NOTICE

TOWN MEETING
The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

Monday, February 13, 2006
7:30 P.M.

AGENDA (partial)

1. Trustees Budget/Land Rent Rate: Bob DeNigris

2. Budget/Assessment Annual Budget Report: Hans Francke

3. Elections: Town Officers - Town Chair, Town Secretary, Town Treasurer; 1 year term

   Community Planning Committee: 3 members; 2 year term

   Archives Committee: 2 members; 2 year term

   Memorial Garden Committee: 2 members; 2 year term

Please Plan to attend this meeting. We did not have a quorum at the November meeting and we need a quorum to approve the above Agenda.
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005, STEVE COHEN PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT. ELECTIONS FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE POSTPONED TO THE FEBRUARY 2006 MEETING.

In attendance were:
1. Steve Cohen
2. Dotty Verne
3. Joan Fitzgerald
4. Cheryl Regan
5. Rusty Hoegger
6. Alison Byer
7. Marguerite Archer
8. Hetty Francke
9. Betty Ann Themal
10. Sally Decker
11. Doris Boller
12. Maureen Gordon
13. Harry Themal
14. Gil Johnston
15. Sheila Johnston
16. Bob DeNigris
17. Holly Custer
18. Pat Phillips
19. Annie Gutsche

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were 2 corrections to the minutes, they were: 1. The two ordinances referred to were County ordinances.
2. The Non-emergency number for the police is 573-2800.

TREASURERS REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski; Dotty Verne reporting. We received from the State $3430. of the Composting Grant. We will receive additional Composting Grant dollars of $2890. $500. Was paid as a snow removal retainer from Municipal Street Aid fund.

Checking & Savings: $ 5,190.38
Municipal Street Aid: 11,265.43
Arden Building & Loan: 20,234.48
Total funds available: $36,690.29
REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Sheila Johnston, Chair; Maureen Gordon reporting: David Scott has moved from 2306 Loreley Road to 2301 Loreley Road (previously Paige Dwyer’s house.) Mary Hentschel and her daughter, Diana Steele are the new tenants at 2311 Hilltop Lane.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Rusty Hoegger - No Report
PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Elaine Schmerling - No Report
BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Beverley Fleming
Things are running smoothly and they are making money, report next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Maryann Nelson, Chair - Cheryl Regan reporting
A new snow contract was signed. 9 sand barrels were ordered from DelDot in anticipation of a snowy winter.
Road repairs should start soon.
Norway maple marked with red paint and can be cut down. Volunteers are needed and also anyone interested in volunteering to work for an hour or two at the Compost Site throughout the year is encouraged to call Maryann Nelson at 475-9375.

COMPOST DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: Hetty Francke
The November 5 opening of the “Ardentown Composting Site” was an enthusiastic success. Paul Wilkinson, chair of the Recycling Public Advisory Council, former Governor Russell Peterson, and Raymond Bounds, brother of Eagle Scout, Tom Bounds officiated. ACRA board members manned the 7 stations with compost activities including handouts about composting. The Composting Site has two components:
1. Two large three-bin units for Ardentown’s leaves and wood chips. The grant is for town residents and for contractors hired by the trustees or town committees. We can start with leaf and wood collection since 4 of the 6 bins are completed. The bins are numbered starting from the right since those were completed first. Bin number 4 will be for the first leaves collected.
2. A “Compost Demonstration Site” for residents and friends of the three Ardens. This is for the larger community to learn how to compost on their own leaseholds. The main purpose of the grant is to keep yard waste out of
the landfill and to encourage our neighbors to bring leaves to the Site rather than putting them in the trash and ending up in the landfill.

HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING: Enno Krebbers
The Harvey Road project is now essentially complete except for two key elements. Rick Rothrock reports good progress on contract discussions concerning the gateway structures. The contract is expected to be finalized soon and construction will take place in 2006.
There was a meeting with DelDot about the “your speed is” sign. They were assured that the community is eager to see the unit deployed as it is a key element of the traffic calming plan and that the community is willing to participate in managing the unit. The details of this are being discussed.

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE: Alison Byer, Chair
In an effort to get the teenagers involved with the community, several ideas have been suggested such as an internship for the teens to come to meetings. Volunteers to design an internship program were Alison Byer, Steve Cohen and Hetty Francke. The Committee asked for approval to proceed along these lines and it was voted that they continue to develop this idea.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Bob DeNigris
Thanks to the Composting Site Committee. The area behind the theater has been cleared and made more useful as well as to discourage dumping of trash and other waste.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT: Steve Cohen
There was a break-in again at the Candlelight Theatre and also at the Gild Hall. There were some unlocked sheds broken into. Police are aware and following up on some clues gathered after the last break-ins.
Apparently the man living under the CXS bridge has moved on to another location.
Bob Pollock has resigned after serving several years as Ardencroft Chair. The question was raised about using the Candlelight parking lot if we need additional parking space when we entertain or have an event in Ardentown.
The parking lot is leased to the Candlelight and Bob Miller has invited the community to use the parking lot any time except during dinner theater performances.

A draft of Amendment to Ordinance re: Serving Alcohol was presented and is now permitted to be issued by the Ardentown Coordinating Committee. The temporary waiver will be issued for specific dates and times. The requestor must apply in writing to the town secretary at least 60 days prior to the date of the event. The request must include specifics about the event and steps that the requestor is taking to ensure that public safety is upheld, and the request must be approved by the Co-ordinating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Verne
Secretary