

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013**

Present:	Mayor	Peter Porcino
	Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Gary Malone
	Trustee	Larry J. Nardecchia
	Trustee	Nicole Minore
	Trustee	Nancy Kaboolian
	Village Manager	George Calvi
	Village Clerk	Barbara Berardi
	Village Treasurer	Marion Demaio
	Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini
	Recording Secretary	Anne Hohlweck

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 – January 7, 2013

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2013 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE REPORT:

Chief Mark Florkowski reported the following activities for December 2012:

- 12/01: Fire Department hosted a tour and birthday party for a three-year old Ardsley resident and friends
- 12/07: Officers and firefighters hosted the Annual Holiday Senior Dinner
- 12/14: Fire Department hosted a holiday party for the local Girl Scout Troop
- 12/24: Fire Department hosted the Annual Santa Ride

Mayor Porcino inquired about a fire over the past weekend. Chief Florkowski stated that a smoke detector went off in a local jewelry store during a repair. He said there were 28 calls in December for smoke detectors going off, and gas odors due to cold weather.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Emil Califano reported the following for December 2012:

- 101 summons were issued, 5 arrests, 21 reported accidents
- Attended the Wellness Fair
- Presentation at Ardsley High School on bullying
- Attended a session at Iona College on underage drinking
- Police department members distributed Toys for Tots within the Village
- Purchased toys for children at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital

8:00 P.M. – PRESENTATION – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 5/31/2012 - BY ALAN KASSAY – O'CONNOR, DAVIES, MUNNS & DOBBINS, LLP

Mr. Kassay reported that the financial statements for fiscal year ending 5/31/2012 had a clean opinion. He gave details on the opinion. He noted that it is the best opinion that can be received.

He stated that an Actuary must now calculate liability for current employees and retirees for post-employment benefits. There is an interest charge associated with this work. The General Fund is not affected. It also does not affect the budget process. He said in New York State this liability cannot be funded.

Mayor Porcino inquired about the change in terminology. Mr. Kassay discussed old and new terminology used by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and gave examples. He noted that no categories were changed.

Mr. Kassay stated that the Village has a 'AA' bond rating.

Mayor Porcino addressed the 2% Tax levy cap that the State mandated. Mr. Kassay said many municipalities throughout the State have over-ridden the cap. He said the 2% tax levy is expected to expire in 2016. Mayor Porcino stated the Board of Trustees passed the override at the last meeting.

Mr. Kassay said the budget was well prepared in terms of revenues, and was conservative. He noted that there is control over the area of appropriations. Mr. Kassay mentioned that Village Collections were very good.

Ms. Demaio left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

LEGAL REPORT: Judge Ponzini had no report. He stated that he was available for an Executive Session if necessary. Mayor Porcino said there will be an Executive Session.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT
FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013
PREPARED BY GEORGE F. CALVI

SIDEWALK PROJECT: Later this evening the Village Board is expected to approve a resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to advertise a Notice to Bidders for the Safe Routes to School project. This is the half million dollar federal grant administered through the State of New York that will create brand new sidewalks for us on the north side of Heatherdell Road between Farm Road and Olympic Lane. In addition to sending notices to a compiled prospective bidders list, we will be advertising in The Journal News and The NYS Contract Reporter. There will be a highly recommended pre-bid meeting on February 8, and the sealed bid opening will be on March 1. To date, those are the only dates carved in stone. Owing to the vagaries of NYS DOT's option to review the bids over 60 days, and the utility companies option to relocate the telephone poles also over 60 days, we estimate the actual construction will commence in late May, early June, with an outside completion date of August 1. Incidentally, the bid packet is available for a non-refundable fee of \$35.00.

SCHOOL TAX: Village residents are reminded that the second installment of the School tax is due on Thursday, January 31. For those of you who like to pay in person at the last minute, please remember not to bring your payments to Ardsley Village Hall. Bring them directly to Greenburgh Town Hall which is located at 177 Hillside Avenue across the street from Dannon Yogurt. Should you have any questions, please telephone the Town Tax Receiver's office at 993-1512.

ALARM & OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS: The Police Chief has asked me to remind everyone that it is time to renew the alarm permits and the overnight parking permits for calendar year 2013. Each permit is \$25. If you have any questions, please call the Police Desk at 693-1700.

LWV FORUM: Our local LWV representative, Christine Verber, informs us that on Sunday, January 27 from 2 to 4 pm at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, the League will be holding a forum called: "Democracy for Sale – A Case for Campaign Finance Reforms in New York State featuring a panel with representatives from the NYS LWV, the Brennan Center, Common Cause, and Demos. For information, please e-mail Susan Goodwin at sgoodwin5@optimum.net

COMPUTER TUTORING OFFERED: The Ardsley Public Library is offering a computer tutoring program. Thus, if you are looking to brush up on basic computer skills, or are possibly interested in learning how to better use your Nook or Kindle, please make an appointment with a high school student for one-on-one tutoring. Call the library at 693-6636, or stop by to make

an appointment. The program is available Thursdays from 6 to 7 pm, and Saturdays from 12 noon to 2 pm.

Mayor Porcino inquired about VHB, and the parking structure status. Mr. Calvi said David Smith has scaled down the proposal by \$5,000. Mr. Calvi noted that the State was looking for an indication as to whether there would be issues with the parking structure behind Colonial Court. Mr. Calvi stated that per David Smith there were no issues. Mr. Smith was authorized to go forward with the work.

Mr. Calvi welcomed and recognized Don Marra who, he said, has worked diligently over the past five years on the sidewalk project. He has reviewed all of the paperwork. Mayor Porcino also thanked Mr. Marra for his efforts.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Calvi read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Marion Demaio.

Mr. Calvi stated that the Trust & Agency Fund was reduced by \$36,000 (removal of contribution to Fireman's Service Award Fund).

The bills totaled as follows: General Fund: \$180,528.55; Trust & Agency Fund: \$8,443.20; and Capital Fund: \$154.80.

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$180,528.55; Trust & Agency Fund: \$8,443.20; and from the Capital Fund: \$154.80. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Trustee Kaboolian reported for the month of December, 2012 that the number of fees, permits, Certificates of Occupancy (CO), and Letters of Compliance were 42, for a total of \$16,785.00. There were 90 inspections.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Attended the work session on the project to widen 9A. Members of the land use board, TIPS, and traffic committee also attended
- Issues with the plans were identified such as the pedestrian crossing at Center Street and added to the Village's list of comments
- Participated in a conference call for Rivertowns Tourism Board. Dobbs Ferry, Hastings and Irvington have been involved for the past few years. A radio program and pamphlets are

available to attract City people to Westchester County to visit the villages. Ardsley is now participating in the advertising radio campaign and initiative

- Village Board of Dobbs Ferry approved the FEIS for Rivertowns Square
- The County is sponsoring free Flu shots for residents 9 years and older on Thursday, January 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Westchester County Center in White Plains

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE NARDECCHIA:

- Attended a Greenburgh Planning Board meeting as a non-voting member
- Seniors had a successful Health Fair two weeks ago
- Seniors breakfast was held last week
- Attended the work session on the widening of 9A. Will submit a drawing for job revisions that will be an Amendment to the Village's written comments

TRUSTEE MINORE:

- Attended the work session on the widening of 9A
- Update for SAYF Coalition/Youth Council - Wizards game will take place on Friday. Wizards tickets are \$18 and are also being sold at Ardsley Hardware
- Graduation ceremony in D.C. in February. Theresa Del Grosso and Tony Vacca successfully completed the year long CADCA National Coalition Training Program
- Next meeting for SAYF Coalition/Youth Council is February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center

TRUSTEE MALONE:

- Attended the Ardsley Environmental Task Force meeting
- Attended the work session on the widening of 9A

TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:

- Attended the work session on the widening of 9A
- Attended the last TIPS meeting regarding 9A. There was very good input from attendees
- No Ambulance Corps report
- Ardsley Garden Club will meet on Sunday, February 24 for an Irish afternoon from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$32 per person. Corned beef, cabbage, Irish soda bread, etc. will be served. Music will be provided

V. VISITORS: No visitors.

Mayor Porcino said the phone lines would be kept open for those who wish to call in.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: No report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to Sponsor Dance on School Grounds – March 1, 2013

RESOLUTION TO SPONSOR DANCE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby declares itself as sponsor of the Ardsley Village Youth Council's scheduled dance at Ardsley High School on Friday, March 1, 2013. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

Trustee Minore noted that the chaperones are paid for through a SAYF Coalition grant.

Mayor Porcino said the Youth Council has sponsored the last several dances. Costs have been covered by admission tickets.

2. Resolution to Approve Annual Certification of Volunteer Fire Fighters Award List for 2012

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF THE VOLUNTEER
FIRE FIGHTER SERVICE AWARD LIST FOR 2012**

Trustee Malone: 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 Ardsley Village, 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 2012, 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 2012 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the list be forwarded to the firm of Hometown Associates, 5 Orville Drive – Suite 400, Bohemia, New York 11716, c/o Gene Heeter, Sr.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts a resolution to approve the annual certification of the volunteer fighter service award list for 2012. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution Authorizing a Notice to Bidders for the Sale of a 1999 Crown Victoria (Police Department)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE SALE OF A 1999 CROWN VICTORIA (POLICE DEPARTMENT)

Trustee Kaboolian: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Clerk to advertise a Notice to Bidders for the Sale of a 1999 Crown Victoria – Police Package. Forms and specifications are available in the Office of the Village Clerk located at 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York 10502. Sealed bid envelopes are returnable to the Village Clerk’s Office no later than 1:00 pm, Thursday, February 7, 2013 at which time they will be publicly opened and inspected.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts a resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to advertise a Notice to bidders for the sale of a 1999 Crown Victoria - Police Package. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

4. Resolution Acknowledging the Village Manager signing an Easement Agreement with owner of 649 Ashford Avenue for future maintenance of the banks of the Sprain Brook

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE ACTION OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER SIGNING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH OWNER OF 649 ASHFORD AVENUE FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF THE BANKS OF THE SPRAIN BROOK

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby acknowledges the signing of an easement by the Village Manager with the owner of 649 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York to ensure that the Village of Ardsley, other governmental agencies, and or their subcontractors are enabled to cross over and on this area to perform required alterations, when necessary, for the restoration of the channel and banks of the Sprain Brook, as per a condition of the site plan approval of the Village of Ardsley Planning Board. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

Mr. Calvi noted that this property has been vacant for many years, and there was no easement on the property.

5. Resolution Authorizing Notice to Bidders Safe Route to School Sidewalk project

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR SRTS PROGRAM
SIDEWALK PROJECT ON NORTH SIDE OF HEATHERDELL ROAD BETWEEN
FARM ROAD AND OLYMPIC LANE**

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes a Notice to Bidders for the construction of new sidewalks on the north side of Heatherdell Road between Farm Road and Olympic Lane funded by the federal Safe Routes to School program. Bid forms and specifications can be obtained from the Office of the Village Clerk located at 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York 10502 for the non-refundable fee of \$35.00. There will be a highly recommended pre-bid meeting on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 11:00 am. Sealed bid envelopes must be returned to the Village Clerk's Office no later than 11:00 am, Friday, March 1, 2013.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts a resolution authorizing a Notice to Bidders for the construction of new sidewalks on the north side of Heatherdell Road between Farm Road and Olympic Lane funded by the federal Safe Routes to School program. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

Consultant and former Dobbs Ferry Mayor Donald Marra addressed the moving of poles. He stated that Con Edison and Verizon will not move their poles until a bid is awarded and a contract is signed. He said the awarded bid has to be sent to the Department of Transportation (DOT). The DOT projected a completion date of August 1, 2013.

VIII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session to follow the meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 9:07 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

X. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Monday, February 4, 2013, at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hohlweck
Recording Secretary

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Board of Trustees
January 22, 2013
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