

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

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| 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 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

A MOMENT OF SILENCE –

REINA GREENWALD

Mayor Porcino recognized Reina Greenwald for her volunteering, and her dedication and commitment to the community.

8:00 P.M. – PRESENTATION BY HON. WALTER M. SCHWARTZ, VILLAGE HISTORIAN – ANNUAL REPORT

**Ardsley Village Historian's Annual Report
February 4, 2013**

When I was appointed Ardsley Village Historian on December 3, 2012—fulfilling a longtime aspiration—I understood that it was a position that required no committees to organize, no meetings to attend, no reports to render, no budget to compose and no accountings to submit. However, both Village Manager George Calvi and I knew it was an office I would take seriously.

New York State law requires that a local historian shall be appointed for each city, town or village in the state, to serve, generally, without compensation. The duties of the office are to collect and preserve material relating to the history of the municipality, and to make an annual report at the beginning of the year to the local appointing officer and to the state historian of the work accomplished in the preceding year.

Inasmuch as I was only recently appointed Village Historian, I am here to report to the Board of Trustees on some of the projects in which the Village Historian will be involved in the present year, rather than the past year, and at the same time inform the public so that they may wish to participate in some wonderful programs.

March 2, 2013 will mark the 130th anniversary since Ardsley replaced Ashford as the name of our community, all because we wanted our own post office and there already existed an Ashford, NY upstate south of Buffalo. To celebrate that event, I am chairing a program titled, "Ashford, In Retrospect," to be held at the Ardsley Historical Society, on Sunday, March 3rd, at 2 PM, in the public library. I invite you to attend and learn more about the history of Ashford as a hamlet, and Ashford as an Avenue.

March 7th will bring another milestone anniversary to this area: 225 years since the Town of Greenburgh was chartered. Frank Jazzo, a past President of the Ardsley Historical Society, is Greenburgh Town Historian. In my new official capacity, I have accepted an invitation to attend a special Town Board meeting and reception on March 7th to commemorate the event.

May 29th will note 55 years since the Putnam Railroad made its last passenger run through Ardsley. Long ago, Ardsley had its own railroad station, transporting passengers and freight as far north as Brewster and as far south as the old Polo Grounds.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Ashford Avenue School Building, which opened its doors in 1913 to include Ardsley's first high school and kindergarten. Your Village Historian is organizing a program to celebrate that occasion and we have been assured of the full cooperation of the school district. The residents of the building, now a condominium, have been also invited to participate.

As in the past several years, I look forward to the annual visit of the Concord Road second graders to the Village Hall and our lessons on local history. As Village Historian, I intend to make myself accessible to any school group or individual that may have a question or curiosity about Ardsley's history. I hope to direct them to the proper channel if I am unable to answer their inquiry.

In addition to the activities and archives of the Ardsley Historical Society, under the leadership of Robert Pellegrino as president, and Bea Caporale and Theresa DiStefano as co-vice presidents, and the Village website, permit me to mention some historical resources available in the Ardsley Public Library:

Rev. Eli Quick of the Methodist Church in 1903 wrote a lengthy article about the early history of our community;

Arthur Silliman, former Village Historian, in the 1970's published a 3-volume History of Ardsley;

Patricia and Fred Arone in 1986 edited "Pictures of the Past, Ardsley, NY"; and

In 1996, the Ardsley Centennial Committee published "100 Years of Village Life, 1896-1996."

Many Ardsleyans may not be familiar with the Westchester County Record Center and Archives, located just up the road on 9A in Elmsford, open to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM to 4 PM, to research family genealogy, naturalization and marriage records, view maps and photographs, and peruse thousands of other old public and private documents and papers. As a weekly volunteer, I encourage you to explore its exceptional facilities.

Although every Ardsley resident is familiar with Macy Park, until three years ago, I had not known much more about V. Everit Macy than the fact that 100 years ago he headed the County Poorhouse. Now, I am privileged that the Westchester Historian quarterly magazine will in its March issue publish the research paper I wrote about this great citizen and humanitarian after whom Macy Park was named in 1933.

As Village Historian, I am presently assembling a timeline listing 100 historic events in Ardsley's history. And, it is my goal to pass along historical information through a regular column in the Village Bulletin, as space permits.

So, there you have it, the Report of the Ardsley Village Historian, prospectively, for the year 2013. I hope to have the opportunity to report to you next January on what we will have accomplished in this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Schwartz
Ardsley Village Historian

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – January 22, 2013

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2013 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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LEGAL REPORT: Judge Ponzini had no report. He stated that he has a matter to discuss and requested an Executive Session.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT
PREPARED BY GEORGE F. CALVI
FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

1. **SOME IRISH FUN:** The Ardsley Garden Club invites you to "An Irish Afternoon" of dinner and entertainment on Sunday, February 24 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church on Revolutionary Road. The ladies will be serving corned beef and cabbage, as well as Mary Keehan's homemade Irish Soda Bread. Guests will be entertained by Chris Brown's bagpipes. All are welcome! The cost is \$32 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 693-4328. All proceeds benefit community projects in Ardsley. Past projects have included the clock in Addyman Square, and the holiday banners on street light poles.

2. **SOME PRE-LENTEN FUN:** St. Barnabas Episcopal Church's Men's Group is sponsoring a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 12 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at 2 Revolutionary Road. All are welcome! Call 693-3366 for more information.

3. **LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY:** Speaking of February 12, Village Offices, including the DPW and the Community Center will be closed in observance of the 204th birthday of our nation's 16th President Abraham Lincoln. No refuse will be collected that day. The regular Tuesday refuse pickup will be collected along with the paper recycling pickup on Wednesday. Special note: the Ardsley Public Library will be open with regular hours on February 12.

4. **WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY:** The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19 because Village Offices, including DPW, the Community Center, and the Library will be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of the 281st birthday of our nation's 1st President, George Washington. Refuse will be collected throughout the entire Village on Tuesday. Should you have any questions about the refuse and recycling collections, please review your mailed 2013 Sanitation Schedule calendar, or the one posted on our website at www.ardsleyvillage.com. One can always telephone the DPW at 693-0117.

5. **WAYWARD RECYCLING BINS:** Owing to last Wednesday night's strong winds, recycling materials that had been placed curbside and not secured were strewn about the various neighborhoods making for a very messy situation. On behalf of the public works staff, when the forecast is calling for high winds, please make sure to secure your recyclables and/or refuse. You may want to consider holding them back until the next pickup. In addition to our staff, your neighbors no doubt will appreciate your efforts greatly!

6. **EAGLE SCOUT HONORS:** On Sunday, the Mayor and I had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Scout ceremony in honor of Joshua Montague at the Ardsley Community Center. A

member of Ardsley Troop 3, Joshua with the assistance of family members, friends, and fellow scouts, spent in excess of 100 collective hours replacing overgrown weeds with beautiful perennials at the entrance of Westhelp Greenburgh, a facility that provides temporary housing for families with young children as well as medical, substance abuse, employment, and mental health services. Congratulations Joshua! It should be noted that the highest advancement rank given by the Boy Scouts of America after fulfilling the requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills is the Eagle Scout, and only four percent of Scouts achieve such rank.

7. **WATER WHEEL PROGRESS**: On Thursday, the Village Attorney, the Building Inspector, and I had the opportunity to meet with various members of the Westchester County Planning Department and County Attorney's office to discuss details related to tonight's resolution calling for a public hearing on the Waterwheel development into affordable housing. The public hearing and subsequent resolution at the next Village Board meeting on February 19 will renew the approval the developers received a little over a year ago, and expired on December 5, 2012. This will be a prerequisite for a series of contracts to be executed amongst the County, the developer, and the Village before the Building Inspector can issue a building permit. The project whose construction is expected to take about a year will contain 17 affordable housing units and five work force housing units when completed. The central nature of Thursday's meeting was, candidly, to address what exposures the Village may have, and to determine what role the Village will be expected to play. The Village's role will be detailed in an upcoming 74 page IMDA agreement in the amount of \$735,000 for infrastructure improvements [sanitary sewer, storm sewer, curbing, sidewalks, street lights] which will include a provision for the hiring of a Construction Manager by the County to oversee the project on behalf of the Village. The \$735,000 will be funded with bonds issued by the County of Westchester with an outside date of fifteen years for retirement. The County also provided a model agreement from another similar project which our Village Attorney will adapt for our purposes known as an indemnification agreement with the developer of the project.

8. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY**: Speaking of affordable housing, from time to time, the Village receives requests to be placed on the affordable housing list. Since a shovel in the ground has not taken place yet the patent response to date has been please call us in the coming months. On Thursday, I learned that all such requests received in the Office of the Village Clerk from this point forward for the 17 affordable units should be forwarded to Rosemarie Noonan at moonan@affordablehomes.org who will be handling the process on behalf of the Village and the County of Westchester in conformity with the rules and regulations of the federal settlement. This will not be a first come first serve arrangement. Moreover, all requests will be certified for eligibility, and then a lottery will determine the actual occupants. The five work force housing units though will be handled differently. The Village Code already states that Ardsley volunteer fire fighters have first preference. Once the list of eligible fire fighters is exhausted then the other local categories in descending priority as detailed in the Village Code will be adhered to.

9. **CHAUNCEY SEWER TIE IN**: Later this evening, the Village Board will be considering a resolution for a permit request from Chauncey Estates to tie into the village's sanitary sewer system for three homes being constructed on Ridge Road and Eastway Road located in the

Town of Greenburgh just south of the Village border. According to section 165 of the Ardsley Village Code, the Village is entitled to a connection fee for non-residents in the amount of \$1,000, and an annual maintenance fee of \$50 which can be billed by the Village Clerk's office.

10. SRTS SIDEWALK BID PACKETS SELLING: At the last meeting, the Village Board approved the Notice to Bidders for the construction of sidewalks on the north side of Heatherdell Road between Farm Road and Olympic Lane. I am pleased to advise this evening that to date 8 packets have been picked up for \$35.00 each by prospective bidders. A highly recommended pre-bid information meeting is scheduled this week for 11:00 am, Friday, February 8 in the Village Board room. The bid opening is scheduled for 11:00 am, March 1 in the same room. You may recall that the project is financed with a grant through the federal government's Safe Route to School program.

11. CARNIVAL PLANS REFINED: Last week, we received a detailed schedule from Ex-Chief Ron Gretczko regarding the upcoming annual fire fighter carnival to be held in Louis Pascone Park. Though the equipment will begin arriving on Saturday, May 5, the actual first days of activity will be on Wednesday & Thursday, May 8-9 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The carnival will also open at 6:00 pm on Friday but remain open later until midnight, and will be open all day on Saturday, from 10:00 am to midnight. Sunday is the last day when it will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Ex-Chief Gretczko will be making an appearance to explain details before the Ardsley Parks & Recreation Commission which supervises the operation of Louis Pascone Memorial Park.

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

Mr. Calvi stated that the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: General Fund: \$31,134.62; Trust & Agency Fund: \$3,999.28; and Capital Fund: \$119.99.

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: \$31,134.62; Trust & Agency Fund: \$3,999.28; and from the Capital Fund: \$119.99. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

TREASURER - Report on Uncollected Taxes

Mayor Porcino acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report of uncollected taxes report as of January 31, 2013.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Attended the Pinewood Derby Race, and judged the cars for workmanship, colors, etc.
- Attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for Joshua Montague at the Ardsley Community Center

- Regarding refuse and recycling, if there is inclement weather, secure containers, or put out refuse and recyclables in the morning of the scheduled pickup day

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE NARDECCHIA:

- February 6 - Senior coffee and social
- February 13 - Valentine's party at the Community Center
- February 20 - Pizza party to be held at Irvington Senior Center. Busing provided
- February 27 - Concert and coffee to be held at the Ardsley Community Center
- February 6 - Attending Greenburgh Planning Board meeting

TRUSTEE MINORE:

- The Youth Council and SAYF Coalition upcoming meetings will be held Monday, February 11, at 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively

TRUSTEE MALONE:

- No report

TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:

- Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, February 5, at 11 a.m. at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Trustee Nardecchia gave a descriptive summary on the widening of 9A, and provided an illustration. He stated that he is seeking Board approval tonight for his plan to be adopted as the Village of Ardsley's plan. He will then send the plan to Thomas Madden for consideration.

Some points were as follows. He said heading north bound, there will be two lanes, and three lanes heading south bound. The center line was reduced from 3 ½ feet to 2 feet. The parking area and bus shelter will not be moved.

Mayor Porcino said he will submit the plan to the committee for their review. He said there will not be an approval this evening.

V. VISITORS:

Mr. Frank Doherty came forward and said the TIPPS Committee will review the plan within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Doherty supported Trustee Nardecchia's plan and commented that it should be sent to Greenburgh.

Ms. Diana Juettner, Councilwoman, Town of Greenburgh, said the Town is celebrating its 225th anniversary on March 7 with a Special Town Board meeting. She spoke about the chartering of the Town of Greenburgh. She would like representatives from each Village to come and be a part of the ceremony.

Ms. Juettner discussed having Restaurant Week from July 14 to July 21. She invited the Village to participate.

She said the Annual Greenburgh Day will be held on July 20 at Anthony Veteran Park.

Mr. Michael Kolba, John Meyer Consulting, PC, appeared for the applicant, Chauncey Partners, LLC. Mr. Kolba gave a brief overview of the project. The Board of Trustees set the Public Hearing date for March 4, 2013.

Mr. Armen Boyajian, resident, came forward and addressed tree removal work at Silliman Park. He said a professional tree removal firm estimated the cost between \$12,000 and \$18,000.

Mr. Calvi stated that requests must be put in writing and sent to the Village Clerk's office.

Mr. Boyajian inquired about rear-yard property maintenance. He commented that the property that abuts his property is overgrown with weeds, brush, etc.

Mr. Calvi stated that a complaint of this nature is to be filed with the Building department. Upon receipt, the inspector will go to the property and assess. If there is a violation, the building inspector will contact the landlord or owner.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing to extend Site Plan Approval – Ardsley Waterwheel Partners, LLC

**RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER EXTENDING
SITE PLAN APPROVAL
WATERWHEEL PARTNERS, LLS
PARCEL ID #6.20-3-7
(FORMERLY) SECTION 16, SHEET 1A, BLOCK 0000, LOT P4**

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. to consider extending Site Plan Approval, for the Ardsley Waterwheel Partners, LLC, Ardsley, New York (the applicant) pursuant to resolution adopted December 5, 2011 as per Section 167.3J of the Ardsley Village Code. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

Judge Ponzini commented that the sole purpose of the Public Hearing is to learn why the applicant is requesting an extension of time for the approved Site Plan.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing regarding request from Chauncey Partners, LLC for a permit to tie in the sanitary sewer system as per Village Code Section 165-14

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING REQUEST FROM CHAUNCEY PARTNERS, LLC FOR A PERMIT TO TIE IN THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AS PER VILLAGE CODE SECTION 165-14

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, March 4, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the request from Chauncey Estates, LLC for a permit to tie in the sanitary sewer system from the new houses being constructed at Chauncey Estates Subdivision, Ridge Road & Eastway Road as per our Village Code Section 165-14;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby declares itself Lead Agency;

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby requests the applicant to place \$5,000 into an escrow account for review and comment from the Village's Consulting Engineer. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution Appointing Police Officer - John Pignatelli

RESOLUTION APPOINTING POLICE OFFICER JOHN PIGNATELLI

Trustee Kaboolian: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the resignation / reinstatement of John Pignatelli and appoints him to the position of Patrolman Fourth Grade at the annual salary of \$60,822, effective Monday, February 25, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the civil services rules and regulations of the Westchester County Department of Human Resources such appointment is

subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 weeks and no more than 52 weeks, and that such appointment is contingent upon passage of a medical examination.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts a resolution appointing John Pignatelli to the position of Patrolman Fourth Grade, and subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 weeks and no more than 52 weeks, and that such appointment is contingent upon passage of a medical examination. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

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 Monday, February 4, 2013 at 9:07 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

X. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hohlweck
Recording Secretary