

Sept 2006
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Village of Ardentown

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NOTICE

ARDENTOWN TOWN MEETING The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre (Donuts and cider will be served)

Monday November 13, 2006

AGENDA (partial)

1. Elections: Town Officers - Town Chair, Town Secretary, Town Treasurer, 1 year terms

Community Planning Committee: 3 Members, 2 year terms

2. Eileen Butler, DNREC will discuss Sunnyside.

A quorum is needed at the town meeting.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 7.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006.
STEVE COHEN PRESIDING. A QUARUM WAS NOT PRESENT.

In attendance were:

1. Steve Cohen
2. Cheryl Regan
3. Rusty Hoegger
4. Hardy Hoegger
5. Richard Mondzelewski
6. Maureen Gordon
7. Joan Fitzgerald
8. Dotty Verne
9. Barbara Mondzelewski
10. Mary Ann Nelson
11. Gil Johnston
12. Harry Themal
13. Betty Ann Themal
14. Bob DeNigris
15. Oliver Gutches
16. Sally Decker
17. Sheila Johnston
18. Michael Oates
19. Jeanne Covert
20. Alison Byer
21. Elaine Schmerling

Guests:

1. Cathy Cloutier
2. Pat Morrison
3. Ken Morrison
4. Carl Colantuono

PRESENTATION: The guests who are running for office in the upcoming elections introduced themselves and gave a short talk on their campaign goals.

MINUTES: Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Operating Accounts: Current Balance \$14,892.35

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| Municipal Street Aid: Current Balance | 12,681.17 |
| Arden Building & Loan: | 21,362.68 |
| Total funds available | \$48,936.20 |
| Expenses: | 2,936.37 |

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Joan Fitzgerald reporting.

The financial books for 2005 of Ardentown Treasurer and Ardentown Trustees were audited.

The Treasurer keeps three accounts: Custom Checking Account, Business Money Market Account, and Government Savings Account (Municipal Street Aid) which were all found to be in good order. Monthly reconciliation of the bank statements would provide a complete and timely paper trail and facilitate the auditors.

The Trust Keeps five accounts: Checking, Business Performance Account, Sewer Account-for special expenses and Robin Hood Accounts; Total Banking and Plus Account. All accounts were found in good order.

The information about the Arden Building & Loan Account (Trust and Robin Hood) missed a statement for the first six months of 2005. It is suggested that returned checks are to be attached to the Robin Hood account bank statements.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Byer, Joan Fitzgerald and Hans Francke

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Sheila Johnston, Chair; Maureen Gordon, Reporting.

New Leaseholders: Betty Bickler - 2300 Marsh Road
Dorothy Dixon and Kathleen O'Grady - 2303 Loreley Lane.

New Resident: James Swanson - 2300 Sconset Road

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Rusty Hoegger, Chair - No Report

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Elaine Schmerling, Chair - No Report

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Beverley Flemming

Gratitude was expressed for the donation to the Buzz from the Village of Ardentown. It will help in the restoration of the building such as a new roof.

A long term rental by the YMCA Giant Step Preschool in Room 2 was announced.

The first Buzz Ware Potions, Peddlers and Practitioners, a Holistic Marketplace, was held during the Arden Fair. It was very successful and many people who attended the Marketplace were pleased to participate in the Buzz as well as attend the Fair.

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE: Alison Byer, Chair

The Internship will be advertised in the October Arden Page. The committee is working on getting a presentation together.

There hasn't been a lot of interest shown in Ardentown for the Multiple Domicile proposal to the County even though there are about 20 domiciles already in Ardentown. Arden's criteria will guide us as to whether we go forward with this proposal.

We need to work on increasing attendance at the Town Meetings. It was suggested that cookies and coffee/tea might attract some people.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mary Ann Nelson, Chair

The Town has received \$12,000 in street aid. A walk around town will be scheduled soon. Please call Drew Hansen, 475-7427, with any trouble spots.

After a heavy rain debris washes into gutters and affects the drainage. If anyone notices debris clogging a gutter it would be appreciated if they could remove it.

In the compost site we have 2 bins ready to accept leaves and we would like to allow the residents of all three Ardens to use them again this year. We anticipate slightly less volume because DSWA will be collecting and composting leaves in the the light brown bags they distributed.

We will be receiving finished, screened compost from the waste authority. This is mainly from Sussex County. A second chemical analysis by DNRC will be finished soon and we anticipate it will be fine. We will be a distribution center for the compost in 50 lb. Bags on 4 Saturdays: September 30th, October 7th, 14th and 21st from 10-12 AM in return for a promise of work at the site. We will also distribute questionnaires with postage paid envelopes for DSWA information. We still have mulch to be moved and

plantings to be done as well as stick removal from our partially finished compost in the bins.

Elaine Schmerling: We were awarded a grant of \$2130 for a community forestry tree planting. We were not awarded the tree management grant of \$1000 this year. The money awarded will cover the cost of 20 new dogwoods for the Mall and about 43 native trees and shrubs behind the compost pile and on the Johnston's side as they requested. See Elaine at the meeting for details. Soil samples were sent in for testing for these sites as required under the grant. Planting is set for the 1st 2 weeks in October. Jordi Schmerling's Cub Scout Troop will help plant 5 of the dogwoods on the Mall. Volunteers are needed along the Mall to water the Dogwoods as needed for 3 years.

For questions and comments on snow removal contact David Byer, 475-2384.

HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING: Enno Krebbers

The gateway and arch project have been put on hold by DelDot, but the "your speed is" sign plans are moving forward.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Bob DeNigris, Harry Themal, Barbara Mondzelewski - Thanks to Harry Themal for his work in finding and negotiating a good service for recycle, trash and yard leaves. There were a lot of downed trees by lightning and storms.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT: Steve Cohen

Discussion on cable franchise agreement which involves Comcast and Verizon and fiber optics. Further details speak to Steve.

There is planned construction in the Eden Rock carriage house. The plan is to build 6 small senior apartments.

There was discussion on flood and flood plan issues. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved on this day, September 11, 2006, the Village of Ardentown, Delaware accepts the revised Flood Insurance Study developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that will become effective on January 17, 2007. Note: The floodplain management regulations are the responsibility of New Castle County Department of Land Use

It was suggested that it is each persons responsibility to keep shrubbery and trees trimmed so that the snow plows have clear access to the roads.

SUNNYSIDE: Hardy Hoegger

Hardy has asked for a new person to volunteer to take his place as Steward.

Eaine Schmerling, Harry Themal and the Office of Nature Preserves are going to look at Sunnyside to see what can be done to keep it a natural area. The land is being used now for paint ball and ATV recreation by people in nearby communities.

ELECTIONS:

Registration Committee: Sheila Johnston and Maureen Gordon were re-elected to a 2 year term each.

Budget/Assessment Committee: Betty Solway Smith and Drew Hanson were re-elected to a 2 year term each.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Oates, leaseholder on Woodland Road needs a solution to a severe drainage problem which he explained in detail. It will be referred to Public Works and Safety Committee for review when Drew Hansen and Bruce Downing do their walk through.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Verne".

Dorothy Verne
Secretary