

# Village of Ardentown

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NOTICE

**TOWN MEETING**

**AT THE CANDLELIGHT THEATRE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2001**

**7:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA (partial)**

1. **ELECTIONS: TOWN CHAIR, SECRETARY AND TREASURER** – all one year term each.
2. **PLAYGROUND PROPOSAL:** Open discussion and voting.
3. **BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS STOPS ON HARVEY ROAD:**  
Many bus stops were moved to Harvey Road this year. Open discussion regarding safety.
4. **OMNI POINT TOWER:** Report by Harry Themal.

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE VOTED UPON.**

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS  
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001, CHRIS COBURN  
PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Chris Coburn          | 19. Betty Ann Themal              |
| 2. Lisa Wilson Riblett   | 20. Bob DeNigris                  |
| 3. Sarah Coburn          | 21. C. L. Cuttance                |
| 4. Enno Krebbers         | 22. Maureen Gordon                |
| 5. Joy Mulholland        | 23. Barbara Mondzelewski          |
| 6. Dotty Verne           | 24. Pat Hannigan                  |
| 7. Cheryl Regan          | 25. Mary Ann Nelson               |
| 8. Stef Lombardo         | 26. Oliver Gutsche                |
| 9. Page Dwyer            |                                   |
| 10. Pat Phillips         |                                   |
| 11. Lesley Holden        | Others:                           |
| 12. Molly Panella        | 1. Mike Taylor, Gen. Mgr. Comcast |
| 13. Doris Boller         | 2. Gil Johnston                   |
| 14. Sally Decker         | 3. Sheila Johnston                |
| 15. Hardy Hoegger        | 4. Cindy Cohen                    |
| 16. Rusty Hoegger        | 5. Kurt Johnson                   |
| 17. Lisbeth Solway Smith |                                   |
| 18. Harry Themal         |                                   |

**Chris Coburn is substituting for David Scott, Chair, for this meeting.**

**Guest Speaker:** Mike Taylor, General Manager for Comcast

Chris introduced Mike who came to discuss Government Access via cable. Mary Ann asked if there are upgrades available that would allow us to do our local government information i.e. Town Minutes. Mike said a character generator would have to be located in the Villages to carry this kind of info. Mike is willing to make a proposal regarding this. He would have to check if we would cross over to other communities. Chris Coburn asked that a proposal be sent to David Scott. Mike agreed. Enno asked if it could be a web site instead of a TV channel to allow for a two way communication instead of one. Hardy asked about prices regarding cable. Mike will contact Hardy. Everyone thanked Mike for his time.

**Communications:** Chris Coburn

1. We received a thank you from the BWVC for our donation.
2. We also received a thank you from the Arden Craft Shop Museum, Inc. for our donation.

**Registration Committee:** Dotty Verne, Chair

1. New resident: Ron Jacobs and Roland Edwards moved to 2311 Hilltop Road
2. New lease holders: Mary Linquist and Kurt Johnson moved to 1511 The Mall.
3. New lease holders: Gilbert and Sheila Johnston moved to 2305 East Mall.

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4. New lease holder: Katrina Nelson moved to 1517 Appletree Lane.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Mondzelewski

Checking Account Balance: \$553.16

Savings Account Balance: \$2,567.06

Municipal Street Aid: \$15,106.48

Arden Building & Loan: \$27,774.11

Total Funds Available: \$46,000.81

**Elections:**

Budget/Assessment Committee: Betty Ann Themal, Hans Franke and Barbara Mondzelewski were all unanimously elected for a two year term.

Registration Committee: Dotty Verne was unanimously re-elected for a two year term.

**Trustees' Report:** Bob DeNigris and Harry Themal

No report at this time.

**Public Works and Safety Committee:** Page Dwyer, Chair

1. Page thanked her committee who took care of things while she was away.
2. Page noted that Hardy has been addressing path work.
3. Barry Wallace has been working on street signs.
4. The east end of The Mall needs work. Page will talk to Downing about this trouble spot.
5. Stripe-a-lot needs to finish up.
6. Playground bars on one piece of the equipment are not used any more. Page will get a quote to have them removed by Wayne Knotts. Someone asked if we would be getting new equipment. Page said no one has really expressed an interest in more equipment. Chris Cuttance asked if we need to take them down from a liability issue. Page felt we should take them out to avoid any possible future problems. Page said there has not been interest in getting new items. Page will not take out this piece of equipment until people can get together a recommendation regarding the Playground.
7. Chris Cuttance noted the mulch behind Eden Rock. Hardy said he is aware of it and will look into it.
8. Tree Planting Grants: Page has spoken to the Delaware Department of Agriculture regarding matching grants up to \$4,000.00. Applications are taken in the Spring and are done annually.
9. Pat Phillips noted that there are trees across the steps in the woods from Appletree. Chris Coburn agreed to look into it.
10. Cheryl will call DelDot again about the vines and weeds on Harvey Road.

**Memorial Garden Committee:** Rusty Hoegger, Chair

1. We now have a water source at the Garden.
2. Committee will meet to discuss purchase of hose and various other needs.
3. The fence has been cleared by the bench.

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**Old Business:**


1. Enno Krebbers said we now have a manager for the HRTCC and they will meet on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Enno will give us an update at the November meeting.
2. Mary Ann Nelson said to remember the BWVC Auction coming up to November 3, 2001 at the Gild Hall. She said the BWVC is in need of repairs and repainting.

**New Business:**

1. Page is concerned about maintenance in the Village. Hal Godwin has been a great help. Page asked if we could have a committee to handle Village maintenance like clearing vines. Chris Coburn said budgeting is tricky but Chris felt it was a good idea and that we should pursue with this thought. Chris said if the "new committee" was going to have a budget it would need to be a bona fide committee. Chris suggested to Page that she should make up a proposal. Chris suggested that we have an on going maintenance goal instead of just fixing problems. Enno wondered why we no longer have certain committees. Harry explained there were not enough active people to fill the committees.
2. Mary Ann asked about the topic of gypsy moths that was brought up at the last meeting. Chris has made many phone calls regarding this. The State said we will be evaluated. Chris said he would like two opinions.
3. There will be an Archives Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2001 at the BWVC at 7:30 p.m.
4. Harry noted that a truck has been dumping brush behind the Candlelight. Also two mailboxes on The Mall have been vandalized. Sally asked if the Town Watch is still active. Bob said Kate Bartolo is still running it. Bob said Town Watch needs new signs and this has been the holdup.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Wilson Riblett  
Secretary