



MINUTES

Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

8:00 PM - Monday, March 1, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom Platform

Present: Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Andy DiJusto
Trustee	Joann D'Emilio
Trustee	Steve Edelstein
Trustee	Craig Weitz
Village Manager	Meredith S. Robson
Village Clerk	Ann Marie Rocco
Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini

Absent:

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:15 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan

At 8:15 p.m. Public Hearing was open.

Mayor Kaboolian spoke about the Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan:

- Survey was distributed and received 180 responses.
- Thanked all the members of the committee for all their hard work.
- The police reform process was mandated by the Government.
- Very proud of our Police Department.
- Thanked Police Chief Anthony Piccolino, Village Manager Meredith Robson & Confidential Secretary Charles Hessler for putting this document together.

At 8:37 p.m. Public Hearing was adjourned until March 15, 2021

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1 February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Weitz and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 16, 2021 as submitted.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. LEGAL

- 1.a Village Attorney Ponzini stated there is nothing to report other than those items that he is working on with staff and he is available for an Executive Session.

2. MANAGER

2.a March 1, 2021 Village Manager Report

Village Manager Robson read the following report:

- The Budget process is well underway and it is a significant challenge this year. The tentative budget will be out on March 19th.
- We will be working with other Municipalities on getting our joint road improvement projects together. The Board will ultimately make the decision about which roads will be completed after reviewing the costs.

3. TREASURER

3.a March 1, 2021 Abstract Report

Village Manager Meredith Robson read the Treasurer's Report for March 1, 2021.

Village Manager Robson stated that the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$289,538.30; from the Sewer Fund: \$0.00; from the Trust & Agency fund: \$0.00 and from the Capital Fund: \$0.00.

Moved by Trustee Weitz, Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$289,538.30, from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$0.00 and from the Capital Fund: \$0.00, Sewer Fund: \$0.00

4. BUILDING No Building Department Report

5. FIRE No Fire Department Report

6. POLICE No Police Department Report

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.a Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- Today marks the first anniversary of our first Covid-19 case in Westchester County.

8. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

8.a Trustee DiJusto announced the following:

- Attended the 125th Anniversary Committee meeting on February 23rd.
- Attended the TPPCS meeting on February 24th and the the TPPCS is almost done putting together the Slow Down in Ardsley project and would like to present this to the Board the first meeting in April.

Trustee Edelstein announced the following:

- The Multicultural Committee wrapped up their celebrations for the Year of the Ox.
- We encouraging residents to plant pollinators to attract bees and butterflies. If you are interested in this event please email: ceac@ardsleyvillage.com

Trustee D'Emilio announced the following:

- Ardsley Public Library continues to provide curb side pick up, they have multiple programs via zoom for Children and Adults. The next adult program will be on March 16th at 11:00 am What's It Worth? with Mike Ivankovich. If you're interested, please register by emailing peggym@wlsmail.org.

Trustee Weitz announced the following:

- Ardsley Historical Society asked if anyone had any interest about the stories Cyrus W Field, Amzi L. Barber and the Creation of Ardsley Park. Registration is on the Irvington Historical website: <https://www.irvingtonhistoricalsociety.org> and will take place on March 28, 2021.

5. VISITORS

5.1 Tasha Young was present to discuss her policy initiatives and her vision for the Town of Greenburgh.

Resident, David Kaufman spoke at the Public Hearing held on March 1, 2021. Requested changes to the Mayor's Message in the Police Reform Plan.

Mayor Kaboolian explained that the beginning of the message was to reflect the Governor's order.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- 7.1 Consider a Resolution Approving and Accepting the Settlement for R.S.A. Corporation

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee D'Emilio and passed unanimously.
WHEREAS, the R.S.A. Corporation ("R.S.A.") commenced a proceeding in Supreme Court, Westchester County to challenge the assessments placed on his property for the tax years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 for the properties located at 690 and 692 Saw Mill River Road, and

WHEREAS the Village of Ardsley ("Ardsley") has contested those challenges and defended its assessment roll, and

WHEREAS the Town of Greenburgh ("Greenburgh") has defended these claims, having assumed the assessing function of the Village of Ardsley and has settled them on behalf of the Town and the School District

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Village Attorney, the Town attorney and Special Counsel for the Ardsley School District, and in light of the settlement by the Town, the Village of Ardsley now believes that a settlement has been achieved which represents the best interests of the Village and its residents and resolves this lawsuit with out the risk and cost of further litigation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Attorney is authorized to execute a Consent Judgment settling that property's Assessment years as follows:
Assessment years 2010 through 2017:

LOT 10

	Assessment	Reduction	New A/V
2012	59,000	28,088	30,912
2013	64,500	30,219	34,281
2014	64,500	31,200	31,200
2015	64,500	33,064	31,436
2016	1,423,100	383,359	1,039,741
2017	1,423,100	322,324	1,100,776

LOT 12

2012	14,750	7,022	7,728
2013	14,750	6,911	7,839
2014	14,750	7,158	7,592
2015	14,750	7,561	7,189
2016	322,200	86,941	235,259
2017	322,200	72,976	249,224

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of the Consent Order entered by the Court, the Village Treasurer is authorized to compute and pay the appropriate refund.

7.2 Consider a Resolution to Set Sewer Rents in the Village Pursuant to Section 165 of the Village Code

Moved by Trustee D'Emilio, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. to discuss setting sewer rents in the Village pursuant to Chapter 165 of the Village Code in the amount not to exceed \$1.89/CCF for the year 2021-2022.

8. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL MATTERS

9. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Moved by Trustee Weitz, Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley Hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, March 1, 2021, at 8:37 p.m.

10. NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 15, 2021

Next Work Session Meeting:
March 10, 2021

Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

Date:
