

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

Present:	Mayor	Peter Porcino
	Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Nancy Kaboolian
	Trustee	Gary Malone
	Trustee	Mollie Monti
	Trustee	Andy DiJusto
	Village Manager	Meredith Robson
	Village Clerk	Barbara Berardi
	Recording Secretary	Donna Fusco
Absent:	Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini

Mayor Porcino called to order the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Trustee Malone: RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby confirms that the Public Hearing for the purpose of consideration of the adoption of a Local Law #2-2015 to establish a Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program has been scheduled for tonight's meeting, November 16, 2015. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

**8:00 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING** – For the purpose of consideration of the adoption of a Local Law #2-2015 to establish a Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program.

Mayor Porcino read the legal notice

**8:15 P.M. – PRESENTATION** – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 5/31/215 BY ALAN KASSAY, - O'CONNOR DAVIES MUNNS & DOBBINS, LLP

Mr. Alan Kassay read the Independent Auditor's Report for 2015 in detail to the Board and answered questions throughout the Presentation.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting – November 2, 2015

**Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, November 2, 2015 as amended.  
**Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

#### **IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Fire Chief, Stephen Kaskawits, reported the following activities for October:

- 27 Calls for the month
- 207.25 Training Hours
- 16 NYS training hours

Other activities attended by Officers and Firefighters

- 10/3 – Attended Irvington FD Inspection
- 10/9 – Performed a fire prevention demonstration at the Concord Road School
- 10/17 – Completed annual pump testing on all fire apparatus
- 10/17 – Attended annual Elmsford FD Inspection
- 10/21 – Attended monthly Bat.14 meeting in Irvington
- 10/23 – Attended annual Tarrytown FD Inspection
- 10/31 – Participated in the Ragamuffin parade
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#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Police Chief, Emil Califano, reported the following activities for October:

- Court fine and fees - \$13,209
- Property Lost or Stolen - \$24,377
- 81 Parking summonses issued
- 40 UTT summonses issued
- 1 Appearance ticket issued
- 9 Arrests
- 260 Blotters

Other activities attended by Officers –

- 3 Swat Officers training total 40
- 2 Officers attended 8 hour training course on Domestic Violence
- 8 Officers attended 1 day of unified in service training provided by the County consisting of Taser recertification, OSHA, HAZMAT/PPE, OC/and Baton, Interactive Training Simulator
- Installed 7 car seats
- Assisted with Ragamuffin parade
- Ardsley Cares Family Day
- Helped coordinate route for 5k Race sponsored by AHS Cheerleaders. Fundraiser raised \$7000 portion of proceeds went to the pink foundation for cancer

- Activity night 5<sup>th</sup> AMS
- Car seat check event and class. Certified 17 technicians
- Attended SAS meeting

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Trustee Monti read the Building Inspector's report on behalf of Larry Tomasso for the following activities for October:

- 23 Building permits
- 17 Application fees
- 16 Certificates of Occupancy
- 10 Plumbing permits
- 11 Electrical permits
- 8 Letters of Compliance
- 1 Miscellaneous

Total received - \$11,418.50

Other activities –

- 82 Building inspections
- 24 Zoning inspections
- 0 Fire inspection
- 3 Violation notices
- 42 Warning notices
- 0 Appearance tickets

## **LEGAL REPORT:**

Village Attorney Ponzini was absent for this meeting.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

### **VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

1. Installation of LED streetlights throughout the Village has begun early! Work crews started the project on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. We are trying our best to keep everyone up to date on the Village's road improvement project, but it has been a challenge getting accurate schedules from the contractor. As we get updated information, road improvement progress has been posted on our website and through social media.

3. The contractor is working to finalize as much of the 9A project as possible before winter sets in, although the good weather we've been experiencing may allow them to get more work completed than originally planned. However, as of right now, we are not expected the final pavement to be done on 9A until the Spring so that we can coordinate work on the water main that United Water intends to run across 9A through Addyman Square! We don't want to have this work on 9A finished and then have the road ripped up again for the water main. There are a number of contractors and agencies involved in all of these activities, so we are working to coordinate as much as possible and minimize the traffic impacts. Con Ed has been working to relocate the gas main by Center St. and they are removing two utility poles in the 9A project area.
4. Con Ed has been continuing the storm hardening work by Village Hall, which has also contributed to a challenging road situation in the Village.
5. Village offices will be closed on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no collection of recyclables on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Collection of all recyclables will be done on Thursday, November 12. Please refer to the Sanitation schedule posted on the Village's website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Village Treasurer, Marion DeMaio read the Treasurer's Report:

Ms. DeMaio stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: General Fund: \$1,178,613.10; Trust & Agency Fund: \$944.97; and from the Capital Fund: \$66,627.42.

**Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$1,178,613.10; From the Trust & Agency Fund: \$944.97 and from the Capital Fund: \$66,627.42. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Tonight's meeting is an extreme example of our stewardship. Thank the staff for that and anyone who has suggestions, we are happy to hear them. We are committed to moving the Village forward and attempt to conduct the Village in a responsible way
- We are committed in this day and age in the technology world; we are focusing on getting information out on the internet; we urge people to sign up
- We pass on our condolences to Howard Albert on the passing of his mother
- We received a letter from a resident who noticed that the right turn lane coming northbound on the Saw Mill River Parkway at Lawrence Street across from the Rivertowns Square Project has been eliminated; Paul Feiner and I have written to Tom Abinanti and we received a response from the State that is not particularly comforting;

Garret Duquesne is trying to arrange a meeting with the State Engineers to discuss this matter

- Attended the WMOA Meeting with Trustee Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto and Village Manager Robson; We had a lecture on SEQRA procedures
- Received word from a friend of mine that the County is planning on doing the paving on portions of the trail way; it is in much need of paving; I wrote with permission of the Mayors of Elmsford and Hastings to the County Parks Department asking if they would reconsider where they are paving

## **COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:**

### **TRUSTEE DIJUSTO:**

- Attended WMOA Dinner on Thursday

### **TRUSTEE MONTI:**

- Nothing to report

### **TRUSTEE MALONE:**

- I would like to congratulate Mayor Porcino, Trustee DiJusto and Trustee Monti on their re-election

### **TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:**

- I join in on Gary's congratulations to Mayor Porcino, Trustee DiJusto and Trustee Monti
- Attended WMOA Dinner
- Joined our former Trustee Nicole Minore and her team of volunteers in helping paint the Peaceful Playground at Concord Road
- 11/15 - Attended the spaghetti dinner at the firehouse; It was an amazing statement on how a community could pull together; the place was packed

## **V. VISITORS**

Steve Wittenberg called in inquiring about the finances mentioned. Mr. Wittenberg asked about the fire hydrants now being paid by taxpayers and asked if that is something different from previous years. Mayor Porcino replied "yes it was done and is now the second year." United Water changed the billing procedures for all of the municipalities so that it's now not charged to the municipality and is now charged to the individual users. It was explained that the problem was that people who do not pay taxes to the Village are then getting a free ride.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Resolution to consider adopting Local Law #2-2015 to establish a Community choice Aggregation (Energy) Program

### **RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2-2015 TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (ENERGY) PROGRAM**

**Trustee Malone: RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting local law #2-2015 to establish a Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program to Monday, December 21, 2015 at 8:15 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution to consider permitting a Menorah Display – 2015

### **RESOLUTION PERMITTING A MENORAH DISPLAY - 2015**

**Trustee Kaboolian:** Whereas, the Village of Ardsley (“Ardsley”) has a policy of providing locations within its territorial limits for holiday displays with equal opportunity for all Village groups and organizations; and

Whereas, permission has been requested from Ardsley, for the tenth year in a row, by Chabad of the Rivertowns to permit the display of a Menorah in celebration of the holiday season from December 6<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas, the location that has been requested is in or about Legion Park within Ardsley; and

Whereas, Ardsley believes that such permission is a continuation of its non-discriminatory policy for holiday displays by Village groups and organizations; now therefore be it

Resolved, that Chabad of the Rivertowns is permitted to construct a Menorah display at or about Village property in Legion Park provided such a display and location is reviewed for safety and compliance by the Chief of Police, the Building Inspector, and the Fire Department, that all costs for the erection, use and maintenance of this display are borne by Chabad of the Rivertowns, and that a policy of insurance in acceptable form be provided to Ardsley to insure, indemnify, and defend against any and all claims or losses that may arise out of the erection, use, maintenance of this display. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution to adopt “Minimum Unassigned Fund Balance Policy and Guidelines” of the Village of Ardsley

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT "MINIMUM UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE POLICY  
AND GUIDELINES" OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY**

**Trustee Monti:** RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts the "Minimum Unassigned Fund Balance Policy and Guidelines" of the Village of Ardsley, effective immediately. **Seconded by Trustee Di Justo and passed unanimously.**

**VIII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** No Executive Session

**IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**Trustee Malone: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, November 16, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

**X. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:** Monday, December 7, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.  
Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fusco  
Recording Secretary