

# Village of Ardentown

Established 1922  
Incorporated 1975

Ardentown, Del. 19810

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS  
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2001, DAVID SCOTT,  
CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Lisa Wilson Riblett  | 18. Richard Mondelewski |
| 2. David Scott          | 19. Dotty Verne         |
| 3. Sally Decker         | 20. Harry Themal        |
| 4. Cheryl Regan         | 21. Betty Ann Themal    |
| 5. Kate Bartolo         | 22. Jack Brandner       |
| 6. Joy Mulholland       | 23. Bob DeNigris        |
| 7. Enno Krebbers        | 24. Katrina Nelson      |
| 8. Page Dwyer           | 25. Pat Phillips        |
| 9. Doris J. Boller      | 26. Maureen Gordon      |
| 10. Janet Cosgrove      | 27. Oliver Gutsche      |
| 11. Art Cohen           |                         |
| 12. Ray Lavoie          | Others:                 |
| 13. Barbara Mondelewski | 1. Joan Fitzgerald      |
| 14. Michael O'Toole     | 2. Bob Pollock          |
| 15. Sarah Coburn        | 3. Amy Pollock          |
| 16. Chris Coburn        |                         |
| 17. Rusty Hoegger       |                         |

**COMMUNICATIONS:** David Scott, Chair

1. George C. Wright, Jr. of the Delaware League of Local Governments wrote to say that John Flaherty from Common Cause indicated a willingness to work with the League on the Freedom of Information Act.
2. Wayne Smith, State Rep., noted that there is grant money available for tree planting. David asked Page Dwyer to look into it.
3. Greg Fennide of Darley Road in Claymont wrote that the Darley Road neighborhood in the general vicinity of Philadelphia Pike to Naamans Creek will not permit any type of greenway trail through, behind, or near its boundaries.
4. DelDOT wrote to say they have a new Secretary of Transportation, Nathan Hayward.

**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:** Dotty Verne, Chair  
Kathleen Nadolny is a new resident at 2303 Loreley Road.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**  
The minutes were unanimously approved.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Barbara Mondelewski

Checking Account: \$647.10

Savings Account: \$5,886.97

Municipal Street Aid: \$197.93

Arden Building & Loan: \$30,545.07

**ELECTION:**

Civic Committee: Mary Ann Nelson was unanimously elected to fill a vacancy.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT:** Bob DeNigris

Bob reported that land rent will increase about 3%. Factors for people who border the woods and greens are rising and lowering for those who live on Marsh, Harvey and the railroad side of Sconset. A complete copy the Trustees of Ardentown 2001 Budget is on file with the Town Secretary for anyone who would like to read it.

**BUDGET/ASSESSMENT REPORT:** Jack Brandner, Chair

Jack presented the Town Budget for 2001 which was unanimously accepted. A copy of this budget is attached.

**CIVIC COMMITTEE REPORT:** Page Dwyer, Chair

1. \$4,000.00 has been spent on snow removal so far.
2. Civ. Com. noted that there are street signs around Town that are missing and asks that they be returned to Page if anyone knows where they are.
3. Page and the Civ. Com. have received complaints regarding parking cars on the roads. The Civ. Com. has rewritten the Parking Ordinance to reflect their new goals. Page read a letter that has been sent to the people who violate this ordinance. See Page if you would like to read this. If you get three letters, Civ. Com. wants to tow offenders but needs to change the Parking Ordinance first. A copy of this Ordinance #01-1 is attached. Jack Brandner wanted to know if the Civ. Com. was willing to enforce this. Page said she would hope that people would comply. David said if it reaches that level then the Town would have to take action. Amy Pollock (AC) suggested we be consistent with each situation.
4. Page suggested that the Civ. Com. change their name to "The Public Works and Safety Committee". This was unanimously passed.
5. Joan Fitzgerald asked about the sand barrels. Page said that DelDOT said since we are a private municipality, we do not qualify to get sand barrels from DelDOT.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Lesley Holden is looking for an additional member for this committee. She would like to present a report of the Trustees' books in May. Please call if interested.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

It was noted that the Arden Craft Shop Museum and Archives capital campaign would be paid as follows: The Town \$2,500.00 for each of three years and The Trustees \$2,500.00 for two years and \$3,500.00 for one year (total \$16,000.00 per our agreement).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hiring of Police to enforce speed on Harvey Road.**

David noted that this is not a Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee issue. This is a Delaware State Police speed limit enforcement issue. As a municipality, we are allowed to hire off-duty police to enforce the speed limit.

David introduced Bob Pollock of Ardencroft. Bob said that off-duty police officers make \$45.00 per hour with a two hour minimum and we can hire them to provide additional enforcement above and beyond the normally provided enforcement. This would provide more safety. Bob noted that a DelDOT study showed that the average speed traveled on Harvey Road is 45 mph. Bob said this is not to replace the HRTCC efforts but to be additional. Chris Coburn made the following motion: **I motion that the Village of Ardentown does support speed limit enforcement on Harvey Road and that the three Ardens contribute funding for and distribution of collected fines equally and that the three Ardens each contribute \$2,000.00 to fund a contract with the Delaware State Police for speed limit enforcement and that enforcement is to be of the speed limits on Harvey Road between Sconset and Marsh Roads and that Administrative responsibilities are to be worked out by the respective Town Chairperson or their designate.** The motion was seconded by Page Dwyer. Oliver asked if this was a situation that we would receive a profit. Bob said because of the time lags and costs, we will not see any money for a while. Michael asked if we have considered STOP signs. David said many things have been tried but have been stopped especially by the Fire Company. Enno said that he agreed that the traffic calming has been very slow but that his objection to our measure comes from a basic mistrust of police entities on the basis of their record and he has concerns regarding racial profiling and related issues. A complete copy of Enno's report is on file with the Town Secretary if anyone would like to read it. After much discussion, the motion was approved. The vote was 25 yes, one no, and one abstain.

**Home Occupation Ordinance**

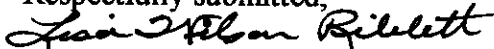
Amy Pollock of Ardencroft presented the Town Chair with a signed copy of this ordinance. Our thanks to Amy for her hard work on this ordinance.

**GOODWILL:**

David welcomed Joan Fitzgerald who is a new leaseholder to our meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Wilson Riblett, Secretary