

May 2006
minutes

Village of Ardentown

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NOTICE OF

TOWN MEETING The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

MONDAY, September 11, 2006
7:30 P. M.

AGENDA (Partial)

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

Budget Assessment Committee:
2 Members, 2 year term
2. Audit Committee Annual Report
3. Meet the candidates running for State Senate
4. Discussion on new trash and recycling collection

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY MAY 8, 2006; STEVE
COHEN, CHAIR, PRESIDING.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Steve Cohen | 12. Maureen Gordon |
| 2. Dotty Verne | 13. Bob DeNigris |
| 3. Cheryl Regan | 14. Gil Johnston |
| 4. Elaine Schmerling | 15. Betty Ann Themal |
| 5. Enno Krebbers | 16. Sheila Johnston |
| 6. Hardy Hoegger | 17. Harry Themal |
| 7. Rusty Hoegger | 18. Barbara Mondzelewski |
| 8. Hans Francke | 19. Richard Mondzelewski |
| 9. Alison Byer | 20. Sally Decker |
| 10. Maryann Nelson | 21. Joy Mulholland |
| 11. Cindy Cohen | 22. Joan Fitzgerald |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barbara Mondzelewski

OPERATING ACCOUNTS:

Balance from 2/13/06	\$ 6,662.30
Memorial Garden contributions	+ 125.00
Forest Grant from state	+ 2,500.00
Contribution from Trustees	+10,000.00
Interest earned	+ 2.01
Expenses	- 1,466.53
Current balance	\$17,822.78

MUNICIPAL STREET AID:

Balance from 2/13/06	\$10,877.87
Street work	- 8,300.00

Snow removal	- 1,480.00
Interest earned	+ 3.11
Current balance	\$ 1,100.98
ARDEN BUILDING & LOAN:	
Balance from 2/13/06	\$20,795.50
Total Funds Available	\$39,719.26

REGISTRATION REPORT - Sheila Johnston, Chair:

New Leaseholder: John and Susan Preece - 2204 Sconset Road

New Residents: Tori Barone - 2204 Millers Road (moved from Arden)

Gregory Sleet - 2209 Loreley Lane

Jerry Robertson - 1603 Orchard Road

Valerie Eckert - 1605 Orchard Road

Jackie Ames - 1515 Appletree Lane

Seth Baker - 1517 Woodland Road

Claudia Dotter - 1508 The Mall

Barbara Terrill - 1501 The Mall

MEMORIAL GARDEN - Rusty Hoegger, Chair;

No Report

COMMUNITY PLANNING - Alison Byer, Chair:

There was a resolution to approved the amended plan for an Ardentown Internship. Attached is an outline of the plan and an application form.

A meeting with the three Ardens to address the possibility of a pandemic flu outbreak was announced for May 10 at 7 P.M. at the Buzz Ware Village Center. Planning for the worst case senario based on the 1918 flu pandemic with discussions on medical support and food supply are some of the topics being considered.

The three Ardens are also working together with a planning session to discuss multiple domicile issues. Among the topics will be whether we should apply

to reaffirm our villages under the County zoning code and whether to make official the pre 1954 zoning to be grandfathered into the County zoning code.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - Maryann Nelson

Village signs are in the process of being installed and checked for condition and replaced: One Way/No Exit on Sconset, 2 new playground signs, 10 signs painted/reflective, replace 2 signs on Pettit Green.

Elaine Schmerling - Volunteers are needed for weed-n-walk. You can help if you see a tree covered in ivy or a patch of norways, etc. by clearing the area yourself, especially if it is adjacent to your leasehold. The committee will work with you by scheduling a weed-n-walk in your area and notifying other volunteers. Let Elaine know if you clear ivy off trees in public lands or other invasives so she can record your time to be used as a match in applying for grants. Elaine is applying for 2 Delaware Department of Community & Urban Forestry grants. There are plans to walk through Ardentown to see where there is a need to replace or fill in trees on the Mall and greens. Again, help is needed to water and care for these new plants approximately once a week during the dry spells. Contact Elaine, Maryann or Cheryl to help or for more details on plans for planting. The plan is to use the leaf mulch from our new compost area if it is ready for new plantings and under all dogwoods. The mulch is being used for the pathways. The work is on-going.

Thanks to Elaine and the committee for the hard work put into these projects. Cheryl Regan - The Candlelight has repaired the fence around the Compost site. It has been proposed to replace the last bad fence section which will cover up the wood pile, make a better walkway and allow the Johnstons to plant a full row of hedging plants from their side.

There will be a work session May 13th from 9-12 to move the wood chips. There has been dumping of ivy and other unwanted materials in the bins so it has been decided to lock the gate to discourage unwanted dumping. The current lock will be replaced with a bicycle lock. All committee members, town officers and trustees will have the combination. It will be advertised in the "Page" when the compost is ready and the gate will be open on weekends for residents. In the fall, the gate will be open for town contractors.

Estimates for needed road repairs were requested from Downing. Drew Hanson is in charge of roadwork and the committee is planning to do a walk around to inspect the road conditions. So far we have noted 3 potholes, 1 sinkhole on Swiss Lane and the gully speed bump on Sconset Road as well as painting the speedbumps in the town. Contact Drew or the committee with any additions to this list.

HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING - Enno Krebbers

With changes at DelDot, the progress of the sign at the entrance of the Ardens on Harvey Road has slowed. Rick Rothrock is confident that it will proceed.

There is still on-going discussion on the "your speed is" sign.

NEW BUSINESS

The police have arrested the person who is suspected of the break-ins and robbery of The New Candlelight Theatre. He was arrested on other charges and is awaiting trial.

The man living under the railroad bridge is still living there. The police were called and chased him away, but he came back. The police will be asked to follow up on this situation.

Elected officials will be invited to our next meeting before the elections.

There was some discussion about the motorcycle racing on Harvey Road at night and the need for the 25 mile an hour speed limit sign.

ELECTIONS:

Public Works And Safety Committee: Sally Decker - 2 year term

David Byer - 2 year term

Elaine Schmerling - 2 year term

Playground Committee: Pat Hannigan - 1 year term

Annie Gutsche - 1 year term

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Audit Committee: Alison Byer - 1 year term
Hans Francke - 1 year term
Joan Fitzgerald - 1 year term

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Verne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dorothy Verne
Secretary