

Mayor Porcino opened the October 1, 2012 Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Present:	Mayor	Peter Porcino
	Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Gary Malone
	Trustee	Larry J. Nardecchia
	Trustee	Nicole Minore
	Village Manager	George Calvi
	Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini
	Village Clerk	Barbara Berardi
	Recording Secretary	Lorraine McSpedon

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HON. WALTER SCHWARTZ, VILLAGE JUSTICE RE: BEVERLY LEVINE. Judge Schwartz gave a tribute to Trustee Levine.

BEVERLY LEVINE

If Beverly had left behind some writing to summarize her own good work over more than 40 years in Ardsley, I have no doubt she would have done so in very few words. Oh, there would have been reason to write a whole volume, but Beverly was never one to mince words, either about herself or anyone else. With Beverly, what you saw and heard was exactly what you got. And we were never short changed. What we got from Beverly was "value."

In her own indomitable way, Beverly was direct, unequivocal, resolute and concise. She was also astute, dedicated, hard working and admirable. From my own observation, that was true whether she was in the audience at a public meeting or behind the table as a school Board Trustee, Library Board president or Village Trustee. In each of those responsibilities, she was alert, informed, prepared and ready to go.

I can't quite recall the first time I met Beverly, but it had to be 40 years ago. Maybe, it was at the station waiting for the morning train to take her to work at the Ford Foundation – in those days, she was one of the few women to commute to business in the City. Maybe the first time we spoke was while sitting together in the high school auditorium in the mid-'70's when the male dominated Ardsley School Board seemed to give greater respect to a man's opinion than a woman's.

It was Beverly who dared to actually step up and run for the School Board. When she lost, she ran again, until finally she was elected and took her rightful place, not just because she was a woman (only one other had ever

preceded her to the Ardsley School Board), but because she had something important to say and it hardly mattered that she was not an educator by training.

When the Village Board had an opening six years ago, it didn't need to look far for a replacement because Beverly had already been volunteering in the Village offices, taking on and completing whatever task had been presented to her. I recall Manager Calvi describing her one day in tow words: "consummate volunteer." And so, she became a natural fit for the Village Board, adding to it still another perspective.

Thirty years ago, when the Ardsley Historical Society was founded, Beverly became a charter member and later its second president. And, just a year ago when no one else wanted the presidency, she again offered to serve because she never considered volunteerism a burden, even when it carried with it the additional responsibilities of leadership.

Throughout the past 40 years, in whatever forum Beverly Levine ventured, whether you agreed or disagreed with her opinions or her style, you had to know she was always there, to step up to answer the call, to provide value. You had to admire her for that.

I did.

Walter Schwartz

A VISIT FROM HON. THOMAS ABINANTI, STATE ASSEMBLYMAN.

Assemblyman Abinanti gave an overview of recently enacted legislation, budget issues, the status of the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement, the state-imposed tax cap, the Ashford Avenue Bridge reconstruction, the impending widening of Route 9A, and the future of the recently suspended MTA surcharge.

8:15 P.M. – PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING REGARDING TRASH CALENDAR (CONTINUATION)

Mayor Porcino read the legal notice and opened the meeting for public comment. Mayor Porcino explained that the recycling will be increased and there will be weekly pick ups of both paper and metal/plastic/glass comingles. The last two garbage collection days (Thursday and Friday) will be combined into Friday with the goal of increasing recycling and reducing garbage.

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 September 18, 2012, as submitted. **Seconded by Tr. Minore and passed unanimously.**

III. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Ponzini had nothing to report.

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

The bills for the past two weeks totaled: From the General Fund: \$122,564.78 and from the Trust and Agency Fund: \$525.

Tr. Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to pay the following amounts: From the General Fund: \$122,564.78 and from the Trust and Agency Fund: \$525. **Seconded by Tr. Malone and passed unanimously.**

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

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT
PREPARED BY GEORGE CALVI
FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012**

1. REPAIRS COMMENCE ON ASHFORD AVENUE BRIDGE: Last Thursday a notice was sent to residents via the village-wide email distribution list, and a letter was mailed to all merchants, that work commences Wednesday, October 3, 2012. [Subsequently, changed to Thursday.]

The so-called "Band-Aid" measures for the Ashford Avenue bridge are upon us. The County of Westchester's contractor is mobilizing to make temporary repairs to the Ashford Avenue bridge commencing at 8:30 am on Wednesday. Work will be performed on the underside, on the sides, and on the surface of the bridge. This work will necessitate periodic lane closures on the bridge for about three weeks. Periodic detours for traffic off the Saw Mill Parkway and the NYS Thruway are also anticipated but they are several weeks away. Mercifully, the work on the highways will take place during the hours between midnight and 6:00 am.

The entire project is expected to take three months. As more details become available to this office, I will relay them on to you. What you need to focus on right now is that

Wednesday morning there could be a single lane closure on the bridge, and you should plan your trips to Dobbs Ferry and points west accordingly - in other words build in more time or seek alternate routes. Thank you in advance for indulging the construction workers with your patience.

2. MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGE: In the communication I distributed last week, I made mention that this is not the major rehabilitation of the Ashford Avenue bridge. That project which is anticipated to commence in 2015, could last two years or more to complete. I received some feedback from various members of the community who felt I was exaggerating a bit. Perhaps I was, but having lived through the Ashford Avenue project which took 10 years to plan (1989-1999), and a couple of years of construction to complete (1999-2001) owing to weather issues, funding issues, stubbornness in Albany, and contractor bankruptcy issues, I was doing my best to temper expectations. Nevertheless, in response to some of the remarks, I conferred with the County's chief engineer on the project. He advised me that in a perfect world with no labor problems, no financial problems, and no weather problems, the County is blocking out 30 months in their schedule to perform that job, far longer than I had anticipated. Now, when it comes to matters like this, I am perfectly capable of sugar-coating things as well as the next guy, but I think most people would prefer that I be as candid as I possibly can so that they can plan accordingly and move on with their lives, -- and that is what I intend to do.

3. RIVERTOWNS SQUARE FEIS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

A rather thick (about 2.5 inches) report arrived in the Office of the Village Manager last week. It represents the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the redevelopment project known as "Rivertowns Square" in Dobbs Ferry (near the Lawrence Street exit on the Saw Mill Parkway behind Chauncey Square). This telephone-directory sized document is available for public inspection in the Office of the Ardsley Village Clerk at 507 Ashford Avenue, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This document is also available on line at www.dobbsferry.com

The Dobbs Ferry Village Board of Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the FEIS on October 30, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Embassy Community Center (also known as the Embassy Club), 60 Palisade Street, Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

4. HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE: Residents are reminded that next Monday, October 8, is Columbus Day, and Village offices are closed. There will be no trash collection that day. Instead the entire Village will have its trash collected on Tuesday. Wednesday's newspapers recycling collection is not affected.

5. TRASH: While we are on the subject of trash collection, on the agenda tonight under Old Business is a resolution to adopt a new sanitation schedule for calendar year 2013. For the record, I wish to state, restate, and restate again, the Village of Ardsley is not reducing the number of trash collections per week for residents. Every resident will

continue to have two trash collections per week. It will just be handled slightly different. The traditional Monday schedule shall remain the same. The traditional Tuesday schedule shall remain the same. Those who have enjoyed traditional garbage pickup on Friday will continue to do so. However, those who received garbage collection on Thursday will have their garbage picked up on Friday commencing January 1. I am certain that this minor adjustment will become second nature quite quickly for most.

Recycling will experience the biggest change. There will now be two days of recycling: Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday will be for newspapers, cardboard, and other pulp products. Thursdays will be for plastic and metal containers. And unlike before, both sets of items will be picked up every week. It is hoped by all involved that greater opportunities will generate greater rates of recycling in the community which in dollars and cents could translate into real savings because trash costs the Village over \$25 per ton to be received at Charles Point, whereas there is no fee for recycling charged by the County of Westchester

6. IN CLOSING: Last but not least congratulations again to ASVAC whose 50th anniversary event I enjoyed two Saturdays ago, best wishes to Ardsley Fresh Market whose ribbon-cutting I participated in this past Saturday morning, and thank you to Ardsley Seniors for having invited the Village Clerk and I to their outing at the Macy Pavilion last Wednesday . I visited Village Hall after the ribbon-cutting on Saturday, and I have to say I was immensely impressed with the number of people who were bringing in bag loads of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, syringes, and other paraphernalia which can now be properly disposed of rather than going into the waste stream or worse yet flushed down the bowl. In the short time I was there Lt. Piccolino must have filled several tall boxes with the drugs. This was one of the latest efforts of Theresa Del Grosso's SAYF coalition. Folks don't forget Sunday, October 14 is Ardsley Day. No doubt Trustee Minore will be sharing all the details later this evening in her report. Back to you Mayor!

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Discussed the Rivertowns Square FEIS and encouraged public opinion.
- 2) Congratulated ASVAC on their 50th Anniversary and read the Mayoral proclamation.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in early 1962, a group of concerned residents of Ardsley, in response to the termination of the ambulance service provided to the community by Dobbs Ferry Hospital, proposed the formation of a volunteer ambulance corps; and

WHEREAS, in June 1962, the Ardsley - Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps was established and certified by New York State; and

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***WHEREAS**, the Ambulance Corps, comprised completely of volunteers, living and/or working in Ardsley, continues to provide emergency medical treatment and transportation to local area medical facilities for residents of Ardsley and its neighboring communities; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Corps dedicated a new ambulance building on American Legion Drive, in May, 2007; and*

***WHEREAS**, over the course of the years, in maintaining its equipment and training, the Corps has purchased six different ambulances; and*

***WHEREAS**, with the increasing demand for service, in 2009, the Corps acquired a second ambulance to better serve the community and accommodate the increased call volume; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Ambulance Corps responds to 911 dispatched emergency calls twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty-five days a year; and*

***WHEREAS**, each year the Corps responds to over seven hundred emergency dispatches; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Ambulance Corps has been a vital component in the community; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps is celebrating 50 Years of Service to its community at a dinner on September 22, 2012 at the Ardsley Country Club in Dobbs Ferry*

***NOW, THEREFORE I, PETER PORCINO, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY**, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23-29, 2012 as **ASVAC 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEK**, and hereby call upon the officials and citizens of the Village of Ardsley, and its surroundings, to recognize and pay tribute to these much admired volunteers.*

***IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of Ardsley, New York to be affixed on this, the 22nd day of September, twenty hundred and twelve.*

PETER R. PORCINO, MAYOR

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued):

- 3) Gave an update on the Jackson Avenue project.
- 4) Gave an update on the Water Wheel project.
- 5) Discussed the recycling of leaves as announced by Westchester County.
- 6) Attended the opening of the Ardsley Fresh Market.

IV. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS:

Tr. Minore:

1. Reported on the SAYF Coalitions Drug Give Back Day
2. A public service announcement has been produced by the SAYF Coalition.
3. Attended ASVAC's 50th Anniversary Dinner.
4. Reminded all that Ardsley Day will take place on October 14th.
5. Explained the ASVAC Emergency Cards for Seniors.

Tr. Nardecchia:

1. Reported on the Seniors' End of Summer Picnic.
2. The ASVAC Corp. will make a presentation on October 10th to the Seniors regarding a refrigerator-mounted emergency pack.
3. Had a meeting with the Recreation Commission regarding Rec Center rules and revisions.
4. The Bicentennial Park flagpole planting will take place this week.
5. The Village Garage Sale will take place on October 13th. Vendors are welcome.
6. Requested a report on the 9A widening from Mr. Calvi.
7. Reported on the status of the Community Center.

Tr. Malone:

1. Attended the opening ceremonies of Ardsley Fresh Market.
2. Will report on the tourism initiative at the next meeting.

V. VISITOR'S

Resident Judy Lindey called to question the payment of \$5,750 for the FEIS review.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
TO AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE TO INCLUDE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS
INCLUDING FIVE OR MORE DWELLING UNITS**

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby calls for a public hearing for 8:15 pm, November 5, 2012 for the purposes of creating a new Article in the Zoning Code of the Village of Ardsley to include provisions for requiring affordable housing units in residential developments including five or more dwelling units. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT NEW SANITATION
SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013**

Trustee Malone: Resolved that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts a new Sanitation Schedule for the Village of Ardsley, effective January 1, 2013, as follows: **Seconded by Trustee Minore and Mayor Porcino voted aye. Trustee Nardecchia abstained.**

- a) the **Monday** schedule shall remain as before;
[i.e. Ashford Avenue and all its secondary roads]
- b) the **Tuesday** schedule shall remain as before ;
[i.e. Heatherdell Road and all its secondary roads]
- c) the **Wednesday** schedule shall be an exclusive recycling day, every week, for newspapers, cardboard, and other pulp products;
- d) the **Thursday** schedule shall be an exclusive recycling day, every week, for plastic, glass and metal containers;
- e) the **Friday** schedule shall be a village-wide trash and garbage collection day.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION REGARDING VILLAGE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
SIGN (FOR TRACKING PURPOSES ONLY)**

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the erection of a sign at the McCormick Drive jug handle at Louis Pascone Memorial Park (formerly Ashford Park) for the purpose of publicizing the holding of the annual Village Garage Sale on October 13th with rain date on October 20th sponsored by the Ardsley Parks & Recreation Commission. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
VILLAGE AND ELM STREET SPORTS (D/B/A HOUSE OF SPORTS)
RE PARKING SPACES**

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to sign on its behalf a licensing agreement with Elm Street Sports Group, d/b/a The House of Sports for the use of parking spaces numbered 1, 2, and 3 on the site plan of the northern most corner of the property. The term of such agreement shall commence immediately upon full execution of the licensing agreement, can be terminated with 180 days notice by either party, or can be terminated immediately upon the change of use or tenancy of the licensee's property. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN AMENDMENT
TO CHAPTER 190: VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC -
PARKING PERMIT VIOLATIONS**

Trustee Malone: Resolved that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing for October 15, 2012 at 8:15 pm for the purpose of considering an amendment to Chapter 190 Vehicles & Traffic, Section 42 C of the Ardsley Village Code to incorporate a specific reference to parking permit violations. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH
CLEARY CONSULTING REGARDING RIVERTOWNS SQUARE FEIS
(FOR TRACKING PURPOSES ONLY)**

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute an agreement with Cleary Consulting located at 529 Asharoken Avenue, Northport, NY 11768 for the purpose of providing consulting services regarding the review of The Rivertowns Square project Final Environmental Impact Statement located in the Village of Dobbs Ferry for an amount not to exceed \$5,750. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY 2012-2013 BUDGET TO COVER COSTS FOR
RIVERTOWNS SQUARE FEIS REVIEW (\$5,750.00)**

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2012-2013 Village Budget by transferring

the amount of \$5,750.00 from General Fund Balance to appropriations line item 8020.400 Planning – Contractual Expenditures to cover the cost of hiring a consulting service to review the Rivertowns Square project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT NEW COMMUNITY CENTER RULES AND REGULATIONS

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts the new rules and regulations for the newly renovated Ardsley Community Center. The full final draft of the rules and regulations shall be incorporated into the official minutes of the Village of Ardsley. Additionally, the rules and regulations shall be properly posted in the Community Center for all to see, and copies shall be distributed to the current members of the Ardsley Parks & Recreation Commission, and shall be routinely distributed to all new members of same Commission. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

Thelma Zimmer/William Van Dorn Youth and Community Center Rules and Regulations

1. *The Community Center is available to be rented by Ardsley residents and non-Ardsley residents 21 years old or older.*
2. *All Village-based non- profit and municipal organizations with appropriate certification shall have access to village facilities free of charge.*
3. *The general use fees for the community center are as follows:*
 - a. *6 P.M. to 11 P.M. Monday – Friday - \$125 village residents, non- village \$150*
 - b. *½ day rentals 12 P.M. to 5 P.M. or 6 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. Sat and Sun- \$200 village residents, non-village \$250.*
 - c. *Full day rentals 12 P.M. to 11 P.M. Sat and Sun - \$350` village residents, non-village \$400*
 - d. *\$40.00/hr. for each additional hour*
 - e. *Checks are made payable to: The village of Ardsley*
4. *A security deposit of \$250 is required for all reservations of the community center.*
5. *Any damage or destruction to the community center or the property therein will result in loss of security deposit.*
6. *In the instance that an event has to be cancelled by the organizer, a full refund will be given if the event is cancelled two weeks before the event date. If cancellation is notified later, no refund will be given.*
7. *Use of the Community Center shall be in accordance with the New York State Health and Safety Regulations.*

8. *The Parks & Recreation Department shall not be responsible for any articles which may be stolen, mislaid or damaged.*
9. *Authorization for the use of the community center shall not carry with it the right to grant or sell "concession" to any person or group without prior approval from the Village Manager or his designee, and possibly further review with the Village Board and/or Parks & Recreation Commission*
10. *Functions for the apparent purpose of religious proselytizing or conversion are prohibited.*
11. *Alcoholic beverages and other intoxicants are NOT permitted on the premises.*
12. *Smoking is strictly prohibited inside or around the community center.*
13. *All materials brought into the community center must be removed immediately following the event. The room must be clean.*
 - a. *Floors swept*
 - b. *Tables wiped clean and put away*
 - c. *Kitchen wiped clean including OVEN*
 - d. *Extra food taken home or thrown away*
 - e. *Recyclables (cans and bottles) emptied , rinsed and placed in proper bins*
 - f. *Garbage must be placed in plastic bags and taken to vestibule*
 - g. *Microwave must be wiped clean*
14. *Nothing is to be stapled, taped or attached to any structure , walls, windows or doors in, around and adjacent to the community center building.*
15. *Adult supervision is required of minors at all times before, during and after an event.*
16. *No candles or fire of any kind is permitted inside the community center.*
17. *Keys to community center MUST be picked up at the Ardsley Police Department no more than 1 hr. prior to start of event. Driver's license is required for proper identification.*
18. *The Village has the right to have a representative present at any time during an event.*
19. *A full inspection will be conducted at the end of each event.*
20. *The Village will conduct a full inspection at the end of each event.*
21. *A copy of the Rules and Regulations shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Community Center.*
22. *A copy of the Rules & Regulations shall be distributed to the members of the Parks & Recreation Commission upon appointment. This is a duty of the Supervisor of Parks & Recreation.*
23. *Rules & Regulations were adopted by the Village of Ardsley Board of Trustees on October 1, 2012.*

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Tr. Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of October 1, 2012 at 9:32 p.m. **Seconded by Tr. Minore and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine McSpedon, Recording Secretary

