



## MINUTES

### Ardsey Village Board of Trustees

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**8:00 PM - Monday, April 5, 2021**

Meeting held 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### Presentation on the NYStretch Energy Code-2020

1. Anilla Cherian provided the Board an overview of NYStretch some of the importance:
  - Increasing energy efficiency is crucial to climate leadership
  - Goal of NYStretch is to promote higher energy efficiency standards in the construction of both new and renovated buildings.
  - NYStretch is readily adoptable local energy code.

Mike DeWein provided the Board with a presentation on the Clean Energy Communities Action Grant NYStretch Energy Code. Community Benefits that were discussed:

- Lower energy use means reduced operating costs, saving building tenants and owners money.
- Comprehensively addresses building energy efficiency
- Opportunity for professions involved in higher performance building design, construction and performance

- verification
- Increases community attractiveness
- Enhances durability and contributes to resilient buildings
- Energy Codes help provide healthier indoor environments
- Greater comfort=resident/occupant satisfaction/comfort

## **2. Proclamation-Earth Day**

### **2.1 EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION** Trustee Edelstein read the Earth Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, the global community faces extraordinary environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should step forward and take action to create positive environmental change to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

WHEREAS, a sustainable environment can be achieved on the individual level through educational efforts, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Nancy Kaboolian does hereby proclaim Thursday,

April 22, 2021 as Earth Day in the Village of Ardsley and urges all citizens to support environmental initiatives in the village, regionally and nationally.

## **3. Proclamation-Arbor Day**

### **3.1 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION-** Trustee Edelstein read the Arbor Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, on January 4, 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska on April 8, 1874, and in 1875 became a legal holiday in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, store carbon and thus mitigate climate change, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for

wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Nancy Kaboolian does hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Village of Ardsley and urges all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees.

**PUBLIC HEARING** To Consider the Tentative Budget for the Village of Ardsley for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022

- 1 At 8:42 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing-to Consider the Tentative Budget for the Village of Ardsley.

Mayor Kaboolian read the notice into the record:

**LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the Village of Ardsley Board of Trustees, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York on Monday, April 5, 2021 to consider the Tentative Budget for the Village of Ardsley, New York for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

While New York remains in this pandemic crisis, we strongly encourage residents to participate in our Statutory Meetings by Zoom either by web or by phone. Instructions for remote participation are below. The following is the website and the phone number for participation in this meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81574285599?pwd=OXQ0eE3T2ZFU2Fmak5VSE1xV1lvQT09>

Meeting ID: 815 7428 5599

Passcode: 792633

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 815 7428 5599

All residents and taxpayers are invited to attend and be heard via Zoom.

A copy of the Tentative Budget will be filed by the end of the business day on Friday, March 19, 2021 in the Office of the Village Clerk, where it will be available for public inspection, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Tentative Budget will be posted on the Village's website at [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com).

By order of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ardsley, New York.

Ann Marie Rocco

Village Clerk

March 16, 2021

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY**  
**2021 - 2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY**

DATE: March 19, 2021

BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR TAX LEVY	\$12,074,193	\$0	\$0	\$12,074,193
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<b>Allowable levy at tax cap</b>	\$11,662,254
<b>EXCESS LEVY PER TAX CAP</b>	\$11,939

**03/04/21 - TAX ROLL** **\$1,126,806,250**

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#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS**

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

##### **5.1 March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Weitz and passed unanimously. RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 15, 2021 as submitted.

#### **6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### **1. LEGAL**

- 1.a Village Attorney Ponzini stated there is nothing to report other than those items that he is working on with staff and he is available for an Executive Session to discuss legal advice.

##### **2. MANAGER**

- 2.a April 5, 2021 Manager Report-Village Manager, Meredith Robson read the following report:

- 1. **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**- I am happy to report that we are expecting the full road repaving of Ashford Ave to begin by the end of the month. We are working with the contractor to get this scheduled as soon as possible. Once we have a final schedule for this work and for the other planned road improvements, we will provide notice to the public.
- 2. **MOODYS** – I am very pleased and proud to announce that the Village has just received news from Moody's of another upgrade to our bond rating! We have been upgraded from Aa2 to Aa1, which is just below the top AAA rating. This upgrade is the 3rd upgrade in 3 years that the Village has received and may likely be the highest possible rating given our size and total tax base. It places the Village in the top 10% of all New York municipalities rated by Moody's. This upgrade, as well as the previous upgrades, are proof that the Village's fiscal practices are strong and respected by Moody's and a higher rating leads to potentially greater attention on bids when we go out to the marketplace for funding and lower interest rates on our borrowings.
- 3. **HIGHWAY GARAGE**- We are working with the contractor and expect the existing house on our new highway garage property to be demolished by the end of the month to make room for our new highway garage!

Manager Robson provided the Board with an overview of the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget:

- Total general fund appropriations are \$594,867 or 4.25% more than the 2020-2021 budget.
- Total general fund revenues are slightly below the current budget figure.
- Police retirement costs have increased by \$275, 874 and other employee retirement costs have increased by \$47,129 for a total pension cost increase of \$323,003.
- Changes in personnel include adjustments to hours of existing staff, salary adjustments and additional staff.
- Reduced the tax certiorari budget by \$50,000.
- Health insurance costs increased by \$32,500.
- Operating budget includes funding for capital items in the amount of \$324, 901

### **3. TREASURER**

#### **3.a April 5, 2021 Abstract Report**

Village Treasurer Leslie Tillotson read the Treasurer's Report for April 5, 2021.

Village Treasurer Leslie Tillotson stated that the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$143,342.95; from the Sewer Fund: \$0.00; from the Trust & Agency fund: \$6,293.70 and from the Capital Fund: \$0.00.

**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 Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$143,342.95, from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$6,293.70 and from the Capital Fund: \$0.00, Sewer Fund: \$0.00

#### **4. BUILDING No Building Department Report**

#### **5. FIRE No Fire Department Report**

#### **6. POLICE No Police Department Report**

### **7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **7.a Mayor Kaboolian announce the following:**

- Participated in the March Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting.
- Attended a County call and they spoke about the vaccines and possible scams. The vaccine is free to everyone.
- 125th Banners have been installed throughout the Village.

### **8. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

#### **8.a Trustee DiJusto announced the following:**

- Attended a webinar on March 25th with Congressman Jamal Bowman.

Trustee Weitz did not have anything to report.

Trustee Edelstein announced the following:

- Easter Egg Hunt was well attended at Pascone Park.
- Earth month is coming up and we have socially distant events coming up.

Trustee D'Emilio announced the following:

- The next prescription take back day will take place on Saturday, April 24th from 10 am-2 pm at Ardsley Village Hall
- Pet medication is also accepted.

**7. VISITORS**

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9.1 Consider a Resolution to Award Bid for Facility Cleaning Contract**

**Moved by Trustee D'Emilio, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. WHEREAS,** a public notice for the Facility Cleaning Contract was duly advertised in an official newspaper on February 12, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 26, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom the Village Manager in the presence of the Village Clerk and Confidential Secretary, opened four bids as summarized below;

**FACILITY CLEANING CONTRACT**

<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>BASE BID</b>
Building Services Industries, LLC.	Facilities: \$2,010.00/month Fire Station: \$62.00/month
NSI, Inc.	Facilities: \$1,300.00/month Fire Station: \$1,300/month
Anago Cleaning	Facilities: \$1,475.00/month Fire Station: \$265.00/month
Cleaning Services of Hudson Valley	Facilities: \$1,350.00/month Fire Station: 300.00/month

**WHEREAS,** the Village Manager has determined that it is in the Village's best interest to award the bid in parts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby awards the portion of the bid for the Fire Station cleaning to Building Services, Industries, LLC., 2 Hicks Street, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 in the amount of \$62.00/month and the portion of the bid for facilities cleaning to NSI Clean Worldwide Inc., 70 Maple Drive, Middletown, NY 10941 in the amount of \$1,300.00/month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute contracts with Building Services, Inc., 2 Hicks Street, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 for Fire Station cleaning and NSI, Inc., 70 Maple Drive, Middletown, New York 10941 for Facilities cleaning.

9.2 Consider a Resolution to Amend Fees in Section A210-3H and A210-3N of the Village of Ardsley

**Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee D'Emilio and passed unanimously. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby amends the fees enumerated in §A210-3H and §A210-3N of the Code of the Village of Ardsley as listed below. (The deleted text is in ~~strike through~~ and the new text is underscored)

H. Chapter 148, Parks and Recreation.

(1) Tennis courts:

(a) ~~For an ID/permit card: \$5 per card per person for first-time card applicants only; replacement, if lost: \$10 per card per person.~~

~~(b) For Ardsley residents:~~

~~[1] Family: \$90 per season. [Note: "Family" shall include husband and wife and all children under age 22, living at the home address, who shall not have reached their 22nd birthday by April 1 of the permit year.]~~

~~[2] Individual: \$45 per season.~~

~~(c) For nonresidents:~~

~~[1] Family: \$140 per season. [Note: "Family" shall include husband and wife and all children under age 22, living at the home address, who shall not have reached their 22nd birthday by April 1 of the permit year.]~~

~~[2] Individual: \$75 per season.~~

~~(d) Guests, Ardsley residents: [Note: Guests shall be limited to not more than 50% of the players on the court.]~~

~~[1] Weekends, tennis: \$4 per hour.~~

~~[2] Weekdays before 5:00 p.m., tennis: \$3 per hour; after 5:00 p.m.: \$4 per hour.~~

~~(e) Guests, nonresidents: [Note: Guests shall be limited to not more than 50% of the players on the court.]~~



~~[1] Weekends, tennis: \$6 per hour.~~

~~[2] Weekdays before 5:00 p.m., tennis: \$4 per hour; after 5:00 p.m.: \$6 per hour.~~

~~(f) For an electronic gate key: \$10.~~

~~(g) Fee to participate in tennis clinics:[Added 5-3-2010 by L.L. No. 1-2010]~~

~~[1] For residents: \$90.~~

~~[2] For nonresidents: \$110.[Amended 3-18-2013]~~

~~(2) Ballfields and pavilions (five-hour period): [Note: This pertains to McDowell Park baseball field, Louis M. Pascone Memorial Park softball field and Louis M. Pascone Memorial Park soccer field.]~~

<del>Time of Use</del>	<del>Residents</del>	<del>Nonresidents</del>
<del>Weekdays (single use)</del>	<del>\$25</del>	<del>\$50</del>
<del>Weekend</del>	<del>\$50</del>	<del>\$100</del>
<del>Monday through Friday</del>	<del>\$200</del>	<del>\$400</del>

~~(3) Red bull mini-wee soccer.[Added 3-18-2013]~~

~~(a) For residents: \$80.~~

~~(b) For nonresidents: \$100.~~

~~(4) Skate park lessons.[Added 3-18-2013]~~

~~(a) For residents: \$100.~~

~~(b) For nonresidents: \$120.~~

~~(5) Chess classes: [Added 3-18-2013]~~

~~(a) For residents: \$100.~~

~~(b) For nonresidents: \$130.~~

~~(6) KidzArt.[Added 3-18-2013]~~

~~(a) For residents: \$125.~~

~~(b) For nonresidents: \$145.~~

(a) For Ardsley residents:

[1] Family: \$200 per season. [Note: "Family" shall include 2 adults living at the same home address and all children under age 22 living at the same home address, who shall not have reached their 22nd birthday by April 1 of the permit year.]

[2] Adult: \$100 per season.

[3] Senior Citizen \$60

[4] Youth (18 & under) \$60

(b) For nonresidents:

[1] Family: \$350 per season. [Note: "Family" shall include 2 adults living at the same home address and all children living at the same home address, who shall not have reached their 22nd birthday by April 1 of the permit year.]

[2] Adult: \$200 per season.

[3] Senior Citizen \$110

[4] Youth (18 & under) \$110

(c) Guests shall be limited to not more than 50% of the players on the court and shall follow the individual, senior citizen and youth fees above.

(d) Single use, nonmember: \$50/hour

(e) For entry device (Key or Fob), if lost \$25.

(f) Fee to participate in tennis clinics:

[1] For residents: \$180.

[2] For nonresidents: \$230

(2) Park Facilities: [Note: This pertains to baseball fields, softball fields, soccer fields, pavilions, gazebos, basketball courts and other amenities at McDowell Park and Louis M. Pascone Memorial Park]

(a) Non-League Reservation of any Park Facility:

**Residents**

\$25/hr.

**Non-residents**

\$50/hr.

(3) Community Center rental fee:

(a) For residents: \$75 per hour

(b) For nonresidents: \$125 per hour.

N. Miscellaneous.

(1) Auto wrecking, junkyard waste material handling plant: \$500 annually.

[Amended 3-2-2009]

(2) Bowling alley: \$25 per alley annually.[Amended 3-2-2009]

(3) Dry-cleaning plants, wet-cleaning plants and laundromats: \$100 annually.

[Amended 3-2-2009]

(4) Lumberyards and woodworking plants: \$500 annually. [Amended 3-2-2009]

(5) Places of assembly:[Amended 3-2-2009]

(a) Up to 5,000 square feet: \$100.

(b) Over 5,000 square feet: \$100, plus \$10 per additional 1,000 square feet.

(6) Photocopies of documents provided under the Freedom of Information Law: the maximum amount permitted by the Freedom of Information Law.

(7) Police accident report: \$5.

(8) Planning Board site plan review:

- (a) Original application: \$250.
- (b) Amended application: \$200.
- (9) Residential subdivision: \$2,000 per unit or lot.
- (10) Residential site plan: \$2,000 per unit or lot.
- (11) Residential site plan. CCH or R-4 District: \$2,000 per unit or lot.
- (12) Subdivision application fee: \$1,000.
- (13) Notary fees: Two dollars per notarization.

~~(14) Community Center rental fee:~~

~~(a) For residents: \$50 for a two hour meeting. [Amended 3-15-2010; 4-14-2011; 5-20-2013 by L.L. No. 4-2013; 3-21-2016]~~

~~(b) For nonresidents: \$75 for a two hour meeting. [Amended 3-15-2010; 4-14-2011; 5-20-2013 by L.L. No. 4-2013; 3-21-2016]~~

~~(c) Refundable deposit fee for residents and nonresidents: \$250.~~

(14) Reserved

(15) Village Board site plan review: \$250 plus \$25 per required parking space.

Editor's Note: See § 167-2, Application for site plan approval.

(16) Floodplain development permit application: \$250.

(17) Miscellaneous operating permits not listed in § A210-3: \$100 annually. [Added 3-2-2009]

(18) Projecting wall sign inspection fee: \$100 annually. [Added 5-4-2009 by L.L. No. 2-2009]

(19) Leaf blower permits: [Added 8-3-2009 by L.L. No. 3-2009]

(a) Issued to the owners of properties containing one- and two-family dwellings: \$5.

(b) Issued to the owners of commercial or multifamily properties: \$25.

(c) Issued to any business entity working on residential or commercial properties: \$25.

(20) Dumpster permit fee: \$100 for a period not to exceed five days, plus \$40 per day per parking meter blocked by the dumpster. The applicant shall deposit with the Village \$250 in cash or certified check to reimburse the village for all expenses which may be incurred by it in restoring any damage created by the placement, use, removal and/or relocation of the dumpster. [Added 1-17-2012]

## **10. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL ADVICE**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

### **11.1 Adjournment**

**Moved by Trustee Weitz, Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**  
**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley Hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, April 5, 2021, at 9:28 p.m.

**12. NEXT BOARD WORK SESSION** April 14, 2021

**13. NEXT BOARD MEETING:** April 19, 2021

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Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

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Date: