

Mayor Leon opened the January 3, 2011 Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Nick Macri

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tr. Porcino: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 20, 2010 as submitted. **Seconded by Tr. Levine and passed unanimously.**

III. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Ponzini had nothing to report. A resolution was sent to the Village Manager today in order for a settlement to be approved for the State of New York.

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

The bill for the last two weeks from the General Fund totaled \$67,586.08; from the Trust and Agency: \$182.50 and from the Capital Fund: \$375.

Tr. 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: \$67,586.08; from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$182.50 and from the Capital Fund: \$375. **Seconded by Tr. Porcino and passed unanimously.**

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

**VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT
PREPARED BY GEORGE F. CALVI
FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011**

1. SANITARY SEWER FUMES: Last week, owing to the negligence of someone in the vicinity of Ashford Avenue and Euclid Avenue, gasoline was poured into a manhole which is a direct connection to the sanitary sewer system. Consequently, a nearby family returned home that afternoon to find intoxicating fumes emanating from the trap in their basement, and the Fire Department was called in to address the situation. Had this incident occurred during the wee hours of the night who knows what kind of tragic incidents might have occurred. The pouring of gasoline and other toxic substances is not just bone-headed, it's downright dangerous. What's even more frustrating is that if you need to dispose of such substances from your lawn mower, your leaf blower, or whatever equipment are readily available outlets like Household Chemical Day collections, a local service station, or the Ardsley DPW garage depot on Saturday mornings.

2. SHOVELING SNOW INTO THE STREET: A special request from the Highway Department. Please do not shovel snow into the road, particularly after the plows have passed. Unless the mercury is going to immediately jump 30 degrees, the snow is not going to go away. Instead you are creating a serious driving hazard for passing motorists and pedestrians. Shovel or blow the snow to the right or to the left of your driveway on to your lawn. Your whole neighborhood will thank you.

3. OVERNIGHT PARKING: Overnight parking permits for 2010 expired on December 31. If you need to renew yours or obtain one for the first time, please secure an application for the \$25 permits from the Police Desk. For information please call 693-1700

4. ALARMS: Alarm permits for 2010 also expired on December 31. If you need to renew yours or obtain one for the first time, please secure an application for the \$25 permits from the Police Desk or download the form from our website at ardsleyvillage.com. For information, please call 693-1700

5. SANITATION NOTICES: The 2011 Notice of Sanitation Calendars were sent to the regional distribution center in Harrison last Wednesday. In speaking with our local post office, some were in today's mail, and the rest should be distributed over the next few days. If for some reason by the end of this week you did not receive yours, you may obtain a duplicate by

telephoning the Village Clerk's office at 693-1550. The calendar is also available on line at ardsleyvillage.com.

6. EXEMPTION AND TAX DEADLINES: As per the reminder on the front page of the December 2010 village newsletter which was mailed out two weeks ago the deadline for filing of the 2011 aged, veteran, and disability permits expired on December 31. Owing to the holiday falling on the weekend, that deadline was extended to the end of the business day today at 4:00 pm. Any exemption forms filed tomorrow or later, will have to be applicable to the 2012-2013 village tax year. Timely payments for all Village tax bills which were released last June 1, also expired at 4:00 pm today. All tax bills paid tomorrow must be assessed a penalty as prescribed by New York State Real Property Law. Regretfully, no one can waive the penalties.

7. PROPERTY TAX GRIEVANCES: As mentioned on the front page of the December 2010 village newsletter, the tentative Assessment Roll for 2011-2012 will be filed by the Assessor in the Village Clerk's office no later than February 1, 2011. That is the appropriate and traditional time to accept property grievance forms. Although some people insist on the Clerk's office accepting such forms prior to that date, and there is no law saying that we can reject receiving them, please do bear in mind that if you insist on filing the grievance form prior to February 1 you bear the risk of filing a form with the incorrect assessment figure which could complicate the process. Incidentally, Grievance day is Tuesday, February 15th this year. A quorum of the Village Board will sit as the Assessment Board of Review in Village Hall from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on that day.

8. VILLAGE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE: At the last Village Board meeting, the meeting schedule for February was revised. Please bear in mind that the Village Board will meet Tuesday, February 1 and Tuesday, February 15. In March we will return to our regular first and third Monday of the month schedule.

8:30 P.M. – CONTINUATION PUBLIC HEARING – To approve the request to convert the vacant retail/office space into a dog day care facility at 609 Saw Mill River Road.

Tr. Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the Public Hearing to approve the request to convert the vacant retail office space into a dog day care facility at 609 Saw Mill River Road to Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 8:30 p.m. **Seconded by Tr. Levine and passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Thanks were expressed to the DPW and Rick Thompson, Foreman, and Patrick Lindsay, Assistant Foreman, for the great job they did during the recent difficult storm.
- 2) Will attend the induction of Alex Pawlak, Eagle Scout, at 11 a.m. on this Saturday at St. Barnabus Church.
- 3) Will attend a Village Officials Committee meeting on Thursday in Tarrytown.
- 4) Thanks were extended in person to Ms. Berardi since she was absent at the last meeting, for her efforts along with Atty. Ponzini for clearing up the certification problem on December 6th.
- 5) The Village e-mail distribution list totals less than 400 individuals and residents were urged to sign up on the web site.

IV. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS:

Tr. Porcino:

- 1) Expressed the importance of flood control in the Village.
- 2) Mentioned the fact that some streets in Brooklyn were not plowed until Thursday.

Tr. Nardecchia:

- 1) The seniors will work on floral displays on Wednesday from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. next Wednesday at 10 a.m. there will be a full breakfast.
- 2) The Recreation Commission will meet this Tuesday and regarding the Work at Ashford Park, Tr. Nardecchia has been working with Lorraine Kuhn on the grant and the physical improvement plans. Is also working on the franchise for the snack bar.
- 2) Explained that reason behind the drainage and retention for all homes in order to avoid flooding.

Tr. Malone: Nothing to report.

Tr. Levine:

- 1) Attended the wake of Nick Macri.

9:00 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – To discuss amending the site plan to add (6 tables and (24) twenty-four chairs for dining at Stagioni Pizzeria 2 Bridge Street, Ardsley, NY.

Mayor Leon read the legal notice and explained that this is a change of use application for a pizzeria. The change of use was originally approved for three (3) table and nine (9) chairs. The applicant is returning to request the number be increased to six (6) tables and (24) twenty-four chairs, which requires a change to the site plan.

The applicant has gone before the Zoning Board since there was a parking variance required. The applicant has been granted the parking variance. They have (9) nine parking spaces and the Code requires (13) thirteen parking spaces.

Mr. Michael David Borelli, partner of Stagione Pizzeria along with Mr. Bryan Chacon, presented himself to the Board and explained that the hours of operation would not compete with the surrounding businesses since they hours will be from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., 7 days/week. There will be approximately (3) three workers at all times on the premises who will obtain permits for parking.

Tr. Nardecchia questioned whether there may be overflow parking needs at lunchtime. Mr. Borelli explained that, hopefully, there will not be a problem.

Tr. Nardecchia questioned the sanitation removal plan for the business. Mr. Borelli responded that a private carting company has been contracted.

Mayor Leon questioned the necessity for an additional pizzeria in the Village and Mr. Borelli stated he felt they have a unique business which should succeed since they will be the only pizzeria with a brick oven.

Tr. Nardecchia confirmed with the applicants that they were aware of the fact that the business is located in a flood zone.

Tr. Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the Public Hearing to approve the site plan for table and dining at Stagione Pizzeria, 2 Bridge Street. **Seconded by Tr. Levine and passed unanimously.**

V. VISITORS

VI. OLD BUSINESS**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING
RIVER DALE DOG, LLC – 609 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD**

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the Public Hearing to approve the request to convert the vacant retail/office space into a dog day care facility at 609 Saw Mill River Road to Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 8:30 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Levine and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN TO ADD TABLES AND
CHAIRS FOR DINING AT STAGIONI PIZZERIA, 2 BRIDGE STREET**

Trustee Nardecchia: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the site plan to add tables and chairs for dining totaling 6 tables and 24 chairs at Stagioni Pizzeria, 2 Bridge Street. **Seconded by Trustee Levine and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX REFUNDS RE SCAR PROCEEDINGS –
JANUARY 3, 2011**

Trustee Levine: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to refund a portion of Village tax payments on twenty nine residential properties as the result of a Small Claims Assessment Review proceeding settlement for tax year 2010-2011 in the aggregate amount of \$26,322.37, assuming that taxes based on the over assessment were in fact actually paid. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

Martin Summer	1-1192-15	\$1,588.09
William Goodwin	1-1192-10A	\$626.22
Robert Pordy	3-0000-P21	\$2,851.02
James Chin	3-0000-P2	\$2,393.81
Frank Hemerlein	4-1157-5	\$814.78
Thomas Arceri	6-1115-8A	\$553.52

ARDSLEY, NEW YORK**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 3, 2011**

Lilian Hasiwar	7-1198-23	\$1,051.26
Donald Sarrubi	7-1206-5	\$384.98
Howard J. Levitz	7-116-22	\$997.38
Michael Pecora	7-1198-19	\$424.79
Vitali Shevlack	8-1196-3	\$885.10
Marrienne Pawell	11-1136-5	\$395.71
Oded Lev	12-0114-1A	\$667.46
Bharat Parikh	13-1145-19A2	\$482.00
Frank DeAngelo	15-115-3	\$1,054.12
Steven Park	15-1149-14	\$905.61
Ashokkumar Shah	01A-0002-8	\$811.68
Anthony Larosa	01C-1185-13	\$493.92
Leonard Lindey	01C-1187-19	\$437.67
Kirit Patel	03C-1172-13	\$517.76
Robert Sattler	03D-1201-4	\$570.92
Alexander Teichberg	03D-1201-14	\$1197.38
Ziahong Yu	15A-1737-1	\$516.57
Andrew Wise	15A-1149-26A	\$979.74
Stuart Royal	3B-0001-7	\$1340.89
Gene Goldstein	3B-0004-4	\$680.10
Richard Nardella	8A-1162-3	\$573.54
Carol Swidler	15-1149-34	\$1263.41
Naomi Glauberman	01D-P1-32	\$862.94

Mayor Leon reminded everyone that the next Village Board meeting will take place in two weeks on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Tr. Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 3, 2011 at 9:18 p.m. **Seconded by Tr. Porcino and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine McSpedon