



MINUTES

Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

8:00 PM - Monday, December 7, 2020

Via Zoom Platform

Present: Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Andy DiJusto
Trustee	Joann D'Emilio
Trustee	Steve Edelstein
Trustee	Craig Weitz
Village Manager	Meredith S. Robson
Village Clerk	Ann Marie Rocco
Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini

Absent:

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1 Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting-November 16, 2020

Moved by Trustee Edestein, Seconded by Trustee D'Emilio 4-1-0 Trustee Weitz Abstained.

RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, November 16, 2020 as submitted.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. LEGAL

- 1.a Village Attorney Robert Ponzini stated there is nothing to report and has been working with staff on various ongoing items.

2. MANAGER

- 2.a Village Manager Meredith Robson read the following report.

MANAGER'S REPORT 12/7/2020

1. **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

All Village offices, including the Justice Court, the Library, the Community Center, and the Department of Public Works will be closed for a ½ day on Thursday, December 24, 2020 and a ½ day on Thursday, December 31, 2020. Offices will also be closed Christmas Day, December 25, 2020 and New Year's Day, January 1, 2021. There will be refuse collection for the entire village on Thursday, December 24, 2020 and Thursday, December 31, 2020. Please refer to the Sanitation schedule posted on the Village's website.

2. **VILLAGE TAXES**

The second installment of the Village tax bill became due and payable on December 1st and can be paid without penalty until **noon** on Thursday, December 31, 2020. Payments arriving via mail postmarked by the USPS after December 31, 2020, or arrive after December 31, 2020 without a postmark, will be assessed a late penalty as required by New York State Real Property law. Meter-mailed postmarks are not valid proof of timely payment. No Village official is empowered to waive the late fee for any reason.

Please do not plan to bring your tax payment in between noon and 4:00 P.M. on December 31st as our vestibule will close at NOON that day.

3. **SANITARY SEWER BILLING:**

We will be posting updated information tomorrow on the Village website regarding the sanitary sewer fund and the process for grieving your sewer bill. If there are any further questions, please call us directly and 914-693-1550 and we would be happy to speak with you about the process.

Please remember that the costs involved under the Sewer Fund and reflected in the new sewer billing are either costs that had previously been covered under the General Fund (on which the tax bills are based) or that would be covered under the General Fund had the Sewer Fund not been established. The costs, therefore, are NOT covered both in the General fund and the Sewer Fund. The Sewer Fund and related billing allows us to cover costs that the Village would have to incur under any scenario in order to maintain and improve our aging sewer infrastructure. These costs are then distributed over a greater number of properties than just those that bear the cost of property taxes, which reduced the individual property tax burden related to these services.

4. **CON EDISON LINE PROJECT**

Work is continuing on the Con Ed Gas Line Project and as soon as we get another revised schedule from them, we will post this online.

5. VILLAGE ROAD PAVING:

The Village road paving work cannot continue during the winter months and will re-start in the Spring. This will include Ashford Ave. Addyman Square and Exeter.

3. TREASURER

3.a Abstract Report dated December 7, 2020

Village Manager Meredith Robson read the Treasurer's Report for December 7, 2020. Village Manager Robson stated that the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$1,285,061.22; from the Sewer Fund: \$0.00; from the Trust & Agency fund: \$4,798.75 and from the Capital Fund: \$169,264.90.

Moved by Trustee D'Emilio, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$1,285,061.22; from the Sewer Fund: \$0.00; from the Trust & Agency fund: \$4,798.75 and from the Capital Fund: \$169,264.90

4. BUILDING No Building Department Report

5. FIRE

5.a Mayor Kaboolian stated that Ardsley had a fire on Ashford Avenue that left residents displaced. Mayor Kaboolian also stated that the Fire Department did a remarkable job with helping everyone getting out safe and sound and she thanked Chief Murray and members of the Fire Department for all their hard work.

Chief Murray thanked:

- Mutual Aid for all their help with the fire.
- Ardsley Police Department, especially Officer Weinstein and Officer Bonadonna.
- ASVAC

Chief Murray stated if the resident didn't close the door to the apartment, the fire would not have been contained.

6. POLICE No Police Department Report

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.a Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- Welcomed Trustee Weitz & Trustee Edelstein to the Board.
- Reminded everyone to take a moment to remember Pearl Harbor day today,

December 7th.

- Attended a meeting with the Department of Transportation to discuss safety at the intersection of 9A and Center Street.
- We have had our third Police Reform meeting. Residents should look out for a survey that will be disseminated for feedback on our Police Department.
- Our virtual tree lighting will take place on Saturday, December 12th at 4:50 p.m.
- Very concerned about the COVID numbers increasing due to small get togethers. Currently, there are 34 active cases in the Village.

8. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

8.a Trustee DiJusto announced the following:

- Met with Department of Transportation to discuss the intersection of 9A and Center Street. The DOT will be analyzing the data and they will get back to us on ways we can keep this intersection safe.
- Police Reform meetings are moving along smoothly.
- Thanked Chief Murray and the Fire Department for all their hard work.
- Congratulated Trustees Edelstein & Weitz on the election.

Trustee D'Emilio announced the following:

- The library has suspended their in-person browsing hours due the increased COVID cases. However, they are still offering curbside pick up. There are also a number of programs offered virtually.
- Congratulated Trustees Edelstein & Weitz on the election.

Trustee Weitz announced the following:

- Thanked Mayor Kaboolian for the swearing in.
- Thanked Chief Murray and the Fire Department for all their hard work.

Trustee Edelstein announced the following:

- Looking forward to his two year term on the Board.
- Virtual tree lighting will take place on Saturday, November 12th.
- Holiday House Decorating Contest -starts December 1st through December 20th. Please take photos of your entries and email them to placy@ardsleyvillage.com.
- Welcomed our new Chair to the Multicultural Committee, Dana Laurient.
- Virtual Book club will take place on December 16th at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. Please email multicultural@ardsleyvillage.com to register for this event.

5. VISITORS

- 5.1 Michael Desimone -Wilmoth Avenue questioned about the piping project and is concerned that the roads are being ripped up and plates being placed down. How is

the Village managing this project?

Village Manager Robson explained that the Village has been working with Con Edison before March. Our Highway Foreman has discussed the plates with Con Ed and is also concerned about plowing the roads. We are trying our best to work with them and to keep everyone safe.

Mayor Kaboolian added that our goal is to have all the roads repaved by Spring time.

Mr. Desimone stated that come winter the roads will be a problem if the plates aren't removed.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- 7.1 Consider a Resolution to Authorize the Village Manager to Sign an Agreement with Westchester County Department of Public Safety for Stop DWI Patrol/Datamaster Project

Moved by Trustee DiJusto Seconded by Trustee Weitz and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute an agreement to participate in the Westchester County STOP DWI – Patrol/Datamaster Project reimbursement agreement with the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, Michaelian Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025 for a reimbursement amount not to exceed \$8,400.00 annually.

- 7.2 Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Sign a Contract for Bond Counsel Services with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP

Moved by Trustee Weitz, Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the proposed contract for bond counsel services with Orrick, Herrington, Sutcliffe, LLP located at 51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019-6142 from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

- 7.3 Consider a Resolution Authorizing Manager to Sign an Agreement for Financial Advisory Services with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC.

Moved by Trustee D'Emilio, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the proposed agreement for financial advisor services with Capital Markets

Advisors, LLC located at 11 Grace Avenue, Suite 308, Great Neck, New York 11030 from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

- 7.4 Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to sign an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Greenburgh for Continued Townwide Special Weapons and Tactics Unit ("SWAT")

Moved by Trustee Edelstein , Seconded by Trustee D'Emilio and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to sign an inter-municipal agreement with Town of Greenburgh, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, New York 10607 to continue a town wide special weapons and tactics unit ("SWAT").

8. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- 9.1 **Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Weitz and passed unanimously. RESOLVED** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley Hereby adjourns the regular meeting Monday, December 7, 2020, at 9:02 p.m.

10. NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 21, 2020

Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

Date: