



MINUTES

Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

8:00 PM - Monday, May 2, 2022

507 Ashford Avenue

Present: Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Andy DiJusto
Trustee	Asha Bencosme
Trustee	Steve Edelstein
Trustee	Craig Weitz
Village Manager	Joseph L. 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 8:02 p.m.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT Presentation By Lorraine Kuhn
2021 Annual Stormwater Report

1. Lorraine Kuhn presented a Power Point presentation to the Board of Trustees regarding water conservation & reuse. Presentation of NYS DEC Stormwater (SW) Annual Report 2021 (SW Year March 9, 2021 to March 9, 2022). As an MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System), the Village of Ardsley is required to prepare and submit a SW Annual Report to NYS DEC. The MS4 program covers 6 Minimum Measures (Outreach & Education, Public Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination, Pre-construction SW Control, Post-construction SW Control, and Municipal Good Housekeeping). These measures must be addressed each year to maintain the Village of Ardsley SPDES permit (State Pollution Discharge Elimination System) which allows the Village to drain stormwater to local waterbodies.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2.1 April 18, 2022 Board of Trustees 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, April 18, 2022 as submitted.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. LEGAL

- 1.a May 2, 2022 Legal Report -Village Attorney Robert Ponzini
Village Attorney Ponzini stated there is nothing to report other than the matters that may have been submitted in memorandum form and he is available for Executive Session if needed.

2. MANAGER

- 2.a May 2, 2022 Village Manager Report
Village Manager, Joe Cerretani read the following Village Manager report:
 - 1. RECORD'S RETENTION DAY**
Friday, May 6 is Record's Retention Day in the Village. Administrative offices will be closed to the public, including the Public Library and Justice Court.
 - 2. ADOPTED BUDGET**
The 2022-2023 Adopted Budget is available on the Village website. Special thanks to Leslie Tillotson and Charles Hessler for their assistance assembling the final product.
 - 3. NEW DPW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**
We had a great turnout at the April 19 pre-bid meeting. We have 13 General Contractors that picked up packets, and between 6-7 contractors for the trade bids (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.). We are hopeful that translates to high participation submitting bids. Bids will be opened this Thursday, May 5th, and we hope to have recommendations for awards to the Board for the June 6th Regular Meeting. With that timeline, we would hope to break ground on the project by the end of July.
 - 4. SANITARY/STORM SEWER MAPPING PROJECT**
The sanitary sewer mapping is now complete. The mapping of the stormwater conveyance system is approximately 80% complete and estimated to be completed by the end of May. I have requested that the specifications be prepared for the camera work for the sanitary sewer lines; which is the next phase of the project. We hope to begin the bidding process for that project next month.

3. TREASURER

3.a May 2, 2022 Abstract Report

Village Manager, Joe Cerretani read the Treasurer's Report for May 2, 2022:

Mr. Cerretani stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$103,480.94 from the Capital Fund: \$79,985.00, Trust & Agency Fund: \$108.03 and Sewer 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: \$103,480.94 from the Capital Fund: \$79,985.00; Trust & Agency Fund: \$108.03 and 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 announced the following:

- The Bee-line buses will be free to all riders this summer.
- The County is having household recycling day on May 7th at Sprain Ridge Park.
- Participated in a LWV discussion with high schoolers regarding Women in Government.
- Planting at Silliman Park took place during our earth day weekend events.
- Planting was also done at the Library.
- Thanked the Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts and Environmental Club for participating in our Earth Day Events.
- Saw Mill River Clean was a big success.
- Thanked our DPW workers for all their help with our events.
- Little League Parade was well attended.
- The Ardsley Historical Society partnered with the Ardsley Department of Public Works to install a historical marker at the site of the old Ardsley Train Station. The Village of Ardsley is planning a commemoration ceremony on April 30th at 10 AM. The marker is located off Elm Street at the entrance to the South County Trailway right across from the DPW storage shed (about half-way in between The House of Sports and the Giampiccolo Auto Body shop).

- First Annual 5K Race took place on May 1st and was a great success! Thanked Recreation Director Trish Lacy and Recreation Commission for putting this event together.
- On Saturday evening, April 30th there was an electrical fire on Western Ave. Thanked ASVAC and our Fire Department for their hard work.
- The Ardsley Garage Sale will take place on May 14th at Pascone Park

8. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

8.a Trustee DiJusto announced the following:

- There was an overwhelming response to help with the fire on Saturday evening.

Trustee Weitz did not have anything to report.

Trustee Bencosme announced the following:

- Learn about energy efficient Heat Pump systems for your home. Register at www.ardsleycan.org for the webinar or by calling 914-242-4725 EXT. 122.

Trustee Edelstein announced the following:

- Thanked all the volunteers who helped with the planting last week.
- Thanked Carol Sommerfield, The Girl Scouts, Linda Keil, The Garden Club for leadership on the events.
- Thank you to Soundview who helped with the funding on this event.
- Thanked DPW for all their help.
- Pollinator Pathways is also planning some future events on May 15th and May 21st. More details to follow.
- The Garden Club will be having their annual plant sale Saturday, May 7th at the Community Center at 1pm

4. VISITORS

4.1 Resident Jaclyn Cavallini introduced herself and provided the Board with a brief history of her background and why she wants to be involved with the Library Board.

Resident Holly Halmo introduced herself and provided the Board with a brief history of her background and why she wants to be involved with the Library Board.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Consider a Resolution to Include Unpaid Water Rents and Penalties