



MINUTES

Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

8:00 PM - Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Meeting Held via Zoom Platform

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| Present: Mayor | Nancy Kaboolian |
| Deputy Mayor/Trustee | Andy Di Justo |
| 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

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

2.1 A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LOUISE GIUSTI

Louise was a long time resident of the Village of Ardsley, member of the Ardsley Historical Society, and founder of the original environmental committee. We are sending our condolences to the family.

8:15 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING Override the Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

1. At 8:15 p.m. Public Hearing - Override the Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Mayor Kaboolian read the Notice into the Record:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ardsley will hold a public hearing at 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2021, via Zoom to consider

a resolution to override the property tax levy for fiscal year 2021-2022.

At 8:35 p.m. Trustee D'Emilio: Resolved that this public hearing be closed for the Override of the Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. **Seconded by Trustee Edelstein 5-0-0**

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4.1 February 1, 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 Monday, February 1, 2021 as submitted.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. LEGAL

1.a

Village Attorney Ponzini stated there is nothing to report other than those items that he submitted in memorandum form and he is continuing to work on various matters with members of the staff and he stated that he is available for an Executive Session.

2. MANAGER

2.a Village Manager's February 16, 2021-Village Manager Robson read the following report:

- **Con Ed Work on American Legion** -
So, after many, many months/years of trying to get through to people at Con Ed to finish the work they told us they would do about 4 years ago, they are finally working on the upgrades to provide for redundancy for the Community Center, Library and ASVAC buildings in the case of a large scale outage. This will allow for easier restoration. That is the work going on right now on American Legion. I have asked for a timeline, but don't have that yet. But at least it's finally getting done!
- **Sewer Rents** -Apparently there are questions that some folks have regarding the sewer rent bills that went out for the second quarter. I encourage anyone with questions to start with the information that is on

our website at <https://www.ardsleyvillage.com/public-works/pages/sanitary-sewer-information> and if they require additional information, they should feel free to contact Village Hall at 693-1550. These bills will be going out quarterly and are funding all of our sanitary sewer costs. Sanitary sewer costs are no longer paid for through the General Fund via taxes. Town of Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner previously put out a message that bills did not need to be paid, however, that was for Town residents only, not Village residents. The Town and the Village are working together to ensure that our respective residents are paying only to one entity for sanitary sewer services and we expect resolution on this issue within the next couple of months. Sanitary sewer bills for Village residents must be paid on time in order to avoid accumulating penalties and re-levy on Village taxes.

3. TREASURER

3.a February 16, 2021 Abstract Report

Village Manager Meredith Robson read the Treasurer's Report for February 16, 2021. Village Manager Robson stated that the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$83,619.42; from the Sewer Fund: \$1,320.19; from the Trust & Agency fund: \$68.95 and from the Capital Fund: \$1,230.00

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee D'Emilio 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: \$83,619.42; from the Sewer Fund: \$1,320.19, from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$68.95 and from the Capital Fund: \$1,230.00

4. BUILDING

4.a January 2021 Building Department Report

Building Inspector, Larry Tomasso read the following January 2021 Building Department report:

January 2021 Building Department Report:

- 9 Building permits
- 11 Application fees
- 13 Certificates of Occupancy
- 13 Plumbing permits
- 10 Electrical permits
- 4 Title Searches
- 0 Miscellaneous

Total received - \$15,116.00

Other activities-

- 70 Building inspections
- 7 Zoning inspections
- 3 Violations
- 8 Warnings

5. FIRE

5.a January 2021 Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Murray read the Fire Department Report for the month of January 2021

- January 4 Chief Murray held an apparatus meeting for replacing E-165
- January 5 Chief Murray met with Hastings Roofing to fix roof leak
- January 5 Chief Murray attended a Department Head Meeting
- January 6 Chief Murray met with Hastings Roofing to fix roof leak
- January 7 Department held an inspection Drill to prepare for the upcoming inspection
- January 11 Chief Murray attended a Zoom Meeting held by the Ardsley School District to discuss safety issues.
- January 11 Chief Murray and Chief Podalski held the Annual Department Inspection
- January 13 Chief Murray attended a Zoom session with Village Board
- January 19 Apparatus Committee met with Seagrave
- January 20 Chief Murray met with Solar World regarding issues with the solar panels.
- January 21 Chief Murray met with totally wired to discuss upgrades to the lighting
- January 27 Chief Murray and Chief Podalski attended B-14 chiefs meeting.

Total calls for the month of January: 14

Training Officers Report- January 2020

- January 7th Inspection Drill 28.00 hours, 14 Member's present
- January 14th- No drill
- January 21st Members read & reviewed NIOSH Reports 24.00 hours, 12 Member's present
- January 28th No drill

6. POLICE

6.a January 2021 Police Department Report

Chief Piccolino reported the following activities for January 2021:

- Court fine and fees - \$23,012.00
- Property lost or stolen - \$0.00
- Alarm fines and fees - \$1,550.00
- Meter collection - \$1,301.05

- 3 Traffic Accidents
- 4 Arrests
- 199 Calls for Service
- 7 Investigations
- 0 Impoundment
- 31 summonses issued

Training in January:

48 hour of SWAT, De-escalation and leadership.

COMMUNITY POLICING:

Our child passenger safety officers-installed 8 car seats and issued 3.

Attended the Ardsley school district safety meeting (zoom) and did a review of safety and COVID plans for all schools.

Attended the Westchester County coalition meeting (zoom) and discussed upcoming programs for 2021.

Attended the Ardsley SAYF coalition meeting (zoom) and did a final year review of grants and discussed upcoming programs. They also purchased a new distracted driver simulator for texting, alcohol and drugs.

We did a meet and greet with the new director of the SAIL school (school of adoptive and integrative learning) review school emergency plans and building access.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Please remember to lock your vehicles at night and remove the keys/key fob. While the Village had not had a rash of stolen vehicles, the same cannot be said for the County.

Overnight parking and alarm permits renewals are due. Please review on line or in person.

We reviewed the results of our police reform survey. I appreciate the responses that we received and the constructive comments. Overall, the department received very high marks but we are lacking on community notification and department diversity. We are committed to addressing all the recommendations and making positive changes going forward.

CORONAVIRUS 2019:

The Coronavirus is still infecting people and the village has seen a steady uptick in cases so please wear your masks and follow the CDC recommendations listed below.

Prevention:

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventative actions to help the spread of respiratory disease including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health works and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

For information about handwashing, see CDC's Handwashing website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html>

For information specific to healthcare, see CDC's Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings:

<https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/index.html>

These are everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of several viruses. CDC does have specific guidance for travelers.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

For more information, please visit the CDC website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

How to Protect Yourself & Others

- Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like

heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at high risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

- Know how it spreads
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.a Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- We had our Multicultural Celebration-Year of the Ox on Friday, February 12th and Saturday, February 13th and it was a well attended event.
- Attended the NYS conference of Mayors via zoom on Friday, February 12th.
- Attended the Westchester Municipal Officials Meeting- There was a presentation from a representative from Sustainable Westchester.
- On Friday, February 19th the Executive Board of WMOA will be meeting with our State Legislatures to pitch our requests for items that go in and out of the budget.

8. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

8.a **Trustee Edelstein announced the following:**

- Thanked the Multicultural Committee on all their work on the Year of the Ox celebration.
- Reminded residents that this is Black History Month.
- CEAC is busy collecting information on the climate smart communities.
- Recreation Commission is sponsoring another contest- Make a Lego Creation. For more information regarding this event please email Trish Lacy at placy@ardsleyvillage.com

Trustee Weitz announced the following:

- The Ardsley Historical Society is re-designing their website and incorporating some social media to help with membership.

Trustee D’Emilio announced the following:

- The Multicultural Committee is partnering with the Library sponsoring the following virtual book clubs:
 - How to be an Antiracist-by Ibram X. Kendri will be discussed on February 28th, April 25th, May 23rd.
 - Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed will be discussed on March 21st.
 - George by Alex Gino will be discussed on June 6th.
- For more information regarding the above virtual book clubs, please email multicultural@ardsleyvillage.com.

6. VISITORS

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 Consider a Resolution Regarding Override to Property Tax Levy 2021-2022

Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Weitz and passed unanimously.
RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby enacts a local law establishing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Ardsley to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ardsley, County of Westchester, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State by the Village Clerk.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- 8.1 Consider a Resolution to Award Bid for the Demolition Project of 220 Heatherdell Road, Ardsley, NY

Moved by Trustee Weitz, Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2020 at 507 Ashford Ave., 11:00 a.m. the Project Engineer in the presence of the Village Manager and Village Clerk, opened six bids for the demolition project at 220 Heatherdell Road as summarized below:

VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY CONTRACT # VOA-1811 DEMOLITION 220 HEATHERDELL ROAD

| CONTRACTOR | BASE BID |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Capital Industries, Inc. | \$297,550.00 |
| Costas Construction | \$139,900.00 |
| Shawn's Lawns Inc. | \$313,900.00 |
| Stamford Wrecking Company | \$149,688.00 |
| Two Brothers Contracting Inc. | \$211,800.00 |
| WD Excavation & Contracting Inc. | \$298,512.00 |

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2020 the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley awarded the demolition bid to Costas Construction, 401 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, New York 10701;

WHEREAS, Costas Construction has been unable to meet the document submittal requirements despite numerous attempts by the Construction Manager and the Village to assist in the Contractor in the understanding of said requirements;

WHEREAS, the Village, through its Construction Manager, issued a notice to Costas Construction on February 4, 2021 stating that the correct documents must be submitted no later than February 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, Costas Construction has been unable to successfully submit all required documents and has subsequently rescinded their bid;

WHEREAS, Stamford Wrecking Company, 30 Nutmeg Drive, Trumbull, Connecticut 06611 is the second lowest bidder in the amount of \$149,688.00 and has been vetted by the Construction Manager and has confirmed their ability to meet the bid requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to accept the rescission of the Costas Construction bid and return

the bid bond to Costas Construction and further awards the bid to Stamford Wrecking Company, 30 Nutmeg Drive, Trumbull, Connecticut 06611 and authorizes the Manager to execute the contract.

8.2 Consider a Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for the Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan

Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Weitz and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan.

8.3 Consider a Resolution Modifying the 2020/2021 Budget by Enabling the Village Treasurer to Make Necessary Transfers within the General Fund

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee D'Emilio and passed unanimously. RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2020/2021 Village Budget by transferring \$179,537.00 from Contingency.

FROM LINE ITEMS:

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| A-1990-0400 Contingency | 179,537.00 |
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TO LINE ITEMS:

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| A-1989-0400 Contractual | 25,000.00 |
| A-4210-0460 Contract Services | 30,195.00 |
| A-5182-0490 Street Lights | 27,000.00 |
| A-5010-0100 Personnel Services | 97,342.00 |

9. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL ADVICE

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Moved by Trustee D'Emilio, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley Hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 8:40 p.m.

11. NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 1, 2021

NEXT WORK SESSION MEETING:

March 10, 2021

Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

Date: