

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016**

Present:	Mayor	Peter R. Porcino
	Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Nancy Kaboolian
	Trustee	Gary Malone
	Trustee	Mollie Monti
	Trustee	Andy DiJusto
	Village Manager	Meredith S. Robson
	Village Clerk	Barbara A. Berardi
	Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini
	Recording Secretary	Donna Fusco

Mayor Porcino called to order the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:15 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – To consider the Tentative Budget for the Village of Ardsley, New York for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2107

*****PRESENTATION*****

REGARDING SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER – ENERGIZE NY RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

Mr. Tom Bregman, Program Director of Energize New York and Mr. Leo Weigman appeared and gave a presentation on Energize New York. Energize New York has been around since 2010 and it helps municipalities promote clean energy. Energize New York provides guidance, resources and finances to commercial properties. They educate local people through leadership and provide cost effective solutions as well as use building science to diagnose problems.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – March 21, 2016

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 21, 2016 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously. Trustee Malone abstained.**

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

LEGAL REPORT:

Village Attorney Ponzini stated that there is nothing to report other than those items that he has been working on with the Village Manager and other various departments and I have one short item which will be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Ponzini stated that he is available for an Executive Session if necessary.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

1. **ASHFORD AVE BRIDGE:** Rather than continue to insert all of the alerts in this report at each meeting, I will just encourage everyone to sign up for our electronic alerts via our website and monitor all bridge news directly from the County at:

www.westchestergov.com/subscribe

www.westchestergov.com/ashfordavenuebridge

2. **9A Project Update:** We are working on recent issues related to DOT approval of the Suez water main across 9A and will provide updates as soon as we can. This project will be delayed until at least the second week of April. Work has begun on replacement of the traffic light at 9A/Ashford Ave and is expected to be completed at the time the entire project is completed this Spring.
3. **Staffing changes:** We just received notice that another employee will be retiring effective April 15 so we extend to Johanna Scala our thanks and best wishes on her retirement. This is a Civil Service position that requires that we hire off of an existing list, so we will be moving forward on that process as soon as possible.

Thankfully, I expect to be able to announce an appointment to the Confidential Secretary to the Village Manager position at the next meeting!

4. Opening Day for the Ardsley Little League is this Saturday, April 9th! The parade will start at 1:00 P.M. at Concord Road School and ceremonies are planned to begin at McDowell Park at approximately 1:30 P.M.
5. **Suez Hydrant Flushing:**

SUEZ Water Westchester crews will be flushing fire hydrants and blow offs in the Village of Ardsley per the attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Village Manager, Robson read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Marion DeMaio:

Ms. Robson stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$45,191.34; From the Trust & Agency Fund: \$44,080.00 and from the Capital Fund: \$707,743.61.

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$45,191.34; From the Trust & Agency Fund: \$44,080.00 and from the Capital Fund: \$707,743.61. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We continue to receive reports on the miserable situation of Lawrence Street; we have been in touch with Senator Abinanti's office; We will continue our efforts on that; I met with Village Official's Committee Members and brought up the suggestion to bring in the County Planning Board to help us with overall plans with the area, traffic and development where the developer will come in help move people around and improve roads; I wrote to the County Commissioner to attend one of our meetings
- At the last DOC meeting a couple of items of interest, I sent out an announcement to the Village about people driving too fast; it's been a problem throughout the Rivertowns, the County and the State; the Mayor of Dobbs Ferry recommended that we coordinate efforts and the Village Irvington has already started a program and we are looking to coordinate efforts
- Offshoot of Sustainable Westchester a couple of municipalities did sign up for the Community Aggregation Energy Program; Hastings and Tarrytown have adopted the Program and they were able to get a green alternative energy option that was slightly less than the average cost of what energy was; we are going to monitor that program and see if we could get involved in that

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE DIJUSTO:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MONTI:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MALONE:

- Attended Meeting of Ardsley Library Board of Trustees

TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:

- 4/6 – the Ardsley Seniors are going to have a Medicare talk
- 4/13 Bangkok bead jewelry making

- 4/14 – there is an Embassy Club spring party
- 4/20 - Arthur Avenue trip
- 4/27 - Zumba at 12:30
- SAYF Coalition will be sending out information to the Community about the opportunity for high school students to attend a summer conference
- SAYF Coalition in its 5th year of its 5 year grant; fewer grants are being given out

III. VISITORS

Kevin Scott resides in the Village of Ardsley and appeared to discuss the reassessment being done by the Town of Greenburgh. Mr. Scott asked if Ardsley can emancipate itself from the Town of Greenburgh and further stated that the taxes are exorbitant that are being paid to the Town of Greenburgh. Mayor Porcino replied that State Law requires that a Village be part of a Town.

Mr. Scott's realtor advised him that the reassessment that he received is out of line. Village Attorney, Ponzini advised Mr. Scott that he can file an administrative appeal with the Assessment Board of Review at the Town of Greenburgh that is in June and if they grant relief and Mr. Scott is satisfied with the relief that would be the end of it. If they don't grant relief or grant relief that he is not satisfied with, he can bring a small claims assessment review and be heard by a court referee over in White Plains. Those are the steps and those are remedies. If Mr. Scott is not satisfied, he can then bring on a SCAR proceeding.

Amen Boyajian of 23 Grandview Avenue in Ardsley and 486 Ashford Avenue appeared. He pointed out that in the publication a date was wrong. Mr. Boyajian stated that at 486 Ashford Avenue the pavement was almost at the level of the drop curb which could create a slip, trip and fall. Mr. Boyajian stated that sidewalks are very important and there should be an effort to build sidewalks particularly in our area.

Amen Boyajian devised a plan to keep Ardsley safe and secure for fifty (50) years. He stated that the Decicco parking lot is in horrendous condition with the delivery trucks and stated that the back of the building has to be re-designed. This issue has to be looked at for the safety of the citizens.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding the agreement between the Village of Ardsley and Ardsley Little Athletic Association, Inc.

Mayor Porcino stated that there were some changes to the agreement. Village Manager Robson stated that there was a change on how compliance will be reviewed in terms of the compliance to the agreement. Changes were allowing for Fridays or Saturdays. Summer season will have 10 maximum games from 8-10 if needed. If the 9 games in the spring

stayed the same with additional five if needed stayed the same. It was the summer that got adjusted in terms of the timing. We also added in the comment that the Mayor made in reviewing after 12 months and 24 months and the Little League had offered some suggestions about some deadlines for giving them feedback and they had between 12/15 - 12/31/16 and that we would notify them and they would have a month to get back to us. Mayor stated there would be a comment period after the season and the public could come to a meeting and put it on as an agenda meeting.

Sue Woodrow asked about rainouts and inclement weather and the make-up games

Julia Collins asked how many games there will be after Labor Day through the end of October and how much in advance notice will there be if it is a night or day game

Lucy Gratzon stated that people can go on the Little League website to get information

Village Attorney stated that there will be a final Agreement within the next week

2. Consider a resolution to adopt the 2016-2017 Village Budget

8:15 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – To consider the Tentative Budget for the Village of Ardsley, New York for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017

Open Public Hearing

Mayor read the Public Notice into the record

Village Manager, Meredith S. Robson presented a Power Point Presentation on the Budget to the Board.

Public Comments

Mayor Porcino asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.

Close Public Hearing

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY, NEW YORK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2016 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the public hearing at 9:45 p.m. to consider the tentative budget for the Village of Ardsley, New York for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2016-2017

VILLAGE BUDGET

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts the 2016-2017 Village Budget, effective June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 as per the attached "Village of Ardsley 2016-2017 Budget Summary" which includes amendments to the Tentative Budget regarding the Village Manager's salary and final assessment roll. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a resolution granting permission to erect two banners in connection with the Fire Fighter Carnival

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO ERECT TWO BANNERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE FIGHTER CARNIVAL

Trustee Monti: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a request from Ardsley Ex-Chief Ronald Gretczko to erect two banners, one on the guard rail at the southwest corner of Route 9A / Ashford Avenue, and the other on the split rail fence at the northbound jug handle of McCormick Drive, advertising the Fire Fighter Carnival scheduled for May 10 through May 13th. Such banners would be in place from April 25 through May 16, 2016. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

2. Consider a resolution to approve placing of Little League Sponsorship Banners / Signs at McDowell Park ball fields

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PLACING OF LITTLE LEAGUE SPONSORSHIP BANNERS / SIGNS MCDOWELL PARK BALL FIELDS

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the placement of Little League Sponsorship Banners / Signs starting April 5, 2016 until July 31, 2016, on the outfield fences at the McDowell Park ball fields. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

3. Consider a resolution granting tax refund \$2,948.87 regarding Certiorari proceeding for 609 Ashford Avenue owned by Cretan Properties

RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX REFUND (\$2,948.87) REGARDING CERTIORARI PROCEEDING FOR 609 ASHFORD AVENUE OWNED BY CRETAN PROPERTIES

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to refund a portion of Village Tax payments on a

commercial property at 609 Saw Mill River Road owned by Cretan Properties [Section 6.70 Block 44 Lot 89] as the result of a certiorari proceeding settlement for assessment year 2015 in the aggregate amount of \$2,948.87, assuming that taxes based on the over assessment were in fact actually paid. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

4. Consider a resolution to approve the agreement with Ardsley Engine Company for the reconditioning of “Old Betsy” fire apparatus

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH ARDSLEY ENGINE
COMPANY FOR THE RECONDITIONING OF
“OLD BETSY” FIRE APPARATUS**

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley authorizes the Village Manager to sign the agreement with Ardsley Engine Company for the reconditioning of “Old Betsy” fire apparatus. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

VII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION. Brief Executive Session to discuss a legal matter

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, April 4, 2016 at 9:46 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian passed unanimously.**

IX. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 18, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fusco
Recording Secretary