



MINUTES

Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

8:00 PM - Monday, April 19, 2021

Meeting held Via Zoom Platform

Present: Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Andi 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

2. Mayor Kaboolian called to order the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR BARBARA NOVICH

Barbara was a founding member of the Ardsley Historical Society, Garden Club, and instrumental in building out our CATV room and helping our recycling committee. We express condolences to the entire family.

3. Presentation-Slow Down Ardsley Campaign Erich Hartmann and Peter Rodwick were present to provide the Board with a presentation on Slow Down Ardsley Campaign. Mr. Rodwick explained that we have a very busy downtown area. Their goal is to make Ardsley more walkable, bikeable and likeable.

Police Chief Anthony Piccolino spoke about the enforcement on this campaign and he agrees that enforcement needs to be #1 on this campaign and the community buy in is very important. He will have four officers trained on bike patrol.

Mr. Rodwick explained the next steps would be to get the Board's agreement with this plan.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING-2021-2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET Continuation of Public Hearing To Consider the Tentative Budget for the Village of Ardsley for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022

Public Hearing was opened at 8:05 p.m.

At 9:18 p.m. Trustee D'Emilio: Resolved that this public hearing be closed for the adoption of the Tentative Budget for the Village of Ardsley for the Fiscal Year beginning on June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. **Seconded by Trustee Edelstein 5-0-0**

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

5.1 Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 5, 2021

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, April 5, 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 submitted in memorandum form and he is continuing to work on various matters with members of the staff and he stated that he is available for an Executive Session if needed.

2. MANAGER

2. April 19, 2021 Manager Report-Village Manager, Meredith Robson read the following report:

1. **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS-** We have begun the work of paving Ashford Ave, Exeter and the Pascone Park parking lot. This work is expected to be completed by the end of the week. We are also in the process of bidding out our curbing work for this year and those bids are due to the Village by May 6th. Lastly, we are working on the bid specs for the actual milling and paving work to be done this year and that bid is joint with the other villages in the Town of Greenburgh. Once we have a final schedule for the curbing work and for the other planned road improvements, we will provide notice to the public. For a list of all roads to be completed, please visit our website at https://www.ardsleyvillage.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif4126/f/news/tentative_budget_3_19_21_final_version.pdf. The full capital plan begins on page 142 and lists

all the roads to be completed under the 2021-22 budget year. There is a great deal of work to be done and we appreciate your patience as we make these Village improvements.

2. **TOWN OF GREENBURGH REASSESSMENT**- The Town of Greenburgh is undergoing a complete reassessment of properties, similar to the work done in 2016. Property owners should have received notice of this and their preliminary new assessments. Please review the notice and visit the Town of Greenburgh's website at <https://www.greenburghny.com/608/Revaluation-Project> for further information on the process and the opportunity to challenge your assessment. Also available on the Town's website is information on exemptions for which the property may qualify.

3. TREASURER

- 3.a Abstract Report dated April 19, 2021

Village Manager Meredith Robson read the Treasurer's Report for April 19, 2021.

Village Manager Robson stated that the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$196,287.58; from the Sewer Fund: \$645.00; from the Trust & Agency fund: \$155.38 and from the Capital Fund: \$2,357.50

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: \$196,287.58; from the Sewer Fund: \$645.00, from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$155.38 and from the Capital Fund: \$2,357.50.

4. BUILDING

- 4.a March 2021 Building Department Report

Building Inspector, Larry Tomasso read the following March 2021 Building Department report:

- 4 Building permits
- 18 Application fees
- 9 Certificates of Occupancy
- 9 Plumbing permits
- 9 Electrical permits
- 11 Title Searches
- 4 Miscellaneous

Total received - \$19,500.00

Other activities:

- 125 Building inspections
- 73 Zoning inspections
- 37 Violations
- 0 Warnings

5. FIRE

5.a March 2021 Fire Department Report

Mayor Kaboolian accepted the Fire Department Report for the following activities in March 2021:

- March 2 Apparatus Committee Held Meeting.
- March 3 Chief Murray spoke with ADT about problems with alarm system.
- March 5 Chief Murray met with ADY about alarm system.
- March 5 Chief Murray met with Hastings Roof about fixing the roof.
- March 5 Chief Murray spoke with GPD, DPW & APD about notifications of closed streets.
- March 8 Chief Murray met with ADT about alarm system.
- March 8 Chief Murray met with sprinkler company to have system tested.
- March 9 Chief Murray met with D.P. Wolff.
- March 10 Chief Murray attended High School Fire Drill.
- March 10 Apparatus Committee met with Seagrave.
- March 18 Department held monthly meeting.
- March 22 Chief Murray met with Security company regarding cameras.
- March 23 Chief Podolski went to Spring Valley to assist with members there.
- March 24 Chief Murray met with RFC about lights on L-50 not working.
- March 24 Chief Murray met with Security company fixing cameras.
- March 24 Apparatus Committee met to discuss compartments on new rig.
- March 26 Chief Murray attended Concord Rd School Safety Team Meeting.
- March 26 Chief Murray met with D.P. Wolff to upgrade the boilers and replace with green technology.
- March 26 Chief Murray met with generator company for annual pm of generator.
- March 26 Chief Murray met with alarm company regarding alarm system.
- March 29 Chief Podolski went to Spring Valley to assist with members there.
- March 31 Chief Murray met with Solar Liberty to take solar panels off the roof.
- March 31 Chief Murray and Podolski attended B-14 Meeting.

24 Alarms for the month of March

Training Officers Report March 2021

- March 4 Training hours 29.25, 13 members present
- March 11 Training hours 10.50, 7 members present
- March 18 Training hours 25.50, 17 members present
- March 25 Training hours 00.0, 00 members present

6. POLICE

6. March 2021 Police Department Report
 - a Chief Piccolino reported the following activities for March 2021:
 - Court fine and fees - \$57,649.00
 - Property lost or stolen - \$0.00
 - Alarm fines and fees - \$500.00
 - Meter collection - \$886.35
 - 7 Traffic Accidents
 - 2 Arrests
 - 230 Calls for service
 - 22 Investigations
 - 1 Impoundment
 - 4 UTT summonses issued
 - 4 Parking summonses issued
 - 1 appearance tickets issued
 - 9 total summonses issued

Training in March 2021:

112 hours which consisted of SWAT, civil unrest, firearms, hope and not handcuffs and juvenile law.

COMMUNITY POLICING:

- Our child passenger safety officers-installed 15 car seats and issued 1.
- Ardsley SAYF Coalition Meeting- zoom
- Participated in a profession development training on bias & micro aggressions 2 sessions one with school staff the other with parents -zoom
- SNYPJOA-SRO basic juvenile officer school 40 hours training 51 new officers certified. Taught lesson plans at the Westchester County Police academy
- Co-sponsored teachers appreciation day event (with a food truck offering coffee and pastries for the teachers)
- AHS-performed 2 fire drills assisted by Ardsley Fire Department
- AHS performed a lock down drill.
- Attending training-hope not handcuffs aimed at bringing law enforcement & community organizations together in an effort to find viable treatment options for individuals to reduce dependency on drugs and alcohol 4 officers certified and the program will commence this month.
- Concord Rd Elementary Safety meeting-zoom
- Participated in a training for ensuing equity for children sponsored by Westchester County Children's Association-zoom
- SNYPJO & SRO-meeting
- Assisted and participated in a rally for Asian victims of violence
- Westchester County Coalition Meeting-zoom

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

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Department has received numerous reports of fraud involving the fraudulent filing of unemployment. 18 reports for the month of March alone. If you are a victim of this type of fraud, please file a report with our department. We are working closely with the county as a whole to investigate these claims.

To those parents driving their kids to school please allow extra time due to excess traffic as well as street paving which will start on Monday April 19th. Additional officers will be on hand to assist.

CORONAVIRUS 2019:

- The Coronavirus is still infecting people and the village has seen a steady uptick in cases so please wear your masks and follow the CDC recommendations listed below.

Prevention:

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventative actions to help the spread of respiratory disease including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- For information about handwashing, see CDC's Handwashing website: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html>
- For information specific to healthcare, see CDC's Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings: <https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/index.html>

- These are everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of several viruses. CDC does have specific guidance for travelers.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- For more information, please visit the CDC website at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

How to Protect Yourself & Others

- Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at high risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness.
- Know how it spreads
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.a Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- If residents have questions regarding Town of Greenburgh's reassessment you should call the Assessor's office at 914-989-1520 or Tyler Technologies at 914-281- 8250. Reassessment is based on July 2020 date set by NYS law.
- NYS has legalized Cannabis and we trying to get a better understanding on this law.
- Thanked the Village Manager & Treasurer for putting the Village Budget together.

8. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

8.a Trustee DiJusto announced the following:

- Thanked the Traffic Committee for putting together tonight's presentation. If anyone has any questions, please email adjusto@ardsleyvillage.com.
- Attended a conference with Mayor Kaboolian on the new Cannabis Law last Thursday with NYCOM.

Trustee Weitz announced the following:

- Ardsley Historical Society's website is up and available. Please visit www.ardsleyhistoricalsociety.org.

Trustee D'Emilio announced the following:

- Ardsley Library is working on towards reopening to browse in early May. This would involve customers to make appointments.
- Reminder-SAYF Coalition & Police Department will be hosting Drug Give Back Day from 10 am -2 pm on Saturday, April 24th in front of Village Hall.

