

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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
	Incoming Village Manager	Meredith Robson
	Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini
	Recording Secretary	Donna Fusco

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**BRIEF POWER POINT PRESENTATION BY MR. VIKRAM SHARMA
RE: NEW YORK ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY**

Mr. Sharma had a liver transplant that was given by an anonymous organ donor from Poughkeepsie, New York, and as a result he is alive and well today. Mr. Sharma stated that due to the law, they do not put the recipient in touch with the donors. Since his transplant, he has recovered fully and is now dedicating all his free time to areas of causes of living. Being a computer engineer, Mr. Sharma is providing education on all the things that he does and promoting organ donation to our students at the Ardsley High Schools. Mr. Sharma explained how to register for organ donation. You can register when you visit the DMV, when you register to vote, or go online to at HateTheWait.org. Mayor Porcino thanked Mr. Sharma for the Presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – October 20, 2014

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, October 20, 2014 as submitted.
Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

LEGAL REPORT:

Judge Ponzini had nothing to report other than one real estate matter for Executive Session that he will discuss with the Village Manager and the Building Inspector.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT PREPARED BY GEORGE F. CALVI FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014

1. NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS: Residents are reminded that Tuesday, November 4 is Election Day. The polls will be open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Ardsley Community Center and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

On the ballot will appear selections for Congressman, Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, State Senator, Assemblyman, Supreme Court Justice, County Court Judge, Family Court Justice, Two Village Trustees, and Village Justice.

There are also three statewide ballot proposals regarding revising redistricting procedures, permitting electronic distribution of state legislative bills, and the Smart School Bond Act of 2014 to provide access to new classroom technology.

Biographies of most of the candidates and details about the ballot proposals are available on the League of Women Votes website: www.Vote411.org. For information about the elections themselves **DO NOT CALL THE VILLAGE CLERK**. Rather telephone the Greenburgh Town Clerk at 993-1501 or the Board of Elections at 995-5700.

2. NEW PHONE AND INTERNET SYSTEM: I am pleased to report tonight that thanks to the efforts of our Building Inspector Larry Tomasso and Village Clerk Barbara Berardi the cutover from Verizon telephone service and Optimum Internet service to the less costly Lightpath service has essentially been completed. Though the Internet service was down briefly, and there were intermittent interruptions in phone service, the transition in the administrative

offices, particularly the replacement of our 1998 vintage equipment, was relatively seamless. As for the police department, they are still working out a few kinks, but we are confident the bugs will be worked out shortly. Rest assured there has been no impact on E-911, and no interruptions in emergency responses.

3. VETERAN'S DAY: Next Tuesday, November 11, is Veteran's Day. The Village offices along with the Community Center, the Library and the DPW garage will be closed, and there will be no trash collection.

Residents who regularly receive Tuesday trash collection need to remember that their trash will be collected on Monday, **the day before**. If for some reason, you forget and cart your trash to the curb, please don't leave it there at the end of the day. Bring it back to the garage, your shed, or wherever you store it, and return it curbside on Friday. Your neighbors will thank you profusely. Please call the DPW at 693-0117 for more information.

4. IN OTHER VILLAGE BUSINESS: At Monday night's meeting the Ardsley Village Board:

a) authorized the Village Attorney to draft legislation to incorporate into the Village Code to address the problem of "double-wood" utility poles;

b) scheduled a public hearing for November 17 to consider an application to convert the former Cold Stone Creamery in the Village Green to a music training facility to be known as the **School of Rock**;

c) scheduled a second public hearing for November 17 to consider an application for a change of use permit to operate an exercise facility to be known as **Fithouse, NY** at 15 Center Street, Unit#1;

d) approved an agreement for a shared services study with six other municipalities regarding tax freeze compliance;

e) approved a request to erect a Veteran's Day sign on the southwest corner of Ashford Avenue and Route 9A;

f) scheduled a presentation on November 17 by Theresa Del Grosso, SAYF Coordinator regarding the results of a survey of the perceptions of teenagers on the risks of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use;

g) entertained a program by resident Vikram Sharma to encourage residents' participation in the New York State Organ Donor Registry. To register online, visit: www.health.ny.gov/donatelife

h) entertained a presentation by BRB Development illustrating visuals with a reworked drawing of the facade for a proposed storage facility to be known as **The Lockup** at 642 Saw Mill River Road, along with an enhanced landscaping plan

TREASURER'S REPORT: Village Manager read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Marion DeMaio.

Mr. Calvi stated the bills totaled as follows: General Fund: \$29,273.03; Trust & Agency Fund: \$2,025.00; and from the Capital Fund: \$6,053.54.

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$29,273.03; From the Trust & Agency Fund: \$2,025.00; and from the Capital Fund: \$6,053.54.
Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Attended Ridge Hill Intersection Committee; received update from Garrett Duquesne that he is pushing plans through NYS DOT, has met with State representatives and is trying to bring some closure to this matter;
- Spoke to County and got approval for bus stops;
- Wednesday night was Ardsley Day follow up meeting
- Thursday night attended a Village Officials Committee Meeting; topics of discussion included LED lighting for streets
- Elmsford co-partnered with the City of New Rochelle and got proposal from Company; Lumen Light Solutions gave proposal
- Pothole killer discussion going forward with experimental proposal
- Elmsford put in protocols to police for Ebola victims; Village Manager spoke to Police Chief; Putting in place protocols here as well
- Attended Ragamuffin Parade; Led toddlers from library to community center; they were treated at the community center to games and treats from the High School Key Club; thank you Mrs. Tina
- Sunday had the ribbon cutting for the opening of Slyce Pizzeria; there was music and free pizza and samples of craft beer; wish much success in the new location
- Attended the Eagle Scouts for the ceremony of young Mark Florkowski; young Mark is doing very well and he is attending RPI as an engineering student. Attended with Mr. Calvi, Mr. Abinanti and Mr. Feiner

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE DIJUSTO:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MONTI:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MALONE:

- Attended a meeting with the Library Board of Trustees

TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:

- Ardsley Day held at her house; each year it gets better and better
- Attended Ragamuffin Parade
- Attended opening ceremony of Slyce
- Attended garage sale; well attended
- Reminded everyone that November 9th is Oktoberfest at the Women's Garden Club in Dobbs Ferry; please call Mary Keehan at 914-693-4328 for tickets
- 11/9 – Tea for Two at the Library - \$25.00
- SAYF Coalition is continuing its red ribbon campaign
- Coalition is working on a survey and asked if I could find out what type of information should be presented in the future
- Yoga classes offered for High School students at Community Center; information is on SAYF Coalition Facebook page
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V. VISITORS

Visitor: Theresa DelGrosso, the coalition coordinator for the Ardsley SAYF Coalition was present to discuss the data from the student survey that was conducted last year. She has the results and offered to come to a Village Board meeting and present the student data. Ms. DelGrosso stated that the presentation will take approximately thirty (30) minutes which will allow some time for questions for the audience. Ms. DelGrosso also suggested that the presentation could be presented at a stand alone coalition meeting. She stated that she greatly appreciates the support that the SAYF coalition receives from the Village of Ardsley..

Mayor Porcino invited Theresa DelGrosso back for the 17th of November for a presentation at 8:30 P.M.

Visitor: Maurice Hyacinthe, Vice-President of HMM Management Company, LLC. who is responsible for the management of the Ardsley Shopping Center and the Village Green Center in downtown Ardsley business district was present. He presented two applications for change of use. One is for the Village Green which addresses the former Cold Stone Creamery location, Unit #3 in the Village Green Center. He is requesting approval of a tenancy for a business called School of Rock that provides individual and group training sessions. The second application is for the Ardsley Shopping Center that is for a business known as Fithouse which is an individual and group fitness training facility in the space at 15 Center Street, Unit #1.

Visitor: Janet J. Giris, Esq. and Henry Thomas, ASLA – Presentation by BRB Development

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Brief Presentation by BRB Development – The Lockup 642 Saw Mill Rd.

Janet J. Giris, Esq. stated that she was present on behalf of BRB Development and sent her apologies on behalf of her client who was presently in Chicago. Ms. Giris stated that she was present to ask the Board to declare their intent as lead agency for environmental review for the project and a review of the procedure that notice had been circulated and hopefully, when they arrive back in two (2) weeks, the Board can assume lead agency status and can continue with the review of the application and also in addition refer the application out to the various boards. Ms. Giris stated that subsequently, an application was filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals for an area variance of the height and also asked permission to utilize the B-2 district regulations of the rear property as R-1.

Mayor Porcino received a letter from the DEC and it was stated that no one else present received the letter. It was stated there were some concerns about the Saw Mill Parkway in the back of the proposed new building. Mr. Thomas described the drawings to the Board and questions and answers were discussed in detail. Ms. Giris concluded with that they will be back before the Planning Board and the Board of Architectural Review in the month of November.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding double wood utility poles

2. Resolution regarding request to erect Veteran Day sign

**RESOLUTION REGARDING REQUEST TO
ERECT VETERAN DAY SIGN**

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby grants permission to the American Legion Post #458 to erect a 4' x 8' sign at the southwest corner of Ashford Avenue and Route 9A in conjunction with the Veteran's Day Holiday from November 6, 2014 through November 12, 2014. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing to consider a permit to convert vacant space into a music training facility located at 718 SMRR from School of Rock

**RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING & DECLARE LEAD AGENCY
SCHOOL OF ROCK
718 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD**

Trustee Monti: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 8:10 p.m. to consider a request from School of Rock located at 718 Saw Mill River Road for a permit to convert the vacant space into a music training facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley declares itself Lead Agency for the site plan review. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

4. Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing to consider a change of use of permit located at 15 Center Street, Unit #1 from Fithouse, NY

**RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING & DECLARE LEAD AGENCY
15 CENTER STREET – UNIT #1
FITHOUSE, NEW YORK**

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 8:20 p.m. to consider a request from Fithouse New York, 15 Center Street, Unit #1 for a change of use permit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley declares itself Lead Agency and refers the matter to the Planning Board for review and comment. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

5. Resolution regarding the execution of an agreement for a shared Services study related to tax freeze compliance.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR A SHARED SERVICES STUDY RELATED TO TAX FREEZE COMPLIANCE

Trustee Kaboolian: Resolved that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby acknowledges that the Village Manager is executing an agreement with the Fiona Company LLC located at 26 Evergreen Way, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591, for the purpose of conducting a shared services study related to compliance with the Tax Freeze requirements for an amount not to exceed \$1,400, **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

VII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION. Executive Session to follow the meeting regarding a real estate issue.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, November 3, 2014 at 9:16 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

IX. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Monday, November 17, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fusco
Recording Secretary