



MINUTES

Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

8:00 PM - Monday, February 6, 2023

In Person 507 Ashford Avenue Court Facility

Present: Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Andy DiJusto
Trustee	Asha Bencosme
Trustee	Steve Edelstein
Trustee	Craig Weitz
Village Manager	Joseph L. Cerretani
Village Clerk	Ann Marie Rocco
Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL The Regular Meeting of the Village of Ardsley Board of Trustees was held on February 6, 2023 at Village Hall, Court Facility, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY 10502.

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

Members Present: Mayor Nancy Kaboolian

Deputy Mayor/Trustee Andy DiJusto

Trustee Asha Bencosme

Trustee Steve Edelstein

Trustee Craig Weitz

Also present were: Village Manager, Joseph Cerretani, Village Attorney, Robert Ponzini, and Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco.

2. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING To Discuss Request to hold an Outdoor Event Sponsored by Boar's Head Provisions at Ardsley Market Fresh 645 Saw Mill River Road

2.1 Memo from Building Inspector, Larry Tomasso:

TO: Mayor Kaboolian

Village Board of Trustees

FROM: Larry J. Tomasso

DATE: February 1, 2023

RE: Outdoor Event, Ardsley Market, 645 SMRR

As you know, Fozy Shahbain, the manager of the Ardsley Market located at 645 SMRR is requesting permission to hold an outdoor event sponsored by Boar's Head Provisions. The attached letter and diagram briefly describes the event and the proposed layout.

The event will be held at a future date to be determined (preferably a Friday) between the hours of 10:30am and 2:30pm. Two tents will be placed in the parking area on the north side of the property and the area will be closed off with traffic cones. One tent will be for a DJ and the other for a prize wheel. Fozy will provide some photos of an event that was held at a different location.

Any approvals should contain the following conditions:

1. The date of the event must be determined at least 4 weeks in advance and must be approved by the police chief, highway foreman and building inspector.
2. The event shall not start before 10:30am or run past 2:30pm
3. The business will provide employees to direct traffic in the parking lot.
4. The event area must be adequately sectioned off to prevent vehicle access.
5. The business owner will pay for a police officer to direct traffic on the road if it is deemed necessary by the police chief
6. The business owner is solely responsible for providing for the safety of the attendees.
7. The VB and village attorney should add any conditions that they deem necessary to the approval.

Let me know if you need any additional information

2.2 At 8:01 p.m. Opened Public Hearing - To Discuss Request to hold an Outdoor Event Sponsored by Boar's Head Provisions at Ardsley Market Fresh 645 Saw Mill River Road

Mr. Shahbain explained to the Board that Ardsley Market has been chosen through Boar's Head as their market of distinction store of Westchester and they would like to have an event in our parking lot preferably on a Friday from 10:30 am-2:30 pm. They would like to set up 2 tents and have DJ for music and other prizes and giveaways.

All members of the Board were in agreement with the proposed outdoor event.

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

RESOLVED, that this public hearing be closed for the outdoor event sponsored by Boar's Head Provisions at Ardsley Mark Fresh 645 Saw Mill River Road at 8:04 p.m.

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

3. ARDSLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

3.1 Ardsley Historical Society President, Peter Marcus read the following report:

During 2022, the Ardsley Historical Society ("AHS") continued its active engagement with the Ardsley community. Last year we had 160 dues paying members, including nearly 40 former residents, 10 business sponsors, and 27 new members. 2022 marked the 40th anniversary of the Society's creation and our 2022 calendar reflected many of its accomplishments over that time.

2022 saw us begin a new chapter in our goals of further enriching the experience for our members and deepening our community ties, particularly with Ardsley's schools.

We continued to enhance our website, uploading all of our past 85 newsletters, posting new photographs, and adding various links, including video links for three events: the Village's 125th Anniversary walking history tours, our Spring program on The Life & Legacy of Thomas Paine. and the unveiling of the American Encampment Revolutionary War Marker which I'll be discussing in greater detail in a few minutes. Our website is now integrated with analytics software that allows us to track page and site performance, and also allows for electronic payments for membership and donations. We also updated our website list of business sponsors and encouraged our members to support them.

Our Spring and Fall Newsletters, now in color, were very well received and contained articles across a range of Ardsley's history. We express our deep gratitude to George Calvi who has served as our Editor for 6 years. The Spring edition sent to our members contained "More Tales from the Fire Chiefs" (Patrick Lindsay, James Macri, and Rick Thompson), "An Historical Marker for the Ardsley Train Station" (Pete Marcus), "Part 4 of The First Amendment at the Ardsley Schoolhouse Gate" (Gary Rappaport), "It Could Only Happen in Ardsley" (George Calvi), "The Legend of Mully" (Matt Arone), and "Remembering Acting Village Justice Robert Horan" (George Calvi). Our Fall newsletter was sent to all Village residents and business owners and contained articles entitled "Life with former Village Clerk Mary Kamens" (George Calvi), "A Brief History of The Ardsley Little League" (Matt Arone), "Middle School Students Help Unveil Revolutionary War

Marker” (Pete Marcus), “Historical Society Collaborates with the Middle School Local History Club” (Rob Pellegrino & Pete Marcus), and “Another Tale of the Fire Chiefs” (the Vinny Coulehan Years). Throughout the year, Gary Rappaport, one of our directors, continued his Timepiece series, including stories about Native Americans in Westchester County; Does History Take Sides; Textbook Wars: Missing Lessons from the Vietnam War; Looking for America: Kings of the Road from Ardsley to Michigan; The Other Sept 11s, and Next Stop Worthington-Part1); thank you Gary, for your significant contributions.

In addition to website improvements, our upcoming events and other news are reported on Ardsley Connect every week as well as on Facebook, where we have also added photographs and other content. We also continue to expand our digital inventory as people generously make donations of articles, photographs, and other memorabilia as well as monetary contributions. One of the recent items received was a Wildflowers Quilt from Rachel Palermo’s daughter (Joanne); the quilt was made by the Garden Club in 1976 and raffled off (Rachel was the winner then and this beautiful quilt is now stored in our archives).

In regard to important inventorying of materials, this year’s High School extern (Jake Federbusch) took on the special task of completing an inventory of the contents of the American Legion building in Pascone Park. Jake produced a detailed Excel spreadsheet of the contents as well as a photograph of each item; the photos are part of our Cloud Repository (SmugMug), and a link to both items is on our website under “American Legion Museum Virtual Tour.” It is our intention to engage professional level help to improve the experience for visitors to the museum. We also continue to digitize important books for our members. We previously had digitized Arthur Siliman’s *History of Ardsley*, and we are presently digitizing Fred and Patricia Arone’s *The War Years*, a book which describes life in Ardsley during WWII and is dedicated to the 14 young men from the Ardsley School District who made the ultimate sacrifice.

As in all other years, we continued to offer programs to both our members and the general public at no charge. On January 30, we offered “Our Navy Today and Tomorrow – Facts, Strategy and Challenges.” This program produced a very lively question and answer session. On May 22, we conducted our annual business meeting that included the featured presentation “Thomas Paine and Revolutionary America” by Dr. Michael Crowder, from the Institute for Thomas Paine Studies at Iona College. We received excellent feedback on this program and the recorded program is now on our website for access by our members. On October 23, Walter Schwartz presented a program on the New Croton Aqueduct. There was a great deal of audience participation and we recorded this program as well; it will be on our website for our members to enjoy in the very near future.

One of the programs is a repeat program I’ve had the privilege of doing for several years, most recently just this morning via zoom – Ardsley History for Second

Graders. I covered topics like How Ardsley Got Its Name, Pickle Factories, the Impact of the Railroad and Early Schools in Ardsley.

Among the highlights of 2022 was our Society's excellent collaboration with the newly created Ardsley Middle School's Local History Club for interested students, created by Middle School Teachers Andrew Nappi and Sean Grady. On Sept 17, the Village Historian (Rob Pellegrino) conducted a tour of the American Legion Building in Pascone Park for 20 club members. Later that week, Rob and I met with club members and Mssrs. Nappi and Grady at the Society's office to view and explain the significance of a selection of our artifacts. After voting on which of the artifacts they wanted to display and preparing brief descriptions for each of them, Club members arranged and installed them in the display cases in the Ardsley Middle School lobby. Ardsley's School Superintendent praised the efforts of the Club and the reception being given to the display in one of the Sharing Success blasts to the District. In December, the artifacts were moved from the Middle School to the High School where they are scheduled to remain through the month of January before moving to Concord Road.

Before discussing the Historical markers, photos of which I have with me, I'll recap briefly our many other activities and accomplishments –

At the beginning of the year, we acquired from Greenburgh one of Anthony Radomski's leatherworks about Native American Tribes and after completing some repair work, we delivered it to Ardsley's Middle School principal (Stuart Horlacher). It is now on display in the Middle School's library.

We provided valuable research assistance to Noah Bonett, a 2020 Ardsley High School graduate and Syracuse University student majoring in civil engineering. He was assigned a "hometown project" and chose Ardsley's flood control project; he was near a dead end in looking for more detailed materials and we provided him a book produced by the Army Corps of Engineers, enabling Noah to complete his project.

We provided regular research help to Henrietta Toth who writes on local history for the *Bee Local Buzz* magazine (recently it was renamed *The Neighborhood Buzz: The Rivertowns*), including materials relating to the wooly mammoth bones discovered in 1975 in the yard of a home on Huntley Drive, and more recently materials relating to the history of the Ardsley Public Library. In turn, she has highlighted our society and our Village Historian, Rob Pellegrino. In an article relating favorite local historian stories. Rob related the fact that in 1882, 37 years before the federal government would grant woman the right to vote, residents of the then hamlet of Ashford debated and then voted in favor of women's suffrage at a meeting at its Lyceum; Ardsley would also be the first village or town in Westchester to elect a woman to office – Isabel McCartney, Treasurer, in 1914, still years before women were granted the right to vote.

On March 15, we hosted French historian Dr. Iris de Rode as she viewed the Odell House's 1781 exhibit that was on display in the lobby of the Ardsley Middle School.

On Memorial Day, we opened the American Legion building and our Village Historian gave tours of the museum to residents after the Village's Memorial Day parade ceremony ended, and on Veterans Day we sent out a link to our membership telling them about the Living History program that was being broadcast on the local public access TV channel. We also unlocked the 1995 video program on our website about the 14 Ardsleyans who made the supreme sacrifice during WWII and who are honored with a star on the Roll of Honor in Pascone Park.

In the Fall, we participated in the Village's "Welcome Back Ardsley" event in Pascone Park; our table was visited by many of our residents who enjoyed looking at some of the old high school yearbooks and other memorabilia.

An especially enjoyable part of our work is discovering that items in our archives or received by us have special significance. In late September, we discovered that the band director's jacket in our archives was worn by Joseph Greco, Ardsley's High School band director, at a 1972 international band competition held in Vienna, Austria, that Ardsley won. After tedious research, including locating past band members, we were able to offer enough information and several photographs to create a calendar page in our 2023 Calendar honoring the band's achievement.

Lastly, on December 19 we received an early 20th century leather fire helmet from a collector's estate. Uncertain at first, it was determined that the helmet was indeed an Ardsley Fire Department helmet from the early 1900s, and it was donated to the Ardsley Fire Chief who has added it to their display case on the second floor of the fire house.

As always, the Village Historian and I have continued to respond to inquiries from current and former village residents. These inquiries include requests for information and pictures about past events, their ancestors, and their homes. Our archives have been a great resource in responding to these inquiries and we welcome the inquiries.

Our Society, in addition to its core mission, has extended itself to support two other important ongoing historical projects that will ultimately highlight the Ardsley School District area's strong connection to the Revolutionary War. One is the ongoing Odell House Restoration, where General Rochambeau was headquartered and regularly met with George Washington and his officer during the six-week long encampment our area. Included in our efforts are our communication of updates on the progress of the restoration and the launch on

You Tube of the latest video, *Westchester's Philipsburgh Encampment of 1781*. It was designed for use by Westchester students studying American History in grades four and seven, and also serves as an introduction for anyone interested in Westchester's role in the Revolutionary War.

During 2022, our organization has also actively supported the RW250 initiative (an organization that is working to promote events that focus on the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War) in Westchester. We've circulated links to their three new videos on Westchester's role in the American Revolution: "Revolutionary People: Patriots and Loyalists" featuring local acting students (including Ardsley's own Piya Kathikeyan, age 11), and on October 22 the Village Historian and I staffed a table at their living history event at Pierson Park in Tarrytown (Revolution on the Hudson) where we displayed some materials from our own archives, including pictures of our historical marker of the American Encampment.

I've referred to the historical markers several times and I've saved them for last since they represent an accomplishment that will inform and educate thousands for decades to come.

On behalf of the Society, I applied to the William G. Pomroy Foundation for approval for historical markers for the Ardsley Train Station on the Putnam Division railroad and the American Encampment during the Revolutionary War. The Foundation, which in 1939 took over from New York State the responsibility for vetting applications, requires primary sources to document whatever is noted on the sign, and the process takes many months. Both markers were approved at the end of 2021.

On April 30, a dedication of the railroad marker, placed at the Elm Street accessway to the South County Trailway where the Ardsley Station was located, was held with the Ardsley mayor, several trustees, and representatives from Westchester County government (including Mary Jane Shimsky) in attendance. At the end of September a QR Code sign was added to the marker which is linked to a web page that contains historical information and photos concerning the station which began service at the end of 1880, as well as photos from the dedication ceremony. Our thanks to David DiGregorio and the DPW staff for handling all of the installations.

On October 22, an unveiling ceremony of the American Encampment marker was held on Farm Road at the entrance to the high school property. Prior to the unveiling, Dr. Schoenfeld commended the Society for its efforts and collaboration with the school district. Following those remarks four members of the Middle School History Club and their teachers, Andrew Nappi and Sean Grady, read from an historical narrative that I had prepared. The ceremony concluded with reverence in comments offered by Mary Jane Shimsky and Susan Seal, leader of

the non-profit assisting the Town in the restoration of the Odell House, and Supervisor Paul Feiner. A video of the ceremony was produced by one of our directors, Pierre Fontaine; thank you Pierre, for your excellent production. A link to that video is included on our website as well as on the web page linked to the QR Code sign. Both markers are also now listed on CLIO (an app that shows places of interest in Westchester County and is maintained by the Westchester County Historical Society).

2023 has begun with our latest calendar which was mailed to all AHS members at the end of December. Among other topics, it contains calendar pages with information about noteworthy Ardsleyans, one example being Donald Moss, who designed U.S. Postage Stamps for the 1976 Olympics.

On March 19 we plan to conduct a live program about the Great Hunger Memorial which is located in Macy Park, and we are also attempting to schedule Mary Calvi to talk about her second book on Teddy Roosevelt's first love. We are also considering a program about Mark Twain.

We plan to add a search capability to our website so users can find specific information in our PDF documents (newsletters, etc.). We are also investigating a long-term project of digitizing the back issues of the Rivertowns Enterprise.

We plan to continue to support and participate in the RW250 initiative and the Odell House restoration. Two major events have already been scheduled: (1) on May 20 a mobile audio tour ("Follow the French Troops") to three locations: Yorktown, Smith's Tavern (in North Castle) and the Odell House; and (2) on September 29-30 Colonial Day, which will include a replica of George Washington's tent utilized during the encampment. Planning is underway for inviting younger Ardsley students to the tent raising on the 29th.

One of our primary goals is to build on our collaboration with the Ardsley School District beyond the Middle School Local History Club which will necessarily remain a focus, to explore ways to encourage students and teachers to learn about our area's history.

We would also like to obtain recognition for Adolph Lewisohn (e.g. a sign or a plaque) in connection with the new Village Garage, which is currently under construction.

Last year, our Society's efforts were successful in locating a memorial plaque listing the 14 young men who died in WWII. The plaque was the central piece of a WWII memorial park dedicated in 1954, located in what is now the rear of the Ashford Court Condominium. We are planning to restore the plaque and to discuss with the School District the possibility of installing it in an appropriately respectful place on the High School grounds.

Lastly, our youngest Board Member, Matt Arone, is developing a social media plan to reach Ardsley Class Reunion sites and other Ardsley related sites to communicate to them the benefits of membership including, for example, the photographs and information we have in our complete collection of yearbooks.

Of course, these are just a few of the many activities and endeavors planned for 2023.

The AHS currently has two openings on our Board of Directors as well as an opening for an editor for our newsletters, as well as someone who is interested in working on our archives. We also welcome ideas and articles for consideration for publication. If you have an interest in Ardsley history, please contact me for more information (Pete Marcus at 914-393-3222).

Of course, we are always happy to have new members. To become a member or to renew your membership go to our website (ardsleyhistoricalsociety.org) and under "membership" you can either pay by credit card or go to the bottom of the page and download our membership application, enclose your check and mail it to our PO Box (523). Our next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 via Zoom. All Ardsley residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Marcus, President

4. BOY SCOUT -SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 4.1 Boy Scout, Joshua Lonergan was present to speak to the Board about his Eagle Scout Project:

The proposed project is to install three (3) little free libraries at the locations around the Village.

Why should this be introduced to Ardsley:

- It brings the community together
- Allows a large variety of books for the youth and adults
- Ardsley is full of young readers
- Allows books to be shared instead of purchasing them brand new
- It promotes learning beyond the school setting

What will they look like?

- The libraries will look like miniature house

- They will be built out of standard building materials (wood, paint, screws, shingles, etc)
- They will be sitting on 4x4 piece of pressure treated wood
- The 4x4 post will go 2' into the ground with a concrete footing, covered by dirt (where applicable)
- A stable concrete base will be used
- All the libraries would be the same color (The color approved by the Village)
- We propose blue and gold to be in keeping with the schools colors

Locations are as follows:

- Lending Library #1-Silliman Park
- Lending Library #2-Village Green Parking lot
- Lending Library #3-Bicentennial Park

How will the libraries be maintained?

- The lending libraries will be made to withstand weather
- Each one will be outfitted with shingle roof
- They will be cemented into the ground (where applicable)
- Maintenance in the future will be performed by scouts

Mayor Kaboolian advised Joshua that Bicentennial Park is not Village property but does not foresee an issue with placing the library there.

Trustee Bencosme questioned who would be maintaining the libraries?

Joshua explained he is working with the Boy Scouts and putting a plan in place.

The Board will review the project and get back to him regarding the next steps.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

5.1 January 17, 2023 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2022 as submitted.

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. LEGAL

- 1.a Village Attorney, Robert Ponzini stated he had nothing to report but has been working on various matters. There are two resolutions on tonight's agenda for Board approval and is available for Executive Session after the meeting if needed.

2. MANAGER

- 2.a Village Manager, Joseph L. Cerretani read the following report:

1. OFFICE/DEPARTMENT CLOSURES: The Highway Department will be CLOSED on Monday, February 13, 2023 in observance of Lincoln's Birthday. All other offices will remain Open on Monday February 13th.

Refuse & Recycle Schedule as follows:

- a. Monday, February 13, 2023- NO Refuse Collection.
- b. Tuesday, February 14, 2023- There WILL BE Village Refuse collection.
- c. Schedule remains the same Wednesday-Friday.

All Village Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

Recycle & Refuse Schedule as follows:

- i. Monday, February 20, 2023- No Refuse Collection.
- ii. Tuesday, February 21, 2023- There WILL BE Village Refuse collection.
- iii. Schedule remains the same Wednesday-Friday.

2. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: We have hired a second crossing guard who began last month. We have received positive feedback so far and will continue to evaluate and pursue other the speed calming and pedestrian safety measures as mentioned in my previous reports including radar signs on Ashford Avenue and Heatherdell Road and speed control humps at Frances McCormack Drive.

3. SANITARY/STORM SEWER MAPPING PROJECT: Fred Cook is continuing to perform the closed camera television recording work. Over the past two months since work began, thankfully there is nothing major to report, which is good news. It is looking like the project will be finishing under the contract award amount. With the remaining funds, we will continue the project to other areas of the Village as weather and remaining funds allow. Our goal was to complete approximately 1/3 of the Village this fiscal year, but it looks like we may be slightly ahead of that figure.

4. NEW DPW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: The project is continuing to make progress through the winter. The warmer weather so far this season has

prevented any prolonged or substantial frost, which has allowed the project to continue to make good strides in an otherwise slow season for construction. The water tap of the service line will be done on Wednesday afternoon with the valves being inserted on Thursday, so we should have our water supply in by the end of the week. The footings are approximately 90% complete, and we have poured one wall so far this week. Contractors will capitalize on the current weather conditions and continue to make strides in the advancement of the project. Please visit the Village's YouTube channel, as we regularly post video updates on the progress of the project. Thanks to George Malone for his hard work in creating this visual history for us.

5. 2023-2024 BUDGET:The budget process is fully underway. I have met with more than half of Village departments and gone through operational and capital items with the department heads. The Tentative Budget will continue to develop over the upcoming weeks and will be delivered to the Board next month.

3. ABSTRACT REPORT

3.a Acknowledging Receipt of Report on Uncollected Taxes

Mayor Kaboolian accepted the following Receipt of Report on Uncollected Taxes under submission:

*Treasurer's Return of Unpaid
Taxes as of February 1, 2023
Village of Ardsley*

Fiscal Year June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

Budget Appropriation
\$12,158,317

Taxes collected by Treasurer through and including January 31, 2023
\$11,827,328

Uncollected taxes as of January 31, 2023
330,989

Total Tax Levy
\$12,158,317

3.b February 7, 2023 Abstract Report

Village Manager, Joseph Cerretani read the February 6, 2023 Abstract Report as follows: From the General Fund: \$117,291.63 from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$899.30 and from the Capital Fund: \$95,398.26, Sewer Fund: \$141,519.94.

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein 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: \$117,291.63 from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$899.30 and from the Capital Fund: \$95,398.26 Sewer Fund: \$141,519.94.

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Nancy Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.a Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- We had a very successful Lunar New Year celebration.
- Participated in a mock trial with Judge Rifas & Judge Morehouse with the Boy Scouts.
- Participated in the Holocaust event. The video will be posted soon if you missed it.
- Thanked the Village Manager and Foreman for replacing the telephone pole so quickly this past weekend.
- Attended NYCOM legislative session this past weekend.
- Will be attending an Assembly meeting on March 4th to discuss the Governor's budget.

5. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

5.a Trustee DiJusto announced the following:

- Attended the Lunar New Year Celebration
- Attended Westchester County Detective Association dinner-Topic was stolen vehicles.
- Attended a tour with the the Village Manager and Highway foreman of the new highway garage project and various spots throughout the Village.
- The Traffic Committee is seeking new members.

Trustee Weitz did not have anything to report.

Trustee Bencosme announced the following:

- The Climate Advisory Committee met the with Ardsley High School Environmental Task Force and they were able to talk about their concerns with the climate and climate change.
- March 4th-Ardsley Pollinator Pathway & Saw Mill Coalition Vine Cutting at 10am. Please register at the Pollinator Pathway website.