Trustee Edelstein announced the following:

- Ninja Grit program is underway. Another session will start on June 4th.
- Pee Wee Soccer will start on April 25th. There are still some slots available.
- Tennis lessons for various age groups will begin on April 25th.
- Men's softball will start on May 3rd.
- Multicultural Committee will be hosting their virtual book club on April 25th from 4pm-5pm
- Earth month webinars will be on April 23rd 7pm-8:15pm and on April 29th 7pm-8:15pm
- Great Saw Mill River clean up will be on April 24th 10am-1pm.
- Find out more about your carbon footprint by visiting: [Carbon Footprint Calculator | Climate Change | US EPA](#)

7. VISITORS

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- Mr. Gary Rappaport Ardsley resident commented on the Slow Down Ardsley campaign. He feels that we have too many signs in Ardsley.
 - Eda Kapsis, Ardsley resident had the following comments regarding the budget:
 - Excellent, informative presentation of historic and year over year fiscal budget.
 - Need for improvement in fiscal transparency for Village staff capacity and succession planning.
 - Need for updated fiscal project planning using sustainable ROI methods for building, infrastructure and transportation projects to reduce emissions and speed payback.
 - Mr. Gary Rappaport Ardsley resident commented on the following:
 - Part-time Code Enforcement officer-his main concern is that there isn't anyone around on the nights and weekends when real problems could occur.
 - Not happy with the location of the placement of signs/banners by the Ashford Ave. bridge. It very distracting and we should look for another location.
 - Opposed to the continuation of SWAT training.
 - Judy Lindey Ardsley resident agreed with Gary Rappaport regarding comments on the Code Enforcement.
 - Pete Rodwick questioned how much stimulus money is the Village expected to receive? Is the Board going to lower the tax levy?
 - Village Manager Robson explained that it could be up to for \$460,000 over two years but we have not received final numbers and there is limited use of these funds.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Consider a Resolution to Adopt the 2021-2022 Village Budget

Moved by Trustee Weitz, Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously. RESOLVED,
that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts the 2021-2022 Village Budget, effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 which includes amendments to the Tentative Budget Front Page Summary and salary adjustments, library funding, contingency increases and various other adjustments to the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Consider a Resolution to Amend Fees in Section A210-3N of the Code of the Village of Ardsley

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

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) **Reserved**

Food trucks conducting business under the auspices of the Village of Ardsley: \$100.00 per event.

(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]

9.2 Consider a Resolution to Award Bid for Heatherdell Road Sidewalk Improvement & Guide Rail Project

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee D'Emilio and passed unanimously.
WHEREAS, a public notice for the Heatherdell Road Sidewalk Improvement & Guiderail Project was duly advertised in an official newspaper on March 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY the Village Manager in the presence of the Village Clerk, Project Engineer, and General Foreman opened seven bids as summarized below;

HEATHERDELL ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT & GUIDERAIL PROJECT

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID
Paladino Concrete Creations Corp.	\$415,022.00
Woodland Manor LLC DBE MBE	\$443,644.21
Con-Tech Construction Technology Inc.	\$480,485.00
MTS Infrastructure, LLC	\$526,860.00
Gianfia Corp.	\$559,950.00

Morano Brothers Corp.	\$623,610.00
Northbrook Contracting Corp.	\$669,000.00

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby awards the base bid for the Village to Paladino Concrete Creations Corp. in the amount of \$415,022.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute a contract and all other applicable documents with Paladino Concrete Creations Corp. 513 N. Mac Questen Pkwy, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 to perform work pertaining to the Heatherdell Road Sidewalk Improvement & Guide rail Project.

9.3 Consider a Resolution Establishing Sewer Rent Adjustment Procedures

Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Weitz and passed unanimously.
WHEREAS, Article 14-F of the New York General Municipal Law authorizes municipalities to establish a system of user fees, or sewer rents; and
WHEREAS, in the exercise of such statutory authority, the Board has adopted a local law establishing a system of sewer rents using water consumption as a basis for calculating same; and

WHEREAS, the Board further desires to revise the policy and procedures for the sewer rent program and for sewer users to grieve their bill under certain limited circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby establishes the attached revisions to the policy and procedures for the sewer rent program or changes to sewerbills:

1. Only water usage that occurred between May 1st and September 30th each calendar year will be eligible for grievance consideration. This will account for pool filling and lawn irrigation systems. Pools must be operating with a building department permit and possessing a certificate of occupancy to be considered.
2. For the current fiscal year (2020-21), the grievance period for the September 2020 usage only will be extended to May 15th. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the Village Manager or postmarked by May 15, 2021 in order to be accepted.
3. Beginning with the 2021-22 fiscal year, grievance applications and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Village Manager in January of each fiscal year and must include bills showing water usage for the period May 1 to September 30 in order to be considered.
4. The Village reserves the right to verify the existence and functionality of lawn irrigation systems and pools to determine grievance eligibility.
5. No other conditions are eligible for grievance consideration unless extenuating, unique conditions can be proven to the satisfaction of the Village Manager.

10. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

11.1 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee D'Emilio, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:18 p.m.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 3, 2021

13. NEXT WORK SESSION: MAY 12, 2021

Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

Date: