

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

Present:	Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
	Deputy Mayor	Trustee
	Trustee	Andy DiJusto
	Trustee	Joann D’Emilio
	Trustee	Steve Edelstein
		Evan Yager
	Village Manager	Meredith S. Robson
	Village Clerk	Ann Marie Rocco
	Village Attorney	Robert Ponzini

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

***MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DOROTHY KAUFMAN**

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JORDAN WACHTELL & ERIC GOLDBERG

SWEARING IN OF DETECTIVE DANIEL TARANTINO TO POLICE SERGEANT

PEDESTRIANS SAFETY SOLUTION PRESENTATIONS

The following Ardsley students presented a sidewalk safety presentation titled “Cross-E-Road”:

- Maitry Brahmabhatt
- Aditri Inamdar
- Navmika Naresh
- Devaki Inamdar

The students spoke about an infrared lighted sensor being placed on a pole. These students feel that this project could solve one of our biggest problems, pedestrian safety. The sensor is small and inexpensive. The team explained that after school there a lot of kids that go into town and ignore the pedestrian safety light. With this sensor the device is automatically detected and kids will not have to press the button.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT-PETER MARCUS

President, Peter Marcus read the following 2019 annual report:

During 2019 the Ardsley Historical Society (AHS) was very active in the Ardsley community. Last year we had 144 dues paying members, 22 of whom were new members and including 31 former residents who have moved out of the Ardsley area. Our 2019 calendar featured individuals who had made significant contributions to the Village of Ardsley. Our

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Spring/Summer newsletter was mailed on July 9 to all village residents. The topics included Ardsley's Baseball Dynasty: 1986-89 (by Matt Arone), an interview with Heeral Mehta: Working toward Social Justice (by George Calvi), The Day President Taft came to Ardsley (by Walter Schwartz), the Legacy of Arthur Silliman (by G. Calvi), Ardsley Residents I have known (by G. Calvi): Louis Cillo, Christine Verber and Dan Kelly; Ardsley Village Managers, Origin of Street & Place Names (by G. Calvi): Chimney Pot Lane, Powderhorn Road and Flintlock Lane.

During 2019 we presented four programs to Village residents and all programs were very well attended. On April 7 Patrick Raftery presented "An Historical Tour of Westchester via Postcards." On April 27 Mary Calvi presented a program related to her novel, *Dear George, Dear Mary*. On October 6 Kent Patterson presented a program related to his book, *Rails Around Westchester County* which included pictures and discussion of the Putnam Division train that ran through Ardsley. Finally on Nov 17 Walter Schwartz presented a talk on the "Presidents and Mayors of Ardsley – the First 100 Years." This program was held in the Board room of Village Hall so the audience could view the pictures of these officials that were displayed on the wall.

On December 5 I presented an interactive program to the second graders at Concord Road School. We discussed what life was like in Ardsley over 100 years ago and how different that was from life in Ardsley today. We discussed how Ardsley got its name, the cucumber industry, how the railroad helped Ardsley transition from a farming community to a residential one and the early schools in Ardsley. I believe that the students came away with an appreciation of how much easier their lives are in today's world.

Last year we expanded our presence on social media by periodically updating our Facebook page which contains an assortment of pictures as well as announcements of our upcoming events. In July Erich Hartmann helped us create a "Then & Now" section on our Facebook page. We have since used that section to feature pictures from the past juxtaposed with their current locations. To date we have featured Big Top (1971), the Firehouse (1973) and the Methodist Church (1847). We also are continuing to use Burbio to post the dates for our Board meetings and programs.

We have continued to maintain our archives and expand our digital inventory as people continued to make donations of articles, photographs, and other memorabilia as well as monetary contributions. An Ardsley college student (Elizabeth Fontaine) was an immense help in that regard. During her summer break (June to September) she worked 60 hours and she scanned the contents of the remaining seven photo boxes (several thousand pictures) and uploaded them to our Cloud site (SmugMug). She also scanned the calendar photos (2013-19). In the Fall a high school volunteer (Luke Farberman) finished scanning the remaining calendar photos (1988-2012). These accomplishments will facilitate future retrieval of these pictures as well as helping to preserve them.

During 2019 our organization has 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 have participated in several planning sessions as well as attended several of their programs. In 2020 we look to continue that support as well as support for the Odell House restoration efforts. In December the Town of Greenburgh received a \$600K matching grant from NY State.

We have been closely monitoring the plans for the Paul Anthony building as they relate to the WWI & WWII plaques on the front of the building. The American Legion (Post 458) is considering building stands for the plaques as part of a display in Pascone Park. However the Historical Society feels that placing the plaques in front of Village Hall would be a much more visible location and also vandalism would be less likely to occur.

The Village has indicated their desire to dispose of the Board meeting tapes from 1988 to 1999 to free up space. Rob Wooten contacted George Calvi about giving them to the Historical Society. AHS Board members want to obtain more information about these tapes before we make a decision.

The AHS president (Pete Marcus) and the Village Historian (Rob Pellegrino) 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.

We have already begun implementing some of our plans for 2020. This year's calendar featured buildings and locations in Ardsley using a "then & now" format. The calendar was distributed to all AHS members during Dec 30-Jan 3. Our next newsletter is in progress. It will contain articles about Irene Beasley, Lucille Engel and Joseph A. Bachmann, the only Ardsley Police officer who died while on duty. We plan to have our next newsletter ready by Spring.

In the coming year we hope to obtain some type of recognition for Adolph Lewisohn in connection with the construction of the new Village Garage which will be done on a portion of his former estate. We feel that the access road from Heatherdell should be renamed Lewisohn Lane (from the current Wild Flowers Lane) and that a plaque describing his legacy should also be displayed on the property.

We would also like to work with the Ardsley Library to establish a book club for those interested in reading books about history.

The AHS has some specific staffing needs. If anyone has any of the following skills and is willing to volunteer some time please contact me (Pete Marcus at 914-393-3222) for more information:

1. Web Master: to maintain and enhance our website
2. PC Technical Skills: for expanding the digital inventory of our archives

We also have an opening on our Board of Directors. If you have an interest in Ardsley history, please contact me for more information. Of course we are always happy to have new members. To become a member go to our website (ardsleyhistoricalsociety.org) and under “support” 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 25 at 7:30 in the Ardsley Public Library. All Ardsley residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Marcus, President

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – January 21, 2020

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2020 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Yager and passed unanimously.**

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

LEGAL REPORT: Village Attorney Ponzini stated there is nothing to report other than the matters that may have been submitted in memorandum form and stated that he would be available for Executive Session if needed.

MANAGER’S REPORT –February 3, 2020

Village Manager, Meredith S. Robson read the following report:

Village Hall Closing: Village Offices will be closed on Wednesday, February 12th and Monday, February 17th in observance of President Lincoln’s and President Washington’s Birthdays. All recyclables will be collected on Thursday, February 13th and entire Village refuse collection will be on Tuesday, February 18th.

Please refer to the Sanitation Schedule posted on the Village’s website at www.ardsleyvillage.com.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Acknowledging Receipt of Report on Uncollected Taxes:

Mayor Kaboolian stated that the Report of Uncollected Taxes will be accepted under submission.

Village Manager, Meredith S. Robson read the Treasurer's Report for February 3, 2020:

Ms. Robson stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$83,444.75; from the Capital Fund: \$00.00; Trust & Agency Fund: \$3,215.87.

Trustee D'Emilio: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$83,444.75 from the Capital Fund: \$00.00; Trust & Agency Fund: \$3,215.87. **Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: No Report

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No Report

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No Report.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- The Lunar New Year was a fabulous event and thanked everyone that was involved in planning this event.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE DIJUSTO:

- Lunar New Year event was well attended and was a fantastic event.

TRUSTEE YAGER:

- The Environmental meeting will take place on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

TRUSTEE D'EMILIO:

- The Library Board of Trustees is looking for a new board member.
- The Library is having a book sale on February 27th, 28th & 29th during normal business.
- The SAYF Coalition is having a talent show fundraiser on February 29th. To purchase tickets please visit www.showtix4u.com

TRUSTEE EDELSTEIN:

- The Ardsley Multicultural Committee will be hosting “A Circle of Drums” on February 20th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

VISITORS:

Armen Boyajian, 486 Ashford Avenue, spoke about street signage on 9A and Ashford Avenue. Mr. Boyajian also stated that he is working on the power pole project. Once he has the pictures he will present them to the Board.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a Resolution Promoting Detective Daniel Tarantino Police Sergeant

**RESOLUTION PROMOTING DETECTIVE DANIEL TARANTINO TO
POLICE SERGEANT**

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby promotes Detective Daniel Tarantino to the position of Police Sergeant, at the annual salary of \$126,907, effective February 3, 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the civil service rules of the Westchester County Department of Human Resources such appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 and not more than 52 weeks. **Seconded by Trustee Yager and passed 4-0-1 Trustee D’Emilio abstained.**

2. Consider a resolution to Approve Annual Certification of the Volunteer Fire Fighter Service Award List for 2019

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF THE VOLUNTEER
FIRE FIGHTER SERVICE AWARD LIST FOR 2019**

Trustee Edelstein: 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
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Trustees a list, certified under oath, identifying those volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program for calendar year 2019, 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 2019 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.

Seconded by Trustee D’Emilio and passed unanimously.

3. Consider a resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing Tax Override 2020-2021

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TAX OVERRIDE

Trustee D’Emilio: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:15 p.m. to consider a resolution to override the property tax levy for fiscal year 2020-2021.

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, 2020 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, 2020 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. **Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.**

4. Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Sign an Agreement with CiviPlus for the 2020 Annual License and Service Agreement

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL LICENSE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT

Trustee Yager: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to sign an agreement with CivicPlus, located at 302 South 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, KS 66502 for the 2020 annual license and service agreement effective February 1, 2020. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

5. Consider a Resolution to Adopt the Cyber Security Citizen's Notification Policy

RESOLUTUION TO ADOPT THE CYBER SECURITY CITIZEN'S NOTIFICATION POLICY

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts the Cyber Security Citizen's Notification Policy, effective immediately. **Seconded by Trustee Yager and passed unanimously.**

6. Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Sign an Amendment to Agreement for Services Between the Village of Ardsley & PACE University

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY AND PACE UNIVERSITY

Trustee Edelstein: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to sign an amendment to the agreement for services between PACE University for its Elisabeth Haub School of Law's Land Use Law Center (PACE) and the Village of Ardsley effective immediately. **Seconded by Trustee D'Emilio and passed unanimously.**

VII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION. Executive session to discuss legal matters.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 6, 2020- Board of Architectural Review Meeting
- February 6, 2020-Conservation & Environment Advisory Committee
- February 10, 2020-Planning Board Meeting
- February 12, 2020 -Village Offices Closed-Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- February 17, 2020- Village Offices Closed-George Washington's Birthday
- February 20, 2020- Board of Architectural Review Meeting
- February 18, 2020- Village Board of Trustees Meeting
- February 26, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley Hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, February 3, 2020 at 8:51 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Yager and passed unanimously.**

X. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Rocco
Village Clerk