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Village of Ardentown

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NOTICE

ARDENTOWN TOWN MEETING The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

Monday, May 11, 2009
7:30 pm

AGENDA (partial)

1. Special 20 minute presentation from Bob DeNigris –
Is Henry George Relevant Today?
2. Update on Accessory Dwelling Units
3. Elections: Public Works & Safety Committee
4 members, 2 year term
Playground Committee:
3 members, 2 year term
Audit Committee
3 members, 1 year
4. Committee Reports

A quorum is needed at the town meeting, please come!
Light Refreshments

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The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:30 pm on **Monday, February 9, 2009**. Alison Byer, Chair, presiding. **A quorum was present.**

Attendance

1. Alison Byer
2. Joan Fitzgerald
3. Bob Miller
4. Beverley Fleming
5. Drew Hansen
6. Terri Hansen
7. Steve Cohen
8. Jerome Bischoff
9. Sandy Landerl
10. Harry Themal
11. Barbara Mondzelewski
12. Pat Lane
13. Rusty Hoegger
14. Hardy Hoegger
15. Janet Cosgrove
16. Dotty Verne
17. Karen Ames
18. Hetty Francke
19. Hans Francke
20. Enno Krebbers
21. Robert DeNigris
22. Holly Custer
23. Betty Ann Themal
24. Sue Mearkle
25. Ann Balogh
26. Sharon Kleban
27. Jason Kleban
28. Katrina Nelson
29. Maureen Gordon
30. Elaine Schmerling

MEETING: Regular meeting called to order Alison Byer, Town Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November, 2008 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski, reporting

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| Operating Accounts: | \$24,927.07 |
| Municipal Street Aid: | 5,992.23 |
| Arden Building & Loan: | <u>23,912.71</u> |
| Total Funds Available: | \$54,832.01 |

TRUSTEES' BUDGET/LAND RENT RATE: Bob DeNigris, reporting

The Trustees presented the 2009 Budget and the 2008 Actual Expense reports. Copies were distributed at the meeting. Land rent has been increased to cover 9% property tax increase, 6% school tax increase and trash collection increase.

See Bob DeNigris for a copy of the report.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Bob DeNigris, Barbara Mondzelewski, Harry Themal
Nothing further to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: Hans Francke, reporting
Members: Enno Krebbers, Betty Solway Smith, Betty Ann Themal, Barbara Mondelewski, Bob DeNigris, and Hans Francke
The Budget Committee met on January 29, 2009 to prepare the 2009 budget.

Income \$24,625
Expenses 25,475
Deficit \$ (850)

Budget was approved.
Copies of the Budget are available from the Town Secretary.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Janet Cosgrove reporting
Nothing to report

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Rusty Hoegger reporting
Nothing to report

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Beverley Fleming, Building Manager, reporting
The Buzz Ware continues to serve The Ardens by providing rooms for meetings, seminars, and workshops.

March 7th is our next Fund Raiser and all proceeds will go to renovations. The theme is Buzz Beach Blast with a tropical décor and food.

Many attended the Brunch on New Years Day.

COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT: Steve Cohen reporting
We will not be receiving money for our Paths. To help maintain, we are asking for contributions, which are tax deductible.

Gild Hall is in need of repairs after the fire and the upkeep of routine maintenance – see The Page for additional information.

Many of our young adults do not realize that upon turning 18, they are eligible to participate in our Town government. We are going to start sending out birthday cards on their 18th birthday to invite them to our next Town meeting.

Wilmington Garden Day is Saturday, May 2nd. We will have clean days scheduled on Saturday, April 25th and Wednesday, April 29th. Please sign up to help.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY REPORT: Pat Lane reporting

Paths/Trees/Compost Area - Elaine Schmerling:

Paths: Hal Goodwin repaired the bridge in the wooded area near the Nelson house. Hal Goodwin cleaned up a downed Dogwood on The Mall near Brae after a recent wind storm. A replacement tree will be planted in the spring.

Tree Planting Grant: Grant is completed.

Compost: We are still experiencing problems with illegal dumping of sticks and other debris in the compost area.

Roads – Drew Hansen: Approximately \$5,000 remains in our Municipal Street Aid budget, which we'll use to address potholes in the spring, with any remaining funds to be rolled over into next year's budget.

Signs – Cheryl Regan: Nothing new to report. There are new signs to be painted and the supplies (the paint and reflective glass bead) are in stock. Now we need warm weather. They will be painted when the weather permits. Two posts need to be assessed, the one at Swiss and Via Italia is listing badly again, and the one at Brae and the Mall needs to be moved.

David Scott Note: I must resign from the committee because I will be moving to Australia next week for at least two months and perhaps indefinitely.

I wish you every success. The work of the Public Works and Safety is a very important service for the village. I am sorry that I have not been able to contribute much time since rejoining it.

Snow/Sand – David Byer: All sand was delivered to the appropriate areas, but unfortunately without lids, so much of the sand remains frozen. Any suggestions to remedy this for next year are welcome.

During our first snow, Jim Burslem was out with his plow after the snow stopped. There were no requests for additional plowing.

We would like to acknowledge Mike Faella, who once again, used his loader to clean up the remaining snow and slush made by the rain from bottom of The Mall on up the hill to the hill to the Sconset & Harvey light.

Sunnyside Tract – Barbara Conway: A nature walk was held on January 11, 2009, through the Sunnyside Tract. 5 adults and 1 child attended. Observations made:

1. It appears that the "Nature Preserve" signs that we hung in the spring of 2008 have disappeared.
2. An abandoned camp was observed. It appeared that there was a lot of campfire debris and trash. Some trash had been picked up and was hanging in a tree in a trash bag near the creek and just opposite from a section of Radnor Green.

Another nature walk through the Sunnyside Tract is scheduled for February 15, 2009, at 9:00 am, weather permitting. An announcement has been submitted to The Page.

We will have an Earth Day celebration cleanup of The Sunnyside Tract on April 18, 2009, with lunch at Harry's Savoy afterwards. An announcement will go into The Page in March.

Town Watch – Holly Custer: There is a problem whereby vehicles are parking on the street on Sconset Rd. and it has reached the point to where it has become a safety issue. Also unauthorized parking is occurring on the various Greens.

According to Ardentown Ordinance 91-1, dated February 9, 2004 in accordance with Delaware House Bill No. 172 passed July 25, 2003:

Section 1, "There shall be no parking on the roads or greens of Ardentown."

Section 2, "Every leaseholder in Ardentown shall provide space on the leasehold and off the roads or greens of Ardentown to accommodate every vehicle regularly using the leasehold."

Section 5, "Violation of Section 1 shall be punishable by a fine of \$10 for each offense."

Section 6, "Violation of Section 2 shall be punishable by a fine of \$100 for each complaint."

Public Works Committee Members Due for Re-election - May 2009:

Holly Custer - Yes will continue
Drew Hansen - Yes will continue
Cheryl Regan - Yes will continue
David Byer - Yes will continue

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Elaine Schmerling reporting
Nothing to report.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT: Alison Byer reporting

The list of the existing accessory dwelling units (ADUs) constructed prior to May 1, 2007 for the Village of Ardentown was submitted to New Castle County for approval on January 7, 2009 in accordance with Ordinance No. 07-153. Upon receipt of the letter, it is understood the County will make the appropriate updates in the County records.

At our next Town meeting, Bob DeNigris will give us a 20 minute presentation on Henry George and the Single Tax. Come hear what Bob has to share.

ELECTIONS :

Memorial Gardens Committee: Elected for a 2 year term
Pat Phillips, Gil Johnston, and Betty Solway Smith

Archives Committee: Elected for a 2 year term
Dotty Verne

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Harry Thernal wanted to compliment the Claymont Fire Company for the quick response to the fire in the Gild Hall. Harry strongly encourages donations to the Fire Company.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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1. Elections: Registration Committee
1 member, 2 year term

Budget Committee
3 members, 1 year term

2. Audit Committee: Annual Report

*****Calling all residents 13-18 years old*****

We are looking for 2 interns as we start our 4th year. Come find out what makes your town so special! Call Steve Cohen for details 475-5814

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