

Village of Ardentown

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Ardentown, Del. 19810

TOWN MEETING - VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN - 8 February 1982

The Town Chairman called the meeting to order, noting that a quorum was present.

Correspondence: In response to a letter from the Town protesting the condition of the Old Mill property, the leaseholder has cleaned up the lot, and the property is now for sale.

A letter from Dick Cecil, County Representative, suggested the possibility of tax reduction in response to Town actions. P. Christiansen, J. Brandner and T. Nelson will identify the actions necessary, and prepare an ordinance to take those actions to qualify for further County Tax reductions.

The Town Chairman read an article which appeared in the Sunday News-Journal, January 24, 1982, concerning the Candlelight Theatre's intention to open a restaurant in the lower portion of the Robin Hood Theatre, with music, entertainment, dancing, and alcoholic beverage service. The Town Chairman read a letter from the Town to Mr. John O'Toole (copy attached). Mr. O'Toole responded that the interpretation of the writer of the article differed from his (Mr. O's) intent. There will be no bar upstairs or downstairs. The Candlelight is familiar with the Town Ordinance regarding the selling of liquor after 10:30 PM, and will comply, hoping that eventually the Town will modify the Ordinance. Discussion followed, in which it was indicated that the Candlelight management should not feel optimistic that the Town would modify this Ordinance.

Minutes of the last Town Meeting were accepted as presented.

Registration Committee: reported no changes in leaseholds.

Treasurer's Report: accepted as read.

Trustees' Financial Statement: read. The Town Chairman thanked the Trustees for support in taking care of the roads during the past bad storm. He thanked them also for the up-dated Land Rent List mailed to leaseholders.

Civic Committee: two complaints, one about autos and one about dogs, have been taken care of.

Community Planning: most street signs are in place and paid for. Suggestions for the type of trees to be planted as replacements for the elms are invited. The Civic and Planning Committees are joining in this activity.

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Safety Committee: reported that patrols will be cut to two nights a week, excluding Thursday, during the winter.

Budget Committee: presented the 1982-83 budget. It was moved, seconded, voted and passed to accept the budget as read. The Town Chairman thanked the Committee for the timely and accurate report.

Noise Ordinance: copies of the proposed Noise Ordinance were distributed; this will be considered the First Reading. It was explained that the state recommends that each municipality enact its own legislation so the County police can enforce it. After discussion, it was decided to have the Second Reading at the next Town Meeting, and to then vote on the Ordinance.

Amendment to Parking Ordinance: The Town Chairman read the proposed Amendment to the Parking Ordinance. In order to assure facility of snow removal, it is proposed that the constables, after investigation, can authorize towing of any vehicle that interferes with the orderly flow of traffic; the cost may initially be paid by the Town, and the vehicle impounded until cost is reimbursed. In the discussion which followed the reading, it was suggested that a contract for towing might be made. It was also suggested that an attorney be requested to judge the legality of such an ordinance. This will be considered the First Reading of the Amendment to the Parking Ordinance; the Second Reading will be made at the next Town Meeting, and a vote will be taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

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T O W N M E E T I N G

February 8, 1982

Monday

8:00 P.M.

Candlelight Theatre - Upstairs

AGENDA

- o Introduction and First Reading of
Proposed Town Ordinances
 1. No Parking
 2. Noise

- o Discussion of Proposed Use of
Restaurant in Lower Theatre

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