

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Present:	Mayor	Peter Porcino
	Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Nancy Kaboolian
	Trustee	Gary Malone
	Trustee	Andy Di Justo
	Trustee	Mollie Monti
	Village Manager	Meredith S. Robson
	Village Clerk/Recording Secretary	Barbara A. Berardi
	Village Attorney	Robert Ponzini

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – August 3, 2015

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 3, 2015 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Special Meeting – August 13, 2015

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Special Meeting of Thursday, August 13, 2015 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Ms. Robson read the Manager's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT 9/8/15

1. Just another reminder that from now on we will be providing most of the information on Village activities and projects in electronic format, either on the Village website, through email alerts or through new social media platforms. I am pleased to report that we have just recently gone live with our Village Facebook and Twitter accounts! Please be sure to sign up through the website for our email blasts and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter. For those residents who would prefer to still receive paper copies of information, including newsletters and sanitation schedules, please call Village Hall and leave your name and address and we will be sure to send

the information out to you. We will also have hard copies of this information at the Village Hall, Community Center and the Public Library.

In addition to our enhanced communication opportunities through social media, the Village Board of Trustees will soon be operating in a paperless environment! We are finalizing the setup with our vendor and expect the Board to have paperless access to meeting materials in the next couple of weeks.

2. We are working with the successful contractor for the road paving project to get a schedule developed and begin the work. Once we have the schedule, we will post it and send it out through all of our electronic venues.
3. The road work project on 9A began today with installation of signage and it is expected to be completed by the end of November, barring any unforeseen issues and delays. Project updates will be posted electronically as the project progresses.
4. Bids are due in to the County tomorrow, September 9th, for the Ashford Ave Bridge. Depending on how many bids are received, it may take a fair amount of time to review the bids and make an award. Stay tuned for further updates. The project is expected to last up to three years.
5. 9-11 ceremonies will be held beginning at the firehouse at 8:30AM on Friday and will conclude at Firefighters Park.
6. Primary Day is Thursday, September 10th. Contact the Greenburgh Town Clerk at 914-989-1501 or Board of Elections at 914-995-5700.

LEGAL REPORT:

Village Attorney Ponzini had nothing to report other than those items that have been worked on with staff of the Village and may have been in memorandum form. Mr. Ponzini stated that he is available for an Executive Session if necessary.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. DeMaio read the Treasurer's Report.

Ms. Demaio stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: General Fund: \$214,149.15; Trust & Agency Fund: \$6,843.05 and nothing from the Capital Fund.

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: \$214,149.15; From the Trust & Agency Fund: \$6,843.05 and nothing from the Capital Fund. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We are entering into the new modern media stage and we have launched our Facebook page and we are now on Twitter

- Primary Day is Thursday, September 10, 2015 the polls will be opened between 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Preliminary analysis has been received regarding the Affordable Housing Workforce
- The memorial plaque is in the final stages for our former Trustee Beverly Levine
- Completed the new ramp at Bicentennial Park
- Remember “Movie in the Park” featuring Despicable Me 2 this Friday, September 11, 2015

TRUSTEE ANDY DIJUSTO:

No Report

TRUSTEE MOLLIE MONTI:

- The Parks & Recreations pamphlets were sent out
- Wishing all the students a great school year

TRUSTEE GARY MALONE:

- No Report

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:

- Attended the meeting with the merchants regarding the 9A widening project
- Attended the Senior Barbeque
- Attended the 1st meeting – WMOA
- September 9, 2015 Flu Shots will be administered at the Community Center
- September 16, 2015 Bingo scheduled for the Seniors
- Garden Club Meeting

V. VISITORS

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to consider granting permission to erect Village Garage Sale Banner

RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO ERECT VILLAGE GARAGE SALE BANNER

Trustee Di Justo: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby grants permission for the Ardsley Park & Recreation Department to erect a banner on the split-rail fence in the jug handle of McCormick Drive at Pascone Park, and a second banner on the guardrail at the southwest corner of Ashford Avenue and Route 9A from September 14th to October 26th to promote the Annual Village Garage Sale scheduled for October 17th with the rain date scheduled for October 24th. **Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution to consider granting permission to erect "Open House" Signs

RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO ERECT "OPEN HOUSE" SIGNS

Trustee Monti: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby grants permission for the Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps to erect signs on the split-rail fence in the jug handle of McCormick Drive at Pascone Park, and a second sign on the guardrail at the southwest corner of Ashford Avenue and Route 9A. The signs will be erected approximately September 9, 2015 and will be removed on October 18, 2015. **Seconded by Trustee Di Justo and passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution to consider granting permission to erect Cub Scouts recruitment banner and signs

RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO CUB SCOUTS TO ERECT RECRUITMENT BANNER AND SIGNS – 2015

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby grants permission to Ardsley Cub Scouts Pack 3 to erect a recruitment banner on the guardrail at the corner of Ashford Avenue and 9A from September 9, 2015 through September 22, 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the smaller recruitment signs be permitted at established locations for the same period of time. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

4. Resolution to transfer monies from the General Fund to Capital Fund for Road Paving Project

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL FUND FOR ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley modifies the 2015-2015 Village Budget by authorizing the Village Treasurer to transfer the amount of \$87,325 from the General Fund line item 001.5100.448 to the Capital Fund line item 006,5110,0200.000 for Road Paving Project. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

1. Discussion regarding Affordable Care Act

Village Manager Robson addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the ability to implement the Affordable Care Act with tracking employees and making sure that the Village of Ardsley is in compliance with the law. Ms. Robson also stated that she has significant concerns about the individual reporting requirements and the penalties that we could incur. We could be assessed as much as \$13,000 a day. We have received two separate proposals from vendors who have the ability to assist us with the requirements. We also talked with ADP and other payroll companies to see if they can assist us with these requirements and are waiting to receive information from them. Ms. Robson recommends the \$8,500 vendor who could do the reporting as well as to assist us in all areas such as education, training, Cadillac tax etc. Our Village Treasurer also shared her concerns regarding this. Ms. Robson feels that she is not confident that we have the in-house capability of reporting this information. She has reached out to some of her colleagues who also feel the same way. Many other municipalities have hired a consultant to handle this.

Mayor Porcino feels that he is not comfortable spending this money when we can do this in house. Even though there are deadlines to meet with the vendors the board feels that they should wait.

After a lengthy discussion the Mayor and Board decided to table this for the next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2015 so we can receive additional information before we make a decision.

2. Discussion regarding 9A parking (duration of project)

Mayor Porcino read an email from Patricia Hoffman into the record.

All

I am unsure if I will be able to make the Board meeting this evening. Please accept this email as my Visitors' Section contribution to concerns regarding the plans for the pending construction

- 1. All parking fees in the Village should be suspended for the duration of the project.*
- 2. All parking restrictions (time limits, loading zones, and no parking) should be strictly enforced. APD should issue summons to EVERYONE who illegally parks and violates code.*
- 3. Parking meters should be covered with message on cover stating fee suspended but TIME RESTRICTIONS will be strictly enforced. Tires should be marked and drivers ticketed for overtime parking during construction.*
- 4. Could the Village take Westchester Garage property for the duration of construction for emergency parking (payment made by Ridge Hill)?*
- 5. Additional police officers on overtime every shift when construction active for parking enforcement, traffic control paid for by Ridge Hill. This benefits, residents, merchants and APD with no cost to Ardsley budget.*
- 6. Review of southbound parking. Last plans viewed by TPPCS committee had no loss of parking spaces on south side of road. (In front of Madaba Deli and Hardware)*
- 7. Suggest weekly updates to merchants and residents (scheduled weekly meetings) to keep abreast of progress and address any issues that come up.*

*Thank you
Patricia Hoffman*

Frank Doherty from the TPPCS Committee asked the Village Board and Village Manager if they can schedule meetings with the merchants every week to keep them up to date regarding the 9A project. He also requested a schedule of the different phases of the project.

Ms. Robson responded we will be able to send updates on our email blast, Facebook and twitter to keep residents and merchants up to date regarding this project.

Mayor asked Ms. Robson about the signage. Ms. Robson did respond that they were in the process putting up road work signs on 9A.

Ms. Robson stated the bulk of the project will be across 9A and down to CVS which is Phase I. Phase II is the final touches of the work and cleanup Phase 3 is just cleanup.

Ms. Robson advised the board the (10) ten parking spaces that are located in Legion Park will be removed for the road widening project. Ms. Robson stated that she had spoken with Rick Thompson and Chief Califano to discuss where we could install parking spaces to replace the ones in Legion Park. They recommended to install (12) twelve parking spaces on Ridge Road and one more space on Center Street.

Trustee Kaboolian stated that we should contact the owner at the Paul Anthony building on American Legion Drive to use their parking lot. Maybe this could be useful to the merchants as well.

Frank Doherty inquired if there is an inspector that will be overseeing the project. Ms. Robson replied yes the Town of Greenburgh is in the process of hiring a full time inspector and the Department of Transportation has an inspector that will be on the site periodically.

VIII. **CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board will convene into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 9:40 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

IX. **NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:** Monday, September 21, 2015 at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara A. Berardi, Village Clerk/Recording Secretary