

Mayor Porcino opened the June 4, 2012 Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Present:	Mayor	Peter Porcino
	Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Gary Malone
	Trustee	Larry J. Nardecchia
	Trustee	Nicole Minore
	Trustee	Beverly A. Levine
	Village Manager	George Calvi
	Village Attorney (Substitute)	David Venditti
	Village Clerk	Barbara Berardi
	Recording Secretary	Lorraine McSpedon

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tr. Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2012, as submitted. **Seconded by Tr. Levine and passed unanimously.**

III. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Venditti stated he had nothing to report but would be available for executive session.

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

The bills for the past two weeks from the General Fund totaled \$142,992.08.

Tr. Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay the following amount: From the General Fund: \$142,992.08. **Seconded by Tr. Minore and passed unanimously.**

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Calvi reported the following:

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT
PREPARED BY GEORGE F. CALVI
FOR MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012**

1. ANNUAL GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW: The Ardsley Garden Club presents "The Village Green," their 49th Standard Flower Show, on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 from 2:30 pm to 8:00 pm at St Barnabas Episcopal Church on Revolutionary Road here in Ardsley. All are welcome!

2. VILLAGE GREEN & ADDYMAN SQUARE FLOOD CONTROL ISSUES: On Wednesday morning, Highway Foreman Rick Thompson, Deputy Highway Foreman Patrick Lindsay, and I met with NYS DEC representatives Steven Dong and John Harrington initially in our conference room to discuss some monies that the Governor's office recently allocated for flood control projects around the State. In Ardsley's case, the plan was to provide funds for a portable pump to siphon rising waters in the Village Green parking lot during storm events.

Still recalling horrible memories of the portable pump provided to the Village by NYS DEC back in the early 1990's I immediately appealed to the representatives at NYS DEC that this was not the way to go. I shared with them the story of that night in November 1991 when our Highway crew gallantly attempted to utilize that portable pump which was as clumsy as a revolutionary war era cannon during a northeaster. The device was ill-suited, ill-equipped, and just not up to the task of siphoning water over the flood control walls. Moreover, it was a very dangerous situation for our Highway crew. To reinforce my portrayal I insisted that Patrick Lindsay, who was part of that original crew, be present to confirm my statements. Long story short, NYS DEC was sympathetic to our remarks but insisted technology had improved since 1991, that the new pumps were lighter, more portable, more efficient, and a permanent saddle could be installed on the northeast corner of the flood control wall adjacent to Colonial Court North that would better control the siphoning hose. After huddling amongst ourselves, the Ardsley contingent said it would be willing to utilize this new pump, and the NYS DEC advised it would be happy to operate a test run with us.

Thereafter, we moved on to the real purpose of the meeting, and that was to have them take a second look at our sink hole problem at the west end of Addyman Square. Shortly after Hurricane Irene members of Army Corp of Engineers inspected the site and advised the Village that the remedy was not FEMA eligible because it was minor in nature and probably would cost less than the \$15,000 threshold. In speaking to several parties at the NYS DEC or anyone who was willing to listen to me, I told them that there was no way the repairs were going to be less than \$15,000, and that the problem was actually bigger than what the Army Corp of Engineers people had done in their cursory inspection. People like local merchant Scot McCartney and Rick Thompson had actually seen water gushing through the wall and flow northward during the storm threatening the basements of nearby buildings. Hearing this had alarmed me because the sink hole is a few yards

south of the sidewalk on the north side of Addyman Square; is three feet deep and a few feet long; and it very possible more of the street near the wall could be in the process of being undermined.

Thankfully, the NYS DEC representatives were completely in agreement, and even allowed that perhaps the Army Corp of Engineers crew may have been a bit hasty in their determinations. Moreover, upon inspection of the old grade crossing bridge between the two flood control walls the NYS DEC reps detected a fissure or crack between the old bridge supports and the flood control wall where high rising waters had the potential to spew out during a storm. They also conjectured that perhaps it would be wise to remove the old grade crossing bridge in the first place because during periods of high water it had the potential to operate like a damn and force waters backward particularly if debris was collecting.

Before leaving the NYS DEC representatives assured us they would do their best to quickly persuade Army Corp personnel to return and perform a full blown analysis of the problem in Addyman Square. As for the pump and saddle at the Village Green location that installation could be completed by the end of the summer.

Mr. Calvi mentioned that the tax bills have been sent out and are due by Monday, July 2, 2012.

Ms. Berardi read an announcement to the Ardsley seniors. During the renovations of the Community Center, the seniors will be meeting in two different locations: On June 5, 13, and 20 they will meet at the Ardsley firehouse and on June 27, July 11, 18, and 25 they will meet at St. Barnabas Church. Transportation will be provided by the senior bus from the Community Center at 12:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Questions can be directed to Ms. Berardi at 693-1550.

Mr. Calvi encouraged any questions regarding leaf blowers be directed to Ms. Beraradi.

MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Was not at the Memorial Day parade but heard good things.
2. Dobbs Ferry has announced some further hearings regarding the Rivertowns Square project. One is this evening at 6:30 p.m. and the other is June 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Dobbs Ferry Village Hall.
3. Noticed an article in the NY Times regarding a DWI which took place in Ardsley.

IV. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS:

Tr. Malone:

1. Attended the Memorial Day ceremonies.
2. Attended the Christopher Donoghue Eagle Scout ceremony.

Tr. Nardecchia:

3. Attended the Memorial Day ceremony.
4. The Senior Citizens' trip to Brighton Beach was a success.
5. Park improvements are being conducted including a bench and grove in memory of Lori Hunter.
6. Participated with the Ardsley Garden Club at St. Barnabus today in preparation for the show on Wednesday.

Tr. Minore:

1. Attended the Memorial Day ceremonies.
2. Had the first Ardsley Day meeting for the October 14th event.

Tr. Levine:

1. The Ardsley SECOR Volunteer Ambulance Corp. calls for May:

Total: 58 – Day 46, Evening 15, Night 3, Mutual Aide 10.

2. Attended the Memorial Day ceremonies.

V. VISITOR'S

Mr. Armen Boyajian, 23 Grandview Avenue, Ardsley, NY spoke on several issues including taxes, the retaining wall on his premises and the stream on Bramblebrook Road.

Mr. Steve Wittenberg phoned in to thank everyone for their participating in the Memorial Day ceremony.

Ms. Patricia Hoffman, 69 Bramblebrook Road, phoned in to question the progress on the Ashford Avenue bridge and also questioned if a meeting has been scheduled for an update on the Ridge Hill project.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

**DISCUSSION:
RIVERTOWNS TOURISM**

Mayor Porcino announced that Danny's Bicycles and "Life: The Place to Be" have reached an agreement for the bicycle rentals from Tuesdays through Sundays. This is part of the tourism initiative. There will be an advertising campaign in Phase I. In Phase II, merchants will be solicited to participate by donating maps, etc. The current advertising campaign requires a donation of \$500, which the Board agreed upon. Mayor Porcino authorized the payment.

**DISCUSSION:
NIXLE PROPOSAL**

Mayor Porcino explained that Nixle is a reverse 911 proposal. This company is currently being used by Rye Brook who were consulted as to their satisfaction with this carrier. The Board, after reviewing the proposal, agreed to move forward with this carrier.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A PERMIT TO CONVERT THE FORMER HOULIHAN LAWRENCE INTO A YOGURT SHOP TO BE KNOWN AS YOGURT BY YOU, LLC LOCATED AT 718 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD, ARDSLEY, NEW YORK

Trustee Minore: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 8:30 p.m. to consider a permit to convert the former Houlihan Lawrence into a yogurt shop at 718 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, New York (a/k/a 726 Saw Mill River Road mailing address of the storefront)

AND FURTHERMORE RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby declares itself Lead Agency for this site plan application. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE 2012-2013 VILLAGE BUDGET –

SAYF COALITION

Trustee: Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2012-2013 Village Budget by establishing new appropriation line item 4210.485 SAYF Coalition by \$125,000 and by increasing Federal Aid revenue line item A4989 by \$125,000 to recognize monies expended by our SAYF Coalition Coordinator, Theresa Del Grosso, and the revenues to be received from a grant supporting the program. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO ERECT ANTI-DRINKING SIGN
IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROM AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**

Trustee: Levine: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a request from SAYF Coalition Coordinator Theresa Del Grosso to erect a 4' X 8' sign, at the northbound jug handle of McCormick Drive, that reads: PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE YOU READY FOR PROM AND GRADUATION? BE SMART, BE SAFE. DON'T BE A PARTY TO TEENAGE DRINKING. KNOW THE FACTS. DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC, from immediately through Friday, June 22. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO ERECT A BANNER FOR THE
PARKS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a request from Ardsley Parks & Recreation Supervisor Patricia Lacy to erect a banner on the northbound jug handle of McCormick Drive, advertising the summer concert series in Pascone Park. Such banner would be in place from June 25 to August 27. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

Tr. Nardecchia discussed the site plan approval for Pascone Park and the landscaping being proposed as well as the memorials for Lori Hunter.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING FIRE FIGHTER ATTENDANCE AT
BALTIMORE FIRE EXPO 2012**

Trustee Minore: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves of the attendance of seven fire fighters at the annual Fire Expo held this year in Baltimore, Maryland for the period July 17th through July 23rd 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$4000 for lodging.

Be it further resolved that the following seven fire fighters each be provided with a food allowance of \$200: **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

Fire Chief Mark Florkowski
First Assistant Chief Joe Corvino
Second Assistant Chief Stephen Kaskawits
Ex Chief Richard Thompson
Captain T. J. Knoesel
Captain P. J. Murray
Firefighter Christopher Gallo

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Tr. Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, June 3, 2012 at 9:21 p.m. and proceeds into executive session. **Seconded by Tr. Levine and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine McSpedon
Recording Secretary