



MINUTES

Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

8:00 PM - Monday, December 20, 2021

Held Via Zoom Platform

Present: Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Andy Di Justo
Trustee	Asha Bencosme
Trustee	Steve Edelstein
Trustee	Craig Weitz
Village Manager	Joseph Cerretani
Village Clerk	Ann Marie Rocco
Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini

Absent:

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Kaboolian called to order the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION- AUDIT PRESENTATION PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP MR. ALAN KASSAY

This audit presentation has been rescheduled to January 3, 2022

3. Westchester County Executive, George Latimer Westchester County Executive, George Latimer provided an update regarding COVID-19:

- We have had an explosion of COVID-19 cases.
- Currently there are a high number of cases in the county.
- Westchester Medical Center has testing and vaccinations available.
- The County is keeping an eye out on price gouging on the test kits.
- We are providing masks and hand sanitizers to local government offices.
- The County meetings have been switched to virtual.
- Board of Legislators has passed the 2022 County Budget.
- Contract tracing is behind due to the uptick in cases.

Mayor Kaboolian thanked County Executive for joining.

County Legislator Mary Jane Shimsky stated that they added capital funding for moving the pedestrian entrance at Macy Park to coincide with the cross walks on 9A and to add sidewalks to make it safer for pedestrians to get into and out of the park.

Mayor Kaboolian announced that we have postponed all of our Senior activities for the rest of the year out of the abundance of caution.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4.1 Reorganization Meeting December 6, 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 Reorganization Meeting of Monday, December 6, 2021 as submitted.

4.2 December 6, 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, December 6, 2021 as submitted.

5. 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 and is available for Executive Session if needed.

2. MANAGER

- 2.a Village Manager, Joe Cerretani read the following report:

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All Village offices, including the Justice Court, the Community Center, and the Department of

Public Works will be closed for a ½ day on Thursday, December 23, 2021, and a ½ day on Thursday,

December 30, 2021. Offices will also be closed Friday, December 24, 2021 and Friday, December 31, 2021 in observance of Christmas Day & New Year's Day.

There will be refuse collection for the entire village on Thursday, December 23, 2021 and Thursday, December 30, 2021. Residents may refer to the Sanitation schedule posted on the Village's website for all related information.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday, December 23, 2021 1:00 pm-4:30 pm

Friday, December 24, 2021- CLOSED

Saturday, December 25, 2021-CLOSED

Thursday, December 30, 2021 1:00 pm-4:30 pm

Friday, December 31, 2021-CLOSED

Saturday, January 1, 2022-CLOSED

VILLAGE TAXES

The second installment of the Village tax bill became due and payable on December 1st, 2021 and can be paid without penalty until 4:00 pm on Monday, January 3, 2022. Payments arriving via mail postmarked by the USPS after January 3, 2022, or arrive after January 3, 2022 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. Residents are asked not to bring their tax payment in on Friday, December 31, 2021 since our offices will be closed.

3. TREASURER Abstract Report Dated December 20, 2021

Village Manager Joe Cerretani read the Treasurer's Report for December 20, 2021.

Village Manager Joe Cerretani stated that the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$230,665.16; from the Sewer Fund: \$4,137.25; from the Trust & Agency fund: \$220.00 and from the Capital Fund: \$1,541.25

3.a December 20, 2021 Abstract Report

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: \$230,665.16; from the Sewer Fund: \$4,137.35; from the Trust & Agency fund: \$220.00 and from the Capital Fund: \$1,541.25

4. BUILDING

4.a November 2021 Building Department Report

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

November 2021 Building Department Report:

- 14 Building permits
- 15 Application fees

- 4 Certificates of Occupancy
- 9 Plumbing permits
- 6 Electrical permits
- 11 Title Searches
- 0 Miscellaneous

Total received - \$7,757/50

Other activities-

- 53 Building inspections
- 10 Zoning inspections
- 5 Violations
- 3 Warnings
- 1 Appearance Ticket

5. FIRE

5.a November 2021 Fire Department Report

November 2021 Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Murray read the Fire Department Report for the month of November 2021:

- The Department held drills on November 4th, 11th & 18th
- November 1st. Chief Murray Met with RFC, updated the lightening on car 2019 and installed new Equipment on E-164
- November 709 Chief Murray, Knoesel, Podalski with the rest of the the Apparatus Committee went to Wisconsin for Seagrave Pre Construction Meeting.
- 26 Alarms for the the month of November

Training was as follows:

November 4th Ladder Ops/Fire Prevention Prep

Training Hrs. 18.00, 9 Member's Present

November 11th

MPO Training

Training Hrs. 14.00, 28 Member's Present

November 18th – Monthly Drill

Rig Maintenance – Drill interrupted for Alarm

Training Hrs. 24.00, 12 Member's Present

November 25th

NO DRILL- HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Training Hrs. 00.00, 0 Member's Present

New York State Classes: Firefighter I – 15.00

Hrs. Fire Officer 1- 48.00 Hrs.

Training Hrs. 000.00, 00 Member's Present

Online Training McNeil & Company E-Learning:

Training: 56.00 Hours

Inspection: 00.00 Hours

Maintenance: 00.0 Hours New York State: 63.00 Hours

Online Training McNeil & Company E-Learning: 0.0 Hours Total: 119.00 Hours

6. POLICE

6. November 2021 Police Department Report

a Chief Piccolino reported the following activities for November 2021:

- Court fine and fees - \$67,017.00
- Property lost or stolen - \$20,124.07
- Alarm fines and fees - \$0.00
- Meter collection - \$1,665.40
- 10 Traffic Accidents
- 4 Arrests
- 213 Calls for Service
- 8 Investigations
- 1 Impoundment
- 10 UTT summonses issued
- 10 Parking summonses issued
- 4 Appearance tickets issued
- 24 Total summonses issued

Training in December:

102 hours which consisted of SWAT, procedural justice and youth related training.

COMMUNITY POLICING:

We did a Christmas holiday gift for a family in need here in Ardsley, they have six children and we were able to secure gift cards from several retail stores. One family graciously donated an American girl doll to the daughter of the family member.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

The child seat passenger safety unit conducted a child seats check event with the Dobbs Ferry Police. A total of 15 seats were installed. 5 child seats were installed by appointments and none were issued.

Participated and conducted training at the Westchester Police Academy for School Resource Officer and Community Resource Officer training. A total of 77 officers were certified and training hours for each class was 40hrs.

Attended in person 4 hour training on block on School Partnership Training at the Westchester Police Academy Attended in person 8 hour training block on Procedural Justice Training at the Westchester Police Academy participated via zoom meeting for the Ardsley SAYF Coalition

Participated and assisted with a lock down drill, fire drill and hosted a fire drill at the Ardsley High School.

Participated and assisted with lockdown drill at the Concord Road Elementary school Attended Westchester County Detectives and Youth Officers meetings.

Participated in a 2 hour block training on LGBTQ and Transgender Youth Webinar

The Ardsley Police and PBA distributed apple and pumpkin pies to the residents residing at Louis Pascone Way.

Community Information:

The police department has received many calls about Coyote's in the area. Coyotes are common in this area and generally do not pose a risk to humans but caution should be taken when encountering a coyote.

Coyote Conflicts

The Eastern coyote is firmly established in New York. They live in New York as an integral part of our ecosystems. People and coyotes can usually coexist if coyotes' natural fear of people is maintained. Coyotes provide many benefits to New Yorkers through observation, photography, hunting, and trapping; however, not all interactions are positive. While most coyotes avoid interacting with people, some coyotes in suburbia become emboldened and appear to have lost their fear of people. This can result in a dangerous situation with pets and young children at the greatest risk.

Below are steps you should take to reduce and prevent coyote problems from occurring.

Coyote Encounters

A coyote that does not flee from people should be considered dangerous. Coyotes in residential areas can be attracted to garbage, pet food, and other

human-created sources of food. Coyotes can associate people with these food attractants. In some cases human behavior is perceived to be non-threatening by coyotes (running into your home after seeing a coyote is behaving like prey). In short, people may unintentionally attract coyotes with food and people may behave like prey. Add to the mix people intentionally feeding coyotes and the potential for a coyote attack becomes very real.

How to handle coyote encounters:

- Do not let a coyote approach anyone.
- If you see a coyote, **be aggressive** in your behavior-stand tall and hold arms out to look large. If a coyote lingers for too long, then make loud noises, wave your arms, or throw sticks and stones.
- Contact your local police department and DEC regional office for assistance if you notice that coyotes are exhibiting "bold" behaviors and have little or no fear of people.
- Teach children to appreciate coyotes from a distance. Children are at greatest risk of being injured by coyotes. If a coyote has been observed repeatedly near an area where children frequent, be watchful.

Potential does exist for coyote attacks in New York. However, a little perspective may be in order. On average, 650 people are hospitalized and one person killed by dogs each year in New York State. Nationwide, only a handful of coyote attacks occur annually. Nevertheless, these conflicts are bad for people, pets, and coyotes.

Make your Yard Less Hospitable

Unintentional food sources attract coyotes and other wildlife, as well as increase risks to people and pets.

To reduce risks:

- Do not feed coyotes and discourage others from doing so.
- Do not feed pets outside.
- Make any garbage inaccessible to coyotes and other animals.
- Eliminate availability of bird seed. Concentrations of birds and rodents that come to feeders can attract coyotes.

Protect your Pets

Take action:

- Do not allow coyotes to approach people or pets.
- Do not allow pets to run free. Supervise all outdoor pets to keep them safe from coyotes and other wildlife, especially at sunset and at night.
- Fencing your yard may deter coyotes. The fence should be tight to the ground, preferably extending 6 inches below ground level, and taller than 4 feet.
- Remove brush and tall grass from around your property to reduce protective cover for coyotes. Coyotes are typically secretive and like areas where they can hide.

- Be alert of your surroundings and take precautions such as carrying a flashlight or a walking stick to deter coyotes.

Dogs:

Do dog owners need to be concerned about coyotes? The answer is maybe. Conflicts between dogs and coyotes can happen any time of the year, but are more likely in the months of March and April. It is during this time that coyotes are setting up their denning areas for their soon-to-arrive pups. Coyotes become exceptionally territorial around these den sites in an attempt to create a safe place for their young. In general, coyotes view other canines (dogs) as a threat. Essentially, it comes down to a territorial dispute between your dog and the coyote. Both believe that your yard is their territory.

Owners of large and medium sized dogs have less to worry about, but should still take precautions. Owners of small dogs have cause for concern. Small dogs are of greatest risk of being harmed or killed by coyotes. Small dogs are at risk when left unattended in backyards at night and should be supervised by owners. Coyotes have attacked and killed small dogs unattended in backyards. Coyotes may approach small dogs along streets at night near natural areas, even in the presence of dog owners.

Cats

Do coyotes kill cats? Absolutely, but so do foxes, dogs, bobcats, vehicles, and even great horned owls. Cat owners need to be aware that cats allowed to roam free are at risk from many different factors. To protect your cat, keep it indoors, or allow it outside only under supervision. Coyotes in some areas appear to become specialists at catching and killing cats.

Livestock Risk

Problems with coyotes and livestock do occur in New York. Most problems involve sheep or free ranging chickens and ducks. Most problems can be avoided with proper husbandry techniques. It is much easier to prevent depredation from occurring than it is to stop it once it starts.

Coyote Incident Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

The New York State Coyote Incident Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) have been developed for use primarily by DEC staff who routinely handle phone calls pertaining to coyotes but may be a valuable reference document for other entities interacting with public experiencing conflicts with coyotes (e.g., municipal law enforcement and animal control officers).

View the [New York State Coyote Incident Standard Operating Procedures \(Revised 2018\)](#) (PDF).

Contacts

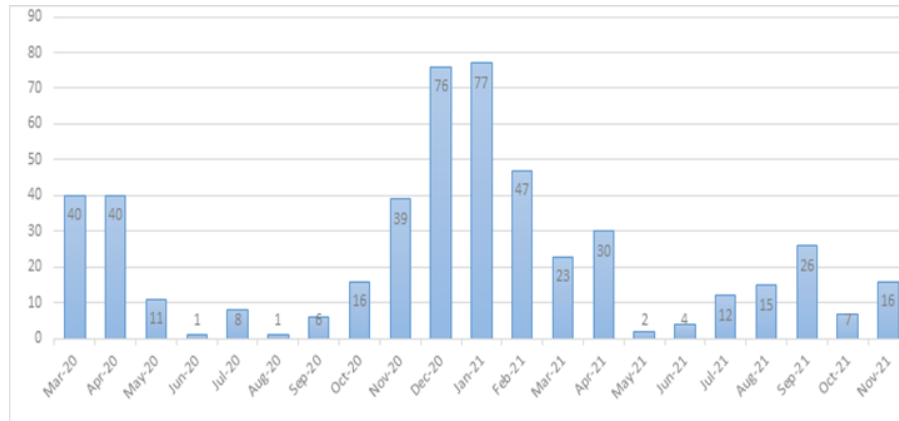
- [Regional DEC Wildlife Office](#)
 - USDA APHIS
- 1930 Route 9, Castleton NY 12033

Phone: (518) 477-4837

- [Wildlife Damage website](#) (leaves DEC website)
- Find a [Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator](#) (NWCO)

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.

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>

Delta Variant: What we know about the science

On July 27, 2021, CDC released updated guidance on the need for urgently increasing COVID-19 vaccination coverage and a recommendation for everyone in areas of substantial or high transmission to wear a mask in public indoor places, even if they are fully vaccinated. CDC issued this new guidance due to several concerning developments and newly emerging data signals.

First, a significant increase in new cases reversed what had been a steady decline since January 2021. In the days leading up to our guidance update, CDC saw a rapid and alarming rise in the COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates around the country.

In late June, the 7-day moving average of reported cases was around 12,000. On July 27, the 7-day moving average of cases reached over 60,000. This case rate looked more like the rate of cases we had seen before the vaccine was widely available.

Second, new data began to emerge that the Delta variant was more infectious and was leading to increased transmissibility when compared with other variants, even in some vaccinated individuals. This includes recently published data from CDC and our public health partners, unpublished surveillance data that will be publicly available in the coming weeks, information included in CDC's updated Science Brief on COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination, and ongoing outbreak investigations linked to the Delta variant.

Infection & spread

the Delta variant causes more infections and spreads faster than early forms of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

- **The Delta variant is more contagious:** The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants.
- **Some data suggest the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous variants in unvaccinated people.** In two different studies from Canada and Scotland, patients infected with the Delta variant were more likely to be hospitalized than patients infected with Alpha or the original virus that causes COVID-19. Even so, the vast majority of hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19 are in unvaccinated people.

- **Unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern:** The greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to get infected, and therefore transmit the virus. Fully vaccinated people get COVID-19 (known as [breakthrough infections](#)) less often than unvaccinated people. People infected with the Delta variant, including fully vaccinated people with symptomatic breakthrough infections, can transmit the virus to others. CDC is continuing to assess data on whether fully vaccinated people with asymptomatic breakthrough infections can transmit the virus.
- **Fully vaccinated people with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. However, vaccinated people appear to spread the virus for a shorter time:** For prior variants, lower amounts of viral genetic material were found in samples taken from fully vaccinated people who had breakthrough infections than from unvaccinated people with COVID-19. For people infected with the Delta variant, similar amounts of viral genetic material have been found among both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people. However, like prior variants, the amount of viral genetic material may go down faster in fully vaccinated people when compared to unvaccinated people. This means fully vaccinated people will likely spread the virus for less time than unvaccinated people.

Vaccines

Vaccines in the US are highly effective, including against the Delta variant

- The COVID-19 vaccines approved or authorized in the United States are highly effective at preventing severe disease and death, including against the Delta variant. But they are not 100% effective, and some fully vaccinated people will become infected (called a breakthrough infection) and experience illness. For all people, the vaccine provides the best protection against serious illness and death.
- Vaccines are playing a crucial role in limiting spread of the virus and minimizing severe disease. Although vaccines are highly effective, they are not perfect, and there will be vaccine breakthrough infections. Millions of Americans are vaccinated, and that number is growing. This means that even though the risk of breakthrough infections is low, there will be thousands of fully vaccinated people who become infected and able to infect others, especially with the surging spread of the Delta variant. [Low vaccination coverage](#) in many communities is driving the current rapid surge in cases involving the Delta variant, which also increases the chances that even more concerning variants could emerge.
- Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community. High vaccination coverage will reduce spread of the virus and help prevent new variants from emerging. CDC recommends that everyone aged 12 years and older get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Masks

Given what we know about the Delta variant, vaccine effectiveness, and current vaccine coverage, layered prevention strategies, including wearing masks, are needed to reduce the transmission of this variant

- At this time, as we build the level of vaccination nationwide, we must also use all the prevention strategies available, including masking indoors in public places, to stop transmission and stop the pandemic. Everyone who is able, including fully vaccinated people, should wear masks in public indoor places in areas of [substantial or high](#) transmission.

Omicron Variant: What You Need to Know

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Emergence of Omicron

On November 24, 2021, a new variant of [SARS-CoV-2](#), B.1.1.529, was reported to the World

Health Organization (WHO). This new variant was first detected in specimens collected on November 11, 2021 in Botswana and on November 14, 2021 in South Africa.

On November 26, 2021, WHO named the B.1.1.529 Omicron and classified it as a Variant of Concern (VOC). On November 30, 2021, the United States designated Omicron as a [Variant of Concern](#), and on December 1, 2021 the first confirmed U.S. case of Omicron was identified.

CDC has been collaborating with global public health and industry partners to learn about Omicron, as we continue to monitor its course. CDC has been using [genomic](#)

[surveillance](#) throughout the course of the pandemic to track variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, and inform public health practice. We don't yet know how easily it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, or how well available vaccines and medications work against it.

Despite the increased attention of Omicron, [Delta](#) continues to be the main variant circulating in the United States.

What We Know about Omicron Infection and Spread:

- **How easily does Omicron spread?** The Omicron variant likely will spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and how easily Omicron spreads compared to Delta remains unknown. CDC expects that anyone with Omicron infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don't have symptoms.
- **Will Omicron cause more severe illness?** More data are needed to know if Omicron infections, and especially reinfections and breakthrough infections in people

who are fully vaccinated, cause more severe illness or death than infection with other variants.

- **Will vaccines work against Omicron?** Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, [breakthrough infections](#) in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur. With other variants, like Delta, vaccines have remained effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. The recent emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.
- **Will treatments work against Omicron?** Scientists are working to determine how well existing treatments for COVID-19 work. Based on the changed genetic make-up of Omicron, some treatments are likely to remain effective while others may be less effective.

We have the Tools to Fight Omicron

Vaccines remain the best public health measure to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging.

COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. Scientists are currently investigating Omicron, including how protected fully vaccinated people will be against infection, hospitalization, and death. CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting [fully vaccinated](#). CDC recommends that everyone ages 18 years and older should get a [booster](#) shot at least two months after their initial J&J/Janssen vaccine or six months after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna.

Masks offer protection against all variants. CDC continues to recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high [community transmission](#), regardless of vaccination status. CDC provides [advice about masks](#) for people who want to learn more about what [type of mask](#) is right for them depending on their circumstances.

Tests can tell you if you are currently infected with COVID-

19. Two types of tests are used

to [test for current infection](#): nucleic acid amplification tests ([NAATs](#)) and [antigen tests](#). NAAT and antigen tests can only tell you if you have a current infection. Individuals can use

the [COVID-](#)

[19 Viral Testing Tool](#) to help determine what kind of test to seek. Additional tests would be needed to determine if your infection was caused by Omicron. Visit your [state](#), [tribal](#), local, or territorial health department's website to look for the latest local information on testing.

Self-

tests can be used at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results. If your self-test has a positive result, stay home or isolate for 10 days, wear a mask if you have

contact with others, and call your healthcare provider. If you have any questions about our self-test result, call your healthcare provider or public health department.

Until we know more about the risk of Omicron, it is important to use **all tools available** to protect yourself and others.

What CDC is Doing to Learn about Omicron

Virus Characteristics

CDC scientists are working with partners to gather data and virus samples that can be studied to answer important questions about the Omicron variant. Scientific experiments have already started. CDC will provide updates as soon as possible.

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- Echoed what Police Chief Piccolino stated about the number of cases increasing.
- Wished everyone Happy holidays and happy new year!

8. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Trustee DiJusto reported on the following:

- Attended the Ardsley Historical Society meeting. There are some events coming up so residents should stay tuned.
- On January 3, 2022 there will be a virtual meeting on the history on the U.S. Navy
- Met with our Highway Foreman regarding the new highway garage at 220 Heatherdell, they discovered an old water supply line that is on the property. This is good news because we will not need to bring one in.
- Happy New Year to everyone in the Village.

Trustee Weitz did not have anything to report on but wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Trustee Bencosme reported on the following:

- The CAC had a very well attended pollinator pathway event on December 11th.
- The CAC and MDI Committees are combining a film screening event:

Ardsley Climate Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Ardsley Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee for a free virtual screening of #TheSacrificeZone, a 30-minute documentary focusing on the community activists leading the fight for social & environmental justice in the Ironbound neighborhood of Newark, NJ, one of the most toxic areas of the country. Don't miss the panel discussion on Jan. 13th as we explore the social & environmental impacts of our waste & share solutions to lessen the burden. Register at www.ardsleycan.org

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Edelstein reported on the following:

- MDI is planning for the Year of the Tiger and looks like this will be a virtual event. More information to follow on this event.

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

6. VISITORS

7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- 8.1 Consider a Resolution Acknowledging Audit Compliance with State Uniform Justice Court Action 2020-2021

This item has been TABLED until January 3, 2022

- 8.2 Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Sign Contract for Legal Counsel Services with Robert Ponzini, ESQ.

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the proposed contract for Legal Counsel services with Robert J. Ponzini, ESQ. located at 1133 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606 from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

- 8.3 Consider a Resolution to Adopt Village of Ardsley 2021 Climate Emergency Declaration

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. WHEREAS, on 12th December 2015, at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21), 196 countries, including the United States, adopted the "Paris Agreement", recognizing the threat of climate change and agreeing to pursue efforts to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius;and

WHEREAS, on June 1st 2017, the United States Government announced its intent to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, thereby abandoning global leadership on addressing climate change;and

WHEREAS, on June 19th 2017, the Village of Ardsley joined with over 240 Climate Mayors and their municipalities representing 56 million Americans in adopting, honoring and upholding the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement by declaring "We Are Still In" and pledging to do our share to meet the Paris emission reduction targets;and

WHEREAS, limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius will require unprecedented transitions in all aspects of society over the next decade;and

WHEREAS, global annual averaged surface air temperature has increased by about 1.8°F (1.0°C) over the last 115 years (1901 to 2016) as cited in the U.S. Global Change Research Program's 2017 Climate Science Special Report; and

WHEREAS, the past five years are collectively the warmest in modern history, with increasing and intensifying extreme weather events and rising sea levels, and the total cost of extreme weather events for the United States from 2010 to 2019 has been calculated to be \$802 billion dollars by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and

WHEREAS, extreme weather events, including extremes of temperature as well as increasingly devastating storms, flooding and wildfires are causing severe harm to America's agriculture, forestry, and tourism industries and Ardsley like other municipalities in Westchester County, was recently ravaged by Hurricane Ida, causing devastating flash flooding and property damage; and

WHEREAS, climate change has and continues to cause adverse impact on human health, as well as the introduction of new vectors for infectious disease, and species extinctions and related threats to biodiversity, with accompanying grave impacts on food and water security, economic security, and social-emotional wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated existing health inequalities that have resulted from climate change, such as neighborhoods with poorer air quality being disproportionately affected by the disease; and

WHEREAS, marginalized populations worldwide, including people of color, immigrants, Indigenous communities, low-income individuals, people with disabilities, outdoor laborers, and the unhoused, especially women and children, are already disproportionately affected by the effects of climate change, and will continue to bear an excess burden as temperatures increase, and disasters worsen; and

WHEREAS, the massive scope and scale of action necessary to stabilize the climate and biosphere will require unprecedented levels of public awareness, engagement, and deliberation to develop and implement effective, just, and equitable policies to address the climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, on July 18th, 2019, the Governor of New York signed into law the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), which is among the most ambitious climate laws in the world and requires our State to: reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and no less than 85 percent by 2050 from 1990 levels; achieve 100% zero-emission electricity by 2040 and statewide carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ardsley embraces the mandates of the Climate Act, has been at the forefront of sustainability and environmental policy and aims to continue serving as a leader in climate action by building a climate-resilient and adaptive community for all residents and by meeting its Paris Agreement commitments; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ardsley is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community as designated by New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Village achieved this status through a range of actions; and

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Board of Legislators has adopted a Climate Emergency Declaration and has urged local governments to do the same; and

WHEREAS, world leaders have met at the UNFCCC's 26th Conference of the Parties (COP 26) in Glasgow, Scotland to renew and report on their Paris Agreement commitments;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees of Village of Ardsley declares a climate emergency and urges sister municipalities to do the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of Ardsley shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Majority Leader Andrea

Stewart-Cousins, Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator Mary Jane Shimsky.

8.4 Consider a Resolution to Reject All Bids for the Audio Video Production Equipment for the Upgrade of the Cable Control Studio

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

WHEREAS, a public notice to purchase audio video production equipment for the upgrade of the cable control studio was duly advertised in an official newspaper on November 2, 2021 and;

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. at 507 Ashford Avenue (Court Room), Ardsley, NY 10502 in presence of the Village Manager, Village Clerk and Cable Access Director opened one bid as summarized below;

AUDIO VIDEO PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT/UPGRADE CABLE CONTROL STUDIO

BIDDER	BASE BID
Tele-Measurements, Inc.	\$88,000.00

WHEREAS, the Village Board intends to modify the scope of work and such change therefore requires a re-bidding of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby rejects all bids received.

8.5 Consider a Resolution Modifying the 2020-2021 Village Budget use of Appropriated Fund Balance-Debt Service

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 modify the 2020-2021 Village Budget by increasing appropriation budget line A9710.0600 Bond Principal, \$283,000 and increasing appropriated fund balance-debt service A599 \$283,000 to allow for the payment of debt service.

9. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

10.1 Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, December 20, 2021, at 9:01 p.m.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 20, 2021 Library Board Meeting
- December 21, 2021 Board of Architectural Review Meeting
- December 22, 2021 Senior Citizens Holiday Movie
- December 22, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals
- December 23, 2021 Village Offices Closing at Noontime
- December 24, 2021 Village Offices Closed
- December 29, 2021 Senior Citizens Bingo
- December 30, 2021 Village Offices Closing at Noontime

- December 31, 2021 Village Offices Closed

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 3, 2022

Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

Date: