**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014**

Present: Mayor Peter Porcino

Deputy Mayor/Trustee Gary Malone

Trustee Nancy Kaboolian

Trustee Mollie Monti

Trustee Andy DiJusto

Village Manager George Calvi

Village Clerk Barbara Berardi

Village Attorney Robert J. Ponzini

Recording Secretary Donna Fusco

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

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting – March 17, 2014

**Trustee Malone: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 17, 2014 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

1. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**LEGAL REPORT:**

Judge Ponzini had nothing to report other than those items that may be in Memorandum form and stated that he is available for Executive Session if necessary.

Mayor Porcino said there will be an Executive Session.

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**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

PREPARED BY GEORGE F. CALVI

FOR MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**:  Congratulations to the new Chiefs of the Fire Department:  Chief Stephen Kaskawits, First Assistant Chief T.J. Knoesel, and 2nd Assistant Chief P.J. Murray

**HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE**:  Good Friday will be observed on April 18, and Village offices will be closed.  The regular Friday trash collection will be picked up on Thursday, April 17, thus bumping the regular Thursday plastic and metal container collection off the schedule for that week.  Please heed this temporary change in the schedule so that you and your neighbors do not have to stare at garbage pails curbside until Monday.

**KING STREET BRIDGE:**  Work on the King Street bridge went into full gear this morning.  The road is closed to traffic between the hours of 8:00 am and about 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday.  Please bear in mind that the project is weather-permitting owing to the nature of the work.  Should it be cloudy with a light drizzle there will not be a stop to the work.  However, should there be a downpour no work will take place.  Owing to the unpredictability of the weather as of late, I kindly request that you indulge the workers on the street with your patience.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**: You may have also noticed that work on the former Water Wheel project went into effect last week, and much of the land has already been cleared.  Drainage work has also commenced.  As I am sure you already know 22 units are being constructed.  Seventeen will be sold as affordable housing units, and 5 will be sold as workforce housing with local first responders having top priority.  The one point I must stress this evening is this:  **THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY IS NOT MAINTAINING ANY LISTS.**  All marketing for the 17 affordable housing units will be handled by the County of Westchester. More importantly, the marketing on the units has not commenced yet at all.

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That being said, one can log on to the County's website, [www.westchestergov.com/houseseeker](http://www.westchestergov.com/houseseeker) to commence verifying your eligibility.  I must stress however there is no first come / first serve advantage.  At a date to be determined by the County a lottery will be held for all the eligible registered applicants from a pool covering the 8 adjacent counties

The County has also offered to handle the marketing of the 5 workforce units for the Village via the priorities adopted into the Village Code a few years ago by the Village Board.  It will be at the Village Board's discretion to accept the County's offer to handle the marketing.  Personally, I strongly urge the Village Board to accept the offer so as to take the burden off the Village staff who frankly were not trained as real estate brokers.

When the County sets up its marketing arrangements the Village will post all the available information on its website, [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com).

**NEWSLETTER**:  The March / April Ardsley Villager was released last week.  If you did not receive your copy, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Clerk at 693-1550

**BURGLAR ALARMS**:  Last week the administrative staff stuffed well over 500 envelopes with registration renewal forms to current alarm users in the Village.  If you have a burglar alarm in use at home, and have not re-registered for 2014, I strongly advise you to do so.  Should an alarm go off, and the police or fire respond, and then determine your alarm is unregistered, you will risk being summonsed.  For all new residents, the alarm registration form is available on line at [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com).

**PROPOSED VILLAGE BUDGET:** Earlier this evening, the Village Board held its statutory public hearing on the proposed 2014-15 Village Budget.  The Village Board has already held two budget sessions with department heads to review their respective proposals.  Those were on  March 31 and April 2.  Two more are scheduled for 8:00 pm, April 10 and April 15.  The budget sessions are open to the public as observers.  The Board has already scheduled a special meeting for Monday, April 28 to adopt the new budget.  Copies of the budget are available for inspection online at [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com) under financial statements.   A single hard copy is also available for review in the Office of the Village Clerk.

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**REASSESSMENT**:  Late last week we received correspondence from Town Supervisor Paul Feiner to advise there will be a kickoff meeting on town reassessment on Wednesday, April 9 from 7 to 8:30 pm in Greenburgh Town Hall.  The public will have an opportunity to ask questions about steps the Town is taking in its first town-wide reassessment since 1956.  This a golden opportunity for Ardsley residents to ask about the reassessment process, the timetable, who will be conducting the reassessment, and what will be the ramifications if residents deny access to a home for inspection.  For more information please refer to Greenburgh's website, [www.greenburghny.com](http://www.greenburghny.com).

**PERSONNEL**:  In accordance with the civil service rules and regulations of the Westchester County Department of Human Resources, the following is hereby entered in the official minutes:

The Village Manager upon the recommendation of Recreation Assistant Lorraine Kuhn hereby re-appoints the following individuals as skate park attendants at the hourly salary of $8.00 for the period April 7 through December 1, 2014:

Ben Lau, 45 Briary Road, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522

Cody Stern, 100 Woodlands Ave, White Plains NY 10607

Gabriel Natale, 87 Bellewood Ave, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522

Jordan Oglesby, 63 Secor Road, Ardsley NY 10502

Melvin Ward-Johns, 288 Ashford Ave, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522

Alex Figueroa, 18 Broadway, Tarrytown NY 10591

Katelyn Ferguson, 15 Victoria Road, Ardsley NY 10502

Andres Bayuelo, 508 Central Park Avenue, Apt 5204, Scarsdale NY 10583

Derick Leal Sanchez, 97 Bruce Avenue, Yonkers NY 10705

Isabelle Brinas, 2 Exeter Place, Ardsley NY 10502

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**AUCTION:**  The office received a number of inquiries today about the auction signs posted on trees just north of the Apple Motor Inn.  The wooded property north of the inn and west of St. Barnabas Church is owned by the New York State Department of Transportation.  DOT once intended to use it to straighten out the curve on Route 9A but it has now been designated as surplus i.e. no longer needed.  NYS DOT advised us late last week it is up for auction at a minimum price tag of $684,000.   The land is zoned multi-unit housing, and the successful bidder would be limited to building that kind of structure(s).  One can find more information about the auction by logging on to the NYS DOT's website at [www.dot.ny.gov/r8surplus](http://www.dot.ny.gov/r8surplus).  The auction is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23 at 10:30 am in the Poughkeepsie offices of NYS DOT.

Incidentally, whether the sale is consummated or not, the state has reserved the first 30 feet of the west side of the lot from the road edge inward to accommodate a future walking path that the Village is contemplating for some time in the future.

**Trustee DiJusto** questioned **Manager Calvi** about the signs being knocked down. Did the DOT change their mind about anything? Calvi replied that when the DOT spoke to him on Thursday, the signs were still up but they tend to disappear and further stated that it is their responsibility to monitor it.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Mr. Calvi read the Treasurer’s Report on behalf of the Village Treasurer Marion DeMaio. Mr. Calvi stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: The General Fund: $283,144.99; from the Capital Fund: $192,904.50 and nothing from the Trust & Agency Account.

**Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: $283,144.99; and from the Capital Fund: $192,904.50 and nothing from the Trust & Agency Account. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

**MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* Assessment and Reassessment for the Town Greenburgh on Wednesday evening
* Judge Schwartz is going to be speaking on Wednesday evening between 7-9 at the Greenburgh Library about the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team; if you are trying to decide, you have a choice between reassessment and Judge Schwartz speaking about baseball

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* We’ve been having our Budget Meetings; thanks to all our Trustees who have been able to make it.
* We had the meeting officially of the officers of our volunteer Fire Department; we had the dinner celebration and the ceremonial swear in; we had a very nice time. We wish all the best to our new officers.
* Attended the little league parade marched from Concord Road to McDowell Park

- Thank you to some of our representatives who were in attendance, the County Legislator, our Supervisor, Paul Feiner, our State Senator, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, our Congressman, Elliot Engel, our Congressman. All of them spoke including Mayor Porcino.

- The Village Manager mentioned the Ardsley Village Newsletter that went out last week. Hoping everybody reads it because there is a lot of good information about the Village, articles about prescription drugs and the safe coalition and a very good tip from the fire department about a key lockbox.

- Letter from Anonymous Village Resident regarding Police Officer Vacca.

*March 28, 2014*

*Mr. Peter Porcino*

*Ardsley Village Mayor*

*Dear Peter:*

*I am feeling very proud of the village of Ardsley as I type this letter. Why, you ask? Because the village had the foresight to appoint Tony Vacca as our police officer with a youth focus. I have known Tony for many years and my three sons feel close to him.*

*Recently, we had a situation that was very tense for our family and involved a cyber-bullying situation in our household. As my son and I spoke about it, I told him I knew just who to call…. He begged me not to call the other set of parents and I quickly replied “I am not planning on calling them; I am planning on calling Tony Vacca.” I knew that Tony was the perfect person to confide in and the person that my son would feel comfortable being honest with.*

*Tony proved to be very knowledgeable in the law and also the current situation with these types of instances. My son felt so much better when we left the station and to be honest, things played out exactly as Tony predicted they would. When my son told me that he felt relieved, I can’t tell you how relived I felt at the same time. Any parent who has seen their child scared can relate to what I was feeling thanks to Tony.*

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*As a long time resident of this community, I think that Tony Vacca should be up there with Riviera as a village resource!!*

*Sincerely,*

*Anonymous village resident*

*I would like very much for this to be read at a village meeting so Tony can get the praise he deserves!!*

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:**

**TRUSTEE DIJUSTO:**

4/4 – Attended the fireman’s dinner. It was an excellent ceremony and had very good food too!

4/4 – Marched with little leaguers

**TRUSTEE MONTI:**

- In March she had the pleasure of going with the Girl Scout Troops from Concord Road to the firehouse and met with the firemen and the chief.

**TRUSTEE MALONE:**

* Attended the firehouse and met with the new officers

**TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:**

4/4 – Attended the fireman’s dinner

4/2 – Spoke with Senior’s about Medicare Rights and Participated in Zumba Gold

Attended the Installation Dinner for the Fire Department

1. **VISITORS**

No visitors were present or called in

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1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. Resolution to close the Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Tentative Village Budget.

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014-2015 TENTATIVE VILLAGE BUDGET**

**Trustee Malone: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the Public Hearing regarding the 2014-2015 Tentative Village Budget. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. Resolution authorizing the purchase of an Aerial Bucket Lift Truck, and authorizing the issuance of $100,000 Bond

**BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 7, 2014.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE purchase of an aerial bucket lift truck FOR THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF $100,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $100,000 BONDS OF SAID VILLAGE TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.**

**Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the purchase of an aerial bucket lift truck for the Village of Ardsley, Westchester County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of $100,000, and the issuance of $100,000 bonds of said Village to pay the cost thereof. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution regarding Proposed Expansion of DeCicco’s Supermarket into 25 Center Street

**RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED EXPANSION OF DECICCO’S SUPERMARKET INTO 25 CENTER STREET**

**Trustee Monti: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby declares itself Lead Agency for site plan review and refers a request for an expansion by DeCicco’s Supermarket into a vacant space at 25 Center Street to the Planning Board for review and comment on Monday April 14, 2014,  and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby calls for a public hearing on the matter for 8:15 pm, Monday, April 21, 2014. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution regarding IMA for Video Recording of Statements Program for the Ardsley Police Department

**RESOLUTION REGARDING IMA FOR VIDEO RECORDING OF STATEMENTS PROGRAM FOR THE ARDSLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Malone: RESOLVED,**  that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to sign an agreement with the Westchester County District Attorney’s office located at 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, White Plains, New York 10601 to join the County in the Video Recording of Statements Program to enhance law enforcement efforts and prosecution outcomes by providing video recording equipment to local law enforcement agencies so that such agencies may videotape interviews and interrogations from beginning to end.  Such equipment will be furnished to the Village of Ardsley by the District Attorney’s office through a grant provided by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), for the term January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

4. Resolution granting permission to erect a banner for AYSO Youth Soccer Registration

**RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO ERECT A BANNER FOR AYSO**

**YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION**

**Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a request from Richard Bloom, Regional Commissioner, AYSO-324 to erect a sign or banner on the northbound jug handle of McCormick Drive in Pascone Park (formerly Ashford Park), advertising registration for AYSO Youth Soccer.  Such banner or sign would be in place from May 1 through May 22.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves of the erection of small grass signs at the several officially designated spots around the Village for the same period of time.  **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

5. Resolution to temporarily close Colonial Court for Harmonies for Humanity

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**RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE COLONIAL COURT FOR HARMONIES FOR HUMANITY**

**Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the request to close Colonial Court (South) in the Village Green on Saturday, May 31, 2014 [with rain date Saturday, June 7] from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm to enable the Ardsley High School chapter of Amnesty International to hold its annual Harmonies for Humanity event. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

6. Resolution Approving Attendance for SAYF Coalition Coordinator & Community Police Officer to attend CADCA’s Drug Free Communities Mid-Year Conference

**Trustee Malone: RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves of the attendance of SAYF Coalition Coordinator Theresa Del Grosso and Community Policing Officer Anthony Vacca  to attend  the Drug Free Communities–Mid-Year Conference in Orlando from July 20th– 24th 2014 at a cost not to exceed $4,800.00 for lodging plus miscellaneous expenses.  Such costs to be fully borne by funds from the Coalition’s Drug Free Communities Support Program grant.  **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

7. Resolution to approve placing of Little League Sponsorship Banner/Signs at Ball Fields

**Trustee Monti: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the placement of Little League Sponsorship Banner / Signs throughout the spring season, on the outfield fences at the McDowell Park ball fields. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

8. Resolution to refer a request to the Parks Commission for installation of a permanent scoreboard at Field 2 in McDowell Park

**RESOLUTION TO REFER A REQUEST TO THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR INSTALLATION OF A PERMANENT SCOREBOARD AT FIELD 2 IN MCDOWELL PARK**

**Trustee Monti: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby refers a request to the Ardsley Parks & Recreation Commission to review and recommend at their Tuesday, April 8th meeting to consider the installation of a permanent scoreboard at McDowall Park - Field 4.  Should the Commission approve the request; the Village Board will take up the matter at its April 21st meeting. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

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1. **CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Executive Session to follow the meeting.
2. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**Trustee Malone: RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, April 7, 2014 at 8:40 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously/**

1. **NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:** Monday, April 21, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fusco

Recording Secretary

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