that was a very

strong vote. Jeff would like to acknowledge for himself what a major structural change that would be. The proposal as it exists it goes from a Majority structural change from majority eligible voters to majority of those who respond. Perhaps consider 90% of eligible voters or some other % of eligible voters. Going from the gold standard to the simply majority.

Pam Poliits thinks substantively it is a very smart approach but her main concern is that this might set precedent to changing the Charter which should be a responsible approach. She suggests the GRF think about a way to amend the Charter. Cecilia says the Charter has been changed in the past. For example, the voting age changed from 21 to age 18 to go along with Delaware state law. She does not believe it has been changed for anything substantial like this one.

Ray Siegfried, Chair of Governance Task Force. Reminds all that the GTF was formed about a year ago to do exactly what the Registration Committee is talking about. Right now, GTF is actively involved in #2 & #3.
Ray discusses the Charter and Charter changes and how it differs from Ordinance and Resolutions. Ordinances and Resolutions you have the right to make changes and do not need 3 readings but it can't be in conflict with our current Charter. In section 2 definitions clearly define the Referendum to be 51% of the entire Village not just those that return their ballots. One thing that has been stated for years is a ballot that is not returned is considered a 'no vote' and people do not understand that. The other thing that we have in our community it that we are probably the only local government in the entire state that calls itself a direct democracy not a representative democracy and this is very important. In the 1970 when our original Charter was forged, they deliberately put in the concept of the definition of a Referendum which means that everyone from the Village should weigh in on whatever it was that "we" decided as a town community should go out to Referendum. In order for that to get passed, it should be 51% not just of those being returned, but should be entire Village. That was probably the mind set back then. It doesn't have to be the mind set today because things change, and Arden in the next twenty or more years will probably change substantially. When we talk about changing the Charter it is very serious. We have to think of the Charter as whether its overreaching general law of our community; what do we want it to be.
In #1 We have to be clear of what we are talking about. #2 He does not want to see Arden go to the General Assembly on two consecutive legislative sessions for 2 changes. He thinks it needs to be one session together. He highly recommends that Registration join Governance Task Force on these proposed changes. Barbara Machlem understands the burden it puts on the committee and continues to do so but we are a direct Democracy; every person has a voice

and every person has a vote. All of those votes are incredibly important. She is reluctant from seeing us move from a threshold of eligible voters to a threshold of only those who return their ballots.

Comments/Questions Change #2 and Change #3

Cecilia - The Governance Task Force is working on change # 2 (timing of Budget Referendum) and change# 3 (Codify) change. Registration Committee wants to get this change started now and coordinate with the GTF. Note that this change would not change the fact that every eligible voter in the Village would be mailed a ballot. It would not affect approval of a new Trustee because that is outlined in the Deed of Trust

Steve Tanis - There is time sensitivity to the referendum which is why it doesn't help to wait until the Committee oversight has been done. Assume three readings and it is approved in September Town meeting, it would go out to referendum and would still need to get super majority for the budget. Once that is done and it actually passes in October, then we could introduce this Charter change in January 2024 Town Assembly. This would be in place so we wouldn't have this problem of no fail-safe mechanisms on the Budget Referendum and in subsequent years. Based on his twenty-four years of working for town assembly Steve assures that a Charter change like this, which is indeed is important and it is not a minor change, he has never seen any significant opposition to any charter change in the state of Delaware Town Assembly. That's the time sensitivity to it and that's why we are doing this now.

Elizabeth Varley- Registration will always reach out to turn out votes no matter how challenging; that's not going to change. What is going to change is their ability to have a budget. Not having a budget and not having a procedure to cover the fact that they can't cover that budget because not enough people vote, scares her and she implores to do this.

Brooke Bovard - One of the things we need to work on is having a different approach to having a budget. A system would be an assessment if it doesn't go through or if it reverts to previous year. We need a fallback plan. Her understanding is the reason that the Village of Arden has this prominent, evolved and active town assembly in comparison to the other two Ardens is because people move to Arden and they were worried about a concentration of power with the Trustees. She is not sure that people totally do not understand that not voting is a no vote. She believes that some people are not returning votes because they do not want to be on record as a no vote. We have a strong Town Assembly because the community wanted to have a safeguard for this.

Jeff -This will be discussed at the June and Sept Town Assembly

Respectfully submitted,
Cecilia

Registration Report – Thank you!

**12.10 Safety** – Simon Hamermesh
A couple of new signs for deliveries and emergency were installed for some of the residents who live on dead ends.

Questions/Comments
Betty O'Regan, Chair of BWVC, request DelDOT trucks find other parking instead of the BWVC parking area because it interfered with their scheduled event this past weekend. Simon says the parking in front of the BWVC belong to the entire Village. Communications obviously broke down and he is hoping that this will be corrected. He will do his best to work out something. This is only for approx. 3 weeks.

Safety Report – Thank you!

**13.0** Governance Task Force -Ray Siegfried

I want to highlight the work accomplished, provide insight into our work and when we are aiming to complete our work.

- We now have 13 of the 15 Ordinances on the web page with recommendations for your review.
- We have gone through sections 1-13 of the charter with recommendations. We still have 14-18 to review.

Since the formation of the Task Force, there have been questions about how the Village should govern. Specifically, what should be included in the charter, and what authority does Town Assembly have in approving ordinances and resolutions? Both are considered Village laws. Our charter resolved these questions right up front.

**Section 1, Name and General Powers,**
**"All powers of the Village, whether expressed or implied, shall be exercised as prescribed by this Act. If no procedure or manner of exercise is prescribed herein, the same shall be exercised as prescribed by an appropriate ordinance or resolution of the Town Assembly of Arden."**

What is in the charter provides the fundamental law governing Arden. It also is an expression of our culture. However, the Town Assembly can equally provide Village laws through ordinances and resolutions so long as it does not conflict with our Charter, State, or Federal laws. Ordinances and resolutions are the means to enact great detail of process and direction described in the charter or for items not stated in our charter. The recommendation made by our Task Force is made with this distinction.

Looking over the next few months, we aim to complete our recommendations by June and then arrange a presentation to listen to your feedback.

Ray Seigfried
Chair of Governance Task Force

Governance Task Force – Thank you!

**14.0 Old Business** – Still working on the Trust.

**15.0 New Business** – Court mandated county reassessment. The overall total amount of taxes the county will be constant. So, they will make a rate adjustment. What we don't know is what is the capital value of each of the improvements and the land within the Village of Arden. Budget and Chair have been working with the county and the school about this. Budget Committee will continue to work on this and will report at the June town meeting.

The Town Assembly requested that the Village Chair write a letter to the county requesting the use land value tax going forward. That was written and sent to each councilmember, including county executive and CFO. Jeff Politis will continue to speak to our county councilmen to see if they will consider this or not.

**16.0 Good & Welfare**
Sachin Puranik -Two separate people knocked on his door in the middle of the day to say that they use to live in his house. One shared their fond memory of the culture of the community and the other tells of the story of getting lost in the woods and a neighbor brought them back to their home. Just a testament to the close-knit community.

Jennifer Borders who moved into the Bernie Brockman's house some years ago wants to keep his tradition of announcing in March that the Blood root is blooming in the woods behind their house right now. It is gorgeous and she

will be more than happy to point it out to you.

**17.0 Motion to Adjourn**
Adjournment meeting at 10:25: p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Resko,
Town of Arden Secretary

All are welcome hither

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

Attachments Follow next page

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| **Trustees of Arden** | | |
| **Financial Report** | | |
| **Town Meeting March 27, 2023** | | |
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| **Current Assets** | | |
| Schroeder Bequest (Arden B&L) | $ | 20,880 |
| Schroeder Bequest (Vanguard) | | 226,188 |
| Trust Reserve (Arden B&L) | | 101,663 |
| Trust Reserve (Vanguard) | | 18,338 |
| M & T Checking Account | | 613,786 |
| **Total Cash & Equity** | **$** | **980,855** |
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| Land Rent Receivable | | 42,181 |
| **Total Current Assets** | **$** | **1,023,036** |
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| **Income & Expenses** | | |
| **Income Mar 25, 2022 - Feb 28, 2023** | | |
| Land Rent Received | $ | 762,398 |
| Other Income-All Sources | | 9,363 |
| | | |
| **Total 2022-23 Operating Income** | **$** | **771,761** |
| | | |
| **Expenses Mar 25, 2022 - Feb 28, 2023** | | |
| Village of Arden | $ | 190,000 |
| Trust Administration* | | 16,581 |
| New Castle County Property Tax | | 110,261 |
| New Castle County School Tax | | 379,220 |
| Tax Rebates to Leaseholders | | 44,644 |
| | | |
| **Total 2022-23 Expenses** | **$** | **740,706** |
| **Surplus or (Deficit)** | **$** | **31,055** |
| | | |
| *(Salary, Payroll Tax, Legal, Audit, Bookkeeping, | | |
| Office Rent, Operations) | | |

**ARDEN BUDGET 3-YEAR PROJECTION 2024-2027**

| | NOTE | 2021-2022 Approved Budget | 2022-2023 Approved Budget | 2023-2024 Approved Budget | 2024-2025 Forecast | 2025-2026 Forecast | 2026-2027 Forecast |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TRUSTEE'S NON-DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES** | | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | | | | | | | |
| County (Property + Crossing Guard) | 1 | $ 118,000 | $ 120,395 | $ 120,395 | $ 124,007 | $ 127,727 | $ 131,559 |
| School (Brandywine + Votech) | 1 | $ 422,000 | $ 446,619 | $ 446,619 | $ 460,018 | $ 473,818 | $ 488,033 |
| Property Tax Reassessment Contingency | 1 | | | | $ 11,680 | $ 12,031 | $ 12,392 |
| Trust Administration (Details below) | 2 | $ 30,000 | $ 27,516 | $ 28,268 | $ 29,042 | $ 29,839 | $ 30,660 |
| *Audit* | | $ 6,800 | $ 5,323 | $ 5,483 | $ 5,647 | $ 5,817 | $ 5,991 |
| *Professional-Legal* | | $ 8,800 | $ 6,351 | $ 6,542 | $ 6,738 | $ 6,940 | $ 7,149 |
| *Operations & fees* | | $ 12,000 | $ 13,370 | $ 13,771 | $ 14,184 | $ 14,610 | $ 15,048 |
| *Office Rent* | | $ 2,400 | $ 2,472 | $ 2,472 | $ 2,472 | $ 2,472 | $ 2,472 |
| **SUBTOTAL TRUSTEE'S NON-DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES** | | **$ 570,000** | **$ 594,530** | **$ 595,282** | **$ 613,066** | **$ 631,384** | **$ 650,251** |
| **TOWN NON-DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES** | | | | | | | |
| Trash/Recycle Service | 3 | $ 76,099 | $ 67,260 | $ 69,278 | $ 71,356 | $ 73,497 | $ 75,702 |
| Operations & Fees | 4 | $ 18,688 | $ 21,381 | $ 21,900 | $ 25,537 | $ 27,774 | $ 28,240 |
| Audit | | $ 5,168 | $ 7,500 | $ 7,500 | $ 8,700 | $ 8,700 | $ 8,700 |
| Printing, postage, phone, internet | | $ 1,500 | $ 1,500 | $ 1,500 | $ 3,550 | $ 3,550 | $ 3,550 |
| Insurance | | $ 12,020 | $ 12,381 | $ 12,900 | $ 13,287 | $ 13,686 | $ 14,096 |
| Municipal Memberships and misc. fees | | | | | $ 800 | $ 824 | $ 849 |
| IT Services | | | | | $ 985 | $ 1,014 | $ 1,045 |
| Legal fees | | $ 6,166 | $ 15,000 | $ 15,000 | $ 15,000 | $ 15,000 | $ 15,000 |
| Municipal Street Aid | | $ 19,446 | $ 19,446 | $ 18,500 | $ 18,500 | $ 18,500 | $ 18,500 |
| Secretary | | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 |
| Treasurer | | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 | $ 5,725 |
| Bookkeeping and Payroll Tax Services | | $ 5,150 | $ 6,505 | $ 6,505 | $ 6,700 | $ 6,901 | $ 7,108 |
| Town Payroll Taxes | | $ 1,848 | $ 1,848 | $ 2,550 | $ 2,550 | $ 2,550 | $ 2,550 |
| Buzz Ware Village Center Operations | 5 | $ 30,000 | $ 30,000 | $ 30,900 | $ 31,827 | $ 32,782 | $ 33,765 |
| Buzz Ware Village Center Commitment | 6 | $ 2,000 | $ 2,000 | $ 2,000 | $ 2,000 | $ 2,000 | $ 2,000 |
| **SUBTOTAL TOWN NON-DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES** | | **$ 170,847** | **$ 174,889** | **$ 178,083** | **$ 184,920** | **$ 190,454** | **$ 194,315** |
| **BUDGET EXPENSES** | | | | | | | |
| Advisory | | $ - | $ 100 | $ 100 | $ 100 | $ 100 | $ 100 |
| Archives | | $ 1,620 | $ 1,800 | $ 1,800 | $ 1,800 | $ 1,800 | $ 1,800 |
| Assessors | | $ 50 | $ 100 | $ 100 | $ 100 | $ 100 | $ 100 |
| Budget | | $ 50 | $ 100 | $ 100 | $ 100 | $ 100 | $ 100 |
| Buzz Ware Village Center Support | 7 | $ 4,500 | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 |
| Civic Committee | | $ 58,000 | $ 58,000 | $ 58,000 | $ 58,000 | $ 58,000 | $ 58,000 |
| Community Planning | | $ 400 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 |
| Forests | | $ 7,200 | $ 8,000 | $ 8,000 | $ 8,000 | $ 8,000 | $ 8,000 |
| Playground | | $ 3,600 | $ 4,000 | $ 4,000 | $ 4,000 | $ 4,000 | $ 4,000 |
| Registration | | $ 270 | $ 300 | $ 300 | $ 300 | $ 300 | $ 300 |
| Safety - General | 9 | $ 1,700 | $ 3,400 | $ 3,400 | $ 3,400 | $ 3,400 | $ 3,400 |
| Safety - Speed Enforcement | 9 | $ 500 | $ 1,000 | $ 1,000 | $ 1,000 | $ 1,000 | $ 1,000 |
| ACRA Donation | 10 | $ 1,800 | $ 2,000 | $ 2,000 | $ 2,000 | $ 2,000 | $ 2,000 |
| Arden Page Donation | 10 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 |
| Arden Library Donation | 10 | $ 1,080 | $ 1,200 | $ 1,200 | $ 1,200 | $ 1,200 | $ 1,200 |
| Fire Companies Donation | 10 | $ 1,600 | $ 1,600 | $ 1,600 | $ 1,600 | $ 1,600 | $ 1,600 |
| Arden Club Donation | 10 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 | $ 500 |
| Contingencies | 11 | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 |
| **SUBTOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES** | | **$ 93,370** | **$ 98,100** | **$ 98,100** | **$ 98,100** | **$ 98,100** | **$ 98,100** |
| American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) | 12 | | **$ 219,926** | $ 219,926 | | | |
| **TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES** | | **$ 264,217** | **$ 492,915** | **$ 496,109** | **$ 283,020** | **$ 288,554** | **$ 292,415** |
| | | | | | | | |
| **TOTAL TRUSTEE & TOWN EXPENSES** | | **$ 834,217** | **$ 1,087,445** | **$ 1,091,391** | **$ 896,086** | **$ 919,938** | **$ 942,666** |
| | | | | | | | |
| **Expected Offsetting Income** | | | | | | | |
| Municipal Street Aid | | $ 19,446 | $ 19,446 | $ 18,500 | $ 18,500 | $ 18,500 | $ 18,500 |
| Buzz Ware Village Center Operations | | $ 30,000 | $ 30,000 | $ 30,900 | $ 31,827 | $ 32,782 | $ 33,765 |
| American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) | 12 | | $ 219,926 | $ 219,926 | | | |
| **Other Town Income** | | | | | | | |
| Interest and Other Income | 13 | $ 23,050 | $ 18,100 | $ 18,300 | $ 18,300 | $ 18,300 | $ 18,300 |
| | | | | | | | |
| **TOTAL Offsetting Income** | | $ 72,496 | **$ 287,472** | **$ 287,626** | **$ 68,627** | **$ 69,582** | **$ 70,565** |
| | | | | | | | |
| **Additional income required** | | **$ 761,721** | **$ 799,973** | **$ 803,765** | **$ 827,459** | **$ 850,356** | **$ 872,101** |
| | | | | | | | |
| **Place-holder budget item** | | | | | | | |
| Town Legal Expenses | | $ 15,000 | $ 15,000 | $ 15,000 | $ 15,000 | $ 15,000 | $ 15,000 |
| Contingencies | | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 | $ 10,000 |
| Capital, Maintenance, and Repair Fund | 14 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Buzz Ware Village Center Support | | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 |
| **Total Place-holder budget item** | | **$ 30,000** | **$ 30,000** | **$ 30,000** | **$ 30,000** | **$ 30,000** | **$ 30,000** |
| | | | | | | | |
| **Final Deficit** | | **$ 731,721** | **$ 769,973** | **$ 773,765** | **$ 797,459** | **$ 820,356** | **$ 842,101** |

**NOTES**

1. Property Taxes: County Taxes – New Castle County taxes are anticipated to increase after the reassessment has been completed. The new tax rates are projected to go into effect in July 2025. School Taxes are expect to change in conjunction with the county taxes. A *Property Tax Reassessment Contingency* is added to help offset the anticipated increase in County and School Taxes. **NOTE**: The New Castle County property and school taxes are grossed up to include rebates paid to qualifying leaseholders.

2. Trustee's Administration expense estimate.

3. Trash/Recycle Service – Current contract with Trash Tech signed in 2021 includes a 3% annual increase.

4. Operation and Fees updated in 2023 to include IT services, municipal memberships, and misc. fees.

5. 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.

6. BWVC Commitment - $2,000 from Arden matches other villages' recent annual contributions.

7. 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.

8. Capital, Maintenance, and Repair Fund – Fully funded in 2018-2019. No need to collect additional funding until money is utilized.

9. Safety Committee and Speed Enforcement: dollar amounts appear as individual items in the annual budget ballot but have appeared as a combined line item in the 3-year projection. Broken out into separate line items for the 2019 3-year Projection.

10. No change in donations.

11. Contingencies unchanged

12. Funds from the American Rescue Act were included under projected income and moved from non-discretionary to discretionary expenses. A note was added to explain the reason for this move.

13. Interest and Other Income - Interest income from the Pendulum Fund is no longer included in this line item.

14. Capital, Maintenance, and Repair Fund added to list of place-holder budget items

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**Village of Arden**
**Statement of Financial Activity**
**As of May 31, 2022**

| | 3/25/22- 2/28/23 | Budget | % to Budget | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | | | | |
| 4000 · Transfer from Trustees - Land Rent | 190,000 | - | | |
| 4100 - Donations, grants, rentals | 1,210 | - | | |
| 4510 · Franchise Fee Receipts | 27,834 | - | | |
| 4900 · Interest Income | 768 | - | | |
| **Total Revenue** | 219,812 | - | | |
| **Expenses** | | | | balance left in budget |
| 6000 · Payroll & Payroll Taxes | 17,077 | 18,448 | 92.57% | 1,371 |
| 6300 · Administrative Expenses | 17,985 | 33,762 | 53.27% | 15,777 |
| 8000 · Committee Expenses - see detail below | 27,487 | 84,300 | 32.61% | 56,813 |
| 8010 · Contributions & Donations | 5,800 | 5,800 | 100.00% | - |
| Contingency Fund | - | 10,000 | 0.00% | 10,000 |
| 8030 · Trash Service | 56,050 | 67,260 | 83.33% | 11,210 |
| **Total Expense** | 124,399 | 219,570 | 56.66% | 95,171 |
| **Surplus (deficit)** | 95,414 | (219,570) | | |
| **Committee** | Actuals YTD | Budget | | balance left in budget |
| Advisory | - | 100 | | 100 |
| Archives | 1,785 | 1,800 | 99.15% | 15 |
| Board of Assessors | - | 100 | 0.00% | 100 |
| Budget | 60 | 100 | 60.00% | 40 |
| Buzz Ware - Renovation Fund | - | 2,000 | 0.00% | 2,000 |
| Buzz Ware - general operating support | - | 5,000 | 0.00% | 5,000 |
| Civic | 20,081 | 58,000 | 34.62% | 37,919 |
| Community Planning | - | 500 | 0.00% | 500 |
| Forest | 4,660 | 8,000 | 58.25% | 3,340 |
| Playground | 133 | 4,000 | 3.33% | 3,867 |
| Registration | - | 300 | 0.00% | 300 |
| Safety | 768 | 4,400 | 17.44% | 3,632 |
| | 27,487 | 84,300 | 32.61% | 56,813 |

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**Village of Arden**
**Statement of Financial Position**
**As of February 2023**

| | | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| **Checking/Savings** | | |
| **1000 · TD Bank Checking Account** | 122,900 | includes $246.02 TD bank Buzzware Debit Card |
| **1010 · TD Bank Municipal Street Aid Checking Account** | 2,749 | |
| **1010 · TD Bank Money Market Account** | 407,426 | |
| **1032 - Arden Building & Loan** | 31,131 | |
| **1050 - Fidelity Investments - net value @ 2-28-23** | 463,487 | Schroeder Bequest - initial investment $301,002 |
| **Total Cash** | 1,027,692 | |
| **LIABILITIES** | | |
| **2000 · Accounts Payable, Current Liabilities, PR Tax Payable** | 12,297 | |
| **FUND BALANCES** | | |
| **Buzz Ware Renovation Fund** | 52,648 | |
| **J Schroeder Bequest** | 478,169 | |
| **Memorial Garden** | 7,860 | |
| **Municipal Street Aid** | 10,829 | |
| **Capital Maintenance Fund** | 30,000 | |
| **Village - cash available to meet budgeted expenses @ 2-28-23** | 166,890 | |
| **Vacant Dwelling Fund** | 32,481 | |
| **Delaware Invasive Species Council Grant** | 0 | |
| **Playground Grant** | 30,465 | |
| **ARPA Funds** | 206,053 | |

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**Special Village Funds 3/25/22 - 2/28/23**

| | Buzz Ware | Buzz renovation | J. Schroeder Bequest | Memorial Garden | MSA | Capital Maint Repair Fund | Vacant Dwelling Fund | Playground Grant | Total ARPA Funds | BWVC Sewer ARPA | Playground ARPA | Archives ARPA | Stormwater ARPA | Delaware Invasive Species Council Grant |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4000 - General Funds - Village | - | - | | | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4010 · Donations | 4,352 | 2,769 | - | 1,975 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4100 - Program Donations | 5,358 | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4300 · Grants | - | - | - | - | 18,580 | | - | - | 109,105 | - | - | - | - | 750 |
| 4400 · Rentals | 39,392 | 5,310 | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4520 - Vacant Property Registration Fees | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8,500 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4900 · Interest & Dividend Income | 15 | - | 2,506 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SREC | - | 1,080 | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9900 - Unrealized loss on investments | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Revenue** | 49,115 | 9,159 | 2,506 | 1,975 | 18,580 | - | 8,500 | - | 109,105 | - | - | - | - | 750 |
| **Expenses** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6000 · Payroll & Payroll Taxes | 22,938 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6300 · Administrative Expenses | 857 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6310 · Janitorial Supplies | 1,471 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 7020 · Utilities (gas, electric, water, telephone) | 5,076 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 7060 - Licenses/Permits/Fees/AlarmMonitoring | 1,484 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 7600 · Repairs & Maintenance | 4,268 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,890 | 6,125 | - | - | - |
| 8000 · Program Expenses | 1,831 | 4,561 | - | 3,893 | 10,500 | - | 133 | - | 13,015 | - | - | - | - | 750 |
| **Total Expense** | 37,926 | 4,561 | - | 3,893 | 10,500 | - | 133 | - | 13,015 | 6,890 | 6,125 | - | - | 750 |
| **Surplus (Deficit)** | 11,190 | 4,599 | 2,506 | (1,918) | 8,080 | - | 8,367 | - | 96,090 | (6,890) | (6,125) | - | - | - |
| **Carried forward fund balance** | | 48,049 | 475,663 | 9,778 | 2,749 | 30,000 | 24,114 | 30,465 | 109,963 | 16,000 | 14,000 | 15,000 | 135,400 | 0 |
| **Fund balance** | | 52,648 | 478,169 | 7,860 | 10,829 | 30,000 | 32,481 | 30,465 | 206,053 | 9,110 | 7,875 | 15,000 | 135,400 | 0 |