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Village of Ardentown

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NOTICE

ARDENTOWN TOWN MEETING The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

**Monday, November 10, 2008
7:30 pm**

AGENDA (partial)

1. Elections: Town Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
1 year term

Community Planning Committee:
3 members, 2 year term

2. Committee Reports

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

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The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:30 pm on **Monday, September 8, 2008**. Alison Byer, Chair, presiding. **A quorum was present.**

Attendance

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| 1. Alison Byer | 16. Dotty Verne |
| 2. Joan Fitzgerald | 17. Delores Ward |
| 3. Bob Miller | 18. Sandra Landerl |
| 4. Betty Solway Smith | 19. Gil Johnston |
| 5. Drew Hansen | 20. Sheila Johnston |
| 6. Terri Hansen | 21. Hardy Hoegger |
| 7. Sue Merkle | 22. Bob Lockerman |
| 8. Pat Lane | 23. Janet Cosgrove |
| 9. Steve Cohen | 24. Hans Francke |
| 10. Richard Mondzelewski | 25. Holly Custer |
| 11. Barbara Mondzelewski | 26. Robert DeNigris |
| 12. Betty Ann Themal | 27. Maureen Gordon |
| 13. Harry Themal | 28. Sharon Kleban |
| 14. Jerome Bischoff | 29. Joy Mulholland |
| 15. Enno Krebbers | 30. Oliver Gutsche |
| | 31. Elaine Schmerling |

Intern: Harrison Stigler

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Operating Accounts:	\$25,284.29
Municipal Street Aid:	13,268.82
Arden Building & Loan:	<u>23,239.09</u>
Total Funds Available:	\$61,792.20

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Sheila Johnston

New Leaseholders

Karen Ames 1705 Harvey Road

Terrance Harvey and Caroline Farr 1521 Woodland Road

Susan Merkle 1519 The Mall

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Steve Cohen

Committee members: Steve Cohen (Chairman), Holly Custer, and Enno Krebbers. The Audit Committee reviewed the financial records of the Ardentown trustees and of the Village of Ardentown on August 27. The trustee records are maintained by Betty Ann Thernal and the village records are maintained by Barbara Mondzelewski (treasurer). Both sets of financial records passed the audit with no discrepancies found. All of the income and expenditures for the past 12 months were reviewed along with the accompany bank statements.

The Audit Committee would like to thank Betty Ann Thernal and Barbara Mondzelewski for their assistance in preparing for the audit and for their excellent work in maintaining the financial records of Ardentown.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Betty Ann Thernal presenting for Rusty Hoegger
There is little to report at this time. The 2 railing have been repaired by Hal Goodwin.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Beverley Fleming
Beverley will present a full report at November's meeting.

COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT: Holly Custer
Harrison Stigler and Jason Kleban have started the Village Internship program.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY REPORT: Pat Lane

Paths/Trees/Compost Area - Elaine Schmerling:

CEPF Grant – Finished; we already received reimbursement.

Trees - Awarded in full, to plant a total of 84 trees and shrubs for \$3574 (\$2566 for trees, \$1008 for Hal to do the planting). Elaine went to the mandatory Forestry workshop for this grant last Thursday, & will share some information from this at town meeting. We plan for October to: 1) drive to Forestview Nursery (with Pat Lane and Nick Liberman to help pick up the plants) and 2) supervise planting in all of our greens. Other volunteers are welcome. Cub scouts will help plant some for their Forestry or other badges.

We especially need lots of volunteers to water the plants closest to their houses, for a full year after planting. Elaine will pass around have maps of planting areas for watering sign-up.

Paths - Elaine sent in the report in August summarizing how we used our funds (their past fiscal year, our current year). However, the state is not offering these grants for next year. We will need extra money for next year allocated from Ardentown budget (or figure out another way) for us to maintain trails, i.e., are there residents who'd like to adopt a path?

Steve Cohen suggested residents could make a tax deductible donation for maintaining the paths.

Compost Area - The grass cutting people are now cutting the grass around the compost area as well as the common areas. Hal Goodwin has repaired the fence at the end near the

woods. One post and several slats were replaced. Hal has started turning the compost and cleaning up the area. Work will continue during September.

Elaine has sectioned off some trees which we can allow to grow, to re-forest the right corner, for better control of runoff, and for all the other benefits of trees
Someone has dumped brush in the Compost Area during the past week.

Roads – Drew Hansen:

The Public Works Committee solicited bids from Downing Paving and Mike Faella for a number of small projects in Ardentown as part of a special request to the state, after receiving notice that approximately \$1,800 in additional funding was available. Downing submitted a bid of just over \$4,000 for a group of projects which was presented to the State, and the State approved the full request. Thanks to Bryon Short and Steve Tanzer for their work on the village's behalf.

Projects include:

- Repair at the intersection of The Mall and East Mall
- Drainage swale on Sconset Road in front of Bob DeNigris' house
- Repair of hole in pavement at intersection of Millers and Orchard
- Repair of several potholes on Woodland

Downing additionally recommended approximately \$6,000 in repairs. Some of these projects include repair of a pothole at top of Sconset, near Harvey Road, and repair of the seam between the speed bump and road surface on The Mall, near Pat Lane's house.

Downing has been notified that both proposals have been accepted, and provided instructions on how to invoice for the "special funds" work. He expects to begin work the week of September 8.

Signs – Cheryl Regan/David Scott:

The missing double DIP sign by the playground was ordered; Steve Cohen and Cheryl installed it. At that time it was noticed that one of the playground signs is also missing - same side of the road. Special hardware was ordered and a tool to install the signs and hopefully this will retard the thieves. We currently have 73 (yes they have been counted) wooden town signs. The current price of these signs is \$20 each for a total of \$1460. Cheryl has ordered 22 and will start repainting and add the reflective grit. When we get more funds, more will be ordered. The plan is to refinish the old signs, therefore having replacements. The stop sign at Loreley Rd and Harvey Rd has been cleared of all vines.

Snow/Sand – David Byer:

Nothing to report at this time.

Sunnyside Tract – Barbara Conway

On May 31, 2008, we had our first "Nature Walk" through the Sunnyside Tract. We identified many plants, a few birds, weeded out some invasive plants, and picked up trash. There were seven participants and we had a great time.

Town Watch – Holly Custer:

Town Watch participants report all has been quiet.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Elaine Schmerling

The branches have been trimmed. Free mulch is available at Caulfield Parkway

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Harry Themal

We are doing well with our Recycling; but we could be doing a better job. During the month of June, we only had approx 30-40% participation.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT: Alison Byer

Alison presented Elaine Schmerling with the 2007 Tree City award.

Verizon has installed free internet connection at the Candlelight Theatre.

ELECTIONS :

Registration Committee: Elected for a 2 year term

Maureen Gordon and Janet Cosgrove

Budget Committee: Elected for a 2 year term

Betty Solway Smith and Enno Krebbers

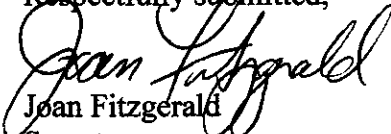
Elections for February: Archives (2); Memorial Gardens (2)

NEW BUSINESS:

Han Francke suggested a fence with a lock should be installed around the trash cans at the Candlelight Theatre. Public Works and the Trustees will talk to Bob Miller.

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

Respectfully submitted,


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