Trustee Edelstein announced the following:

- The Lunar New Year was a wonderful celebration and thanked everyone involved for making this event successful.
- Attending a very moving Holocaust event.
- Attended the reorganization meeting of the MDI. The committee will be sponsoring a mix of events and if anyone is interested, we are looking for volunteers. Please join our next meeting on March 14th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
- Spring Garden Festival will be on March 12th beginning at 4:30 pm at the Community Center.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- 7.1 Consider a Resolution Granting Permission to Hold an Outdoor Event Sponsored by Boar's Head Provisions at Ardsley Market Fresh 645 Saw Mill River Road

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the proposed request to hold an outdoor event sponsored by Boar's Head Provisions at Ardsley Market Fresh located at 645 Saw Mill River Road.

Any approvals should contain the following conditions:

1. **The date of the event must be determined at least 4 weeks in advance and must be approved by the police chief, highway foreman and building inspector.**
2. **The event shall not start before 10:30 a.m. or run past 2:30 p.m.**
3. **The business will provide employees to direct traffic in the parking lot.**
4. **The event area must be adequately sectioned off to prevent vehicle access.**
5. **The business owner will pay for a police officer to direct traffic on the road if it is deemed necessary by the police chief**
6. **The business owner is solely responsible for providing for the safety of the attendees.**
7. **The Village Board and Village Attorney should add any conditions that they deem necessary to the approval.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- 8.1 Consider a Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for Tax Override - Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 in the Municipal Building–Court Room, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York, to consider a resolution to override the property tax levy for fiscal year 2023-2024.

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, 2023 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, 2023 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.

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Nancy Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

- 8.2 Consider a Resolution to Appoint Deputy Mayor/Trustee Andy DiJusto to the Recreation Commission

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Ardsley hereby makes the appointment of Deputy Mayor/Trustee Andy DiJusto to the Recreation Commission, effective through December 4, 2023.

Carried by the following votes: 4-0-1

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: Trustee DiJusto

8.3 Consider a Resolution to Appoint Troy Roberts and Ed Gotthelf to the Service Award Committee

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Ardsley hereby makes the appointments of Troy Roberts and Ed Gotthelf to the Service Award Committee, effective through December 4, 2023.

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

8.4 Consider a Resolution to Approve Annual Certification of the Volunteer Fire Fighter Service Award List for 2022

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, in 1991 the Village of Ardsley established a Volunteer Fire Fighters Service Award Program, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of a participating volunteer fire company to maintain all required records on forms prescribed by the governing board of the Village of Ardsley, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with General Municipal Law, Article 11-A, Service Award Programs, Section 219-a.2.d, Ardsley Engine Company No. 1 has furnished the Village Board of Trustees a list, certified under oath, identifying those volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program for calendar year 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has reviewed the list of Ardsley Engine Company, No. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the annual certification of the service award list for 2022 and that the approved list of certified members be returned to Ardsley Engine Company No. 1 and posted for at least 30 days for review by the membership.

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

8.5 Consider a Resolution Approving and Accepting the Settlement of Anthony Coscia (Lot 5) 631 Saw Mill River Road (6.70-44-5)

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

WHEREAS, Anthony Coscia (Lot 5) 631 Saw mill River Road has commenced a proceeding in Supreme Court, Westchester County to challenge the assessments placed on his property for the tax years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, and

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenburgh has defended these claims, in conjunction with the Village of Ardsley, the Village having adopted the assessment roll of the Town, and the Town having now settled on the following terms, and

WHEREAS, the Ardsley School District as intervenor has approved settlement on similar terms, and

WHEREAS, after consultation between the Village Attorney, the Town Attorney and Special Counsel for the Ardsley School District, and in light of the settlements by the Town and School District, 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 without 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

Reduction

New A/V

2017	\$ 1,436,400	\$ 511,400	\$ 925,000
2018	\$ 1,436,400	\$ 501,400	\$ 935,000
2019	\$ 1,436,400	\$ 501,400	\$ 935,000
2020	\$ 1,436,400	\$ 486,400	\$ 950,000
2021	\$ 1,443,800	\$ 493,800	\$ 950,000
2022	\$ 1,443,800	\$ 468,800	\$ 975,000

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is authorized to compute and process for payment the foregoing Consent Judgement upon execution of all of the parties and “So Ordered” by the Court and service upon the Village of Ardsley.

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

- 8.6 Consider a Resolution Approving and Accepting the Settlement of Anthony Coscia (Lot 1) 645 Saw Mill River Road (6.70-44-1)

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

WHEREAS, Anthony Coscia (Lot 1) 645 Saw mill River Road has commenced a proceeding in Supreme Court, Westchester County to challenge the assessments placed on his property for the tax years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, and

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenburgh has defended these claims, in conjunction with the Village of Ardsley, the Village having adopted the assessment roll of the Town, and the Town having now settled on the following terms, and

WHEREAS, the Ardsley School District as intervenor has approved settlement on similar terms, and

WHEREAS, after consultation between the Village Attorney, the Town Attorney and Special Counsel for the Ardsley School District, and in light of the settlements by the Town and School District, 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 without 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	Reduction	New A/V
2017	\$ 1,591,700	\$ 191,700	\$ 1,400,000
2018	\$ 1,667,200	\$ 242,200	\$ 1,425,000
2019	\$ 1,667,200	\$ 217,200	\$ 1,450,000
2020	\$ 1,667,200	\$ 217,200	\$ 1,450,000
2021	\$ 1,515,800	\$ 115,800	\$ 1,400,000
2022	\$ 1,515,800	\$ 115,800	\$ 1,400,000

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is authorized to compute and process for payment the foregoing Consent Judgement upon execution of all of the parties and “So Ordered” by the Court and service upon the Village of Ardsley.

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

8.7 Consider a Resolution to Reschedule Board of Trustees Work Session Meeting Dates for 2023

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby reschedules the following Board of Trustees Work Session meeting dates:

- **February 15th, Wednesday**
- **March 15th, Wednesday**
- **August 16th, Wednesday**
- **November 15th, Wednesday**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

9. VISITORS

9.1 Murray Bodin Hartsdale resident had the following questions:

- Why are the flashing lights on the crossing sign on 24 hours a day? It's the sign where the bus stop is. Mayor Kaboolian will look into this.
- Do we still sign off the horn for the Fire Station? Mayor Kaboolian explained only for the Ambulance.

- The One Way sign by the Rite Aide entrance is bent and needs to be fixed. Mayor Kaboolian explained that this has been repaired.

10. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL ADVICE

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

11.1 Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley Hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, February 6, 2023 at 9:28 p.m.

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 2/6/2023 Ardsley Library Presents Saving on Prescriptions/Medicare Seminar 11:00 am
- 2/7/2023 Board of Architectural Review Meeting 8:00 pm
- 2/8/2023 Homework Helpers 3:00 pm
- 2/8/2023 Board of Trustees Work Session 7:30 pm
- 2/13/2023 Highway Department & Justice Court Closed due to Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/10/2023 Middle School Hangout
- 2/13/2023 Planning Board Meeting 8:00 pm
- 2/14/2023 Recreation Commission Meeting 5:00 pm
- 2/14/2023 Multicultural, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/15/2023 Homework Helpers 3:00 pm
- 2/16/2023 Organic & Awesome Lawns with Paul Tukey 7:00 pm
- 2/17/2023 Middle School Hangout 3:00 pm
- 2/20/2023 PRESIDENT'S DAY -ALL VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
- 2/21/2023 Board of Architectural Review Meeting 8:00 pm
- 2/28/2028 Special Election-Westchester County Legislative District 12 6:00 am-9:00 pm

13. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- February 15, 2023 Board of Trustees Work Session
- February 21, 2023 Board of Trustees Legislative Meeting

Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

Date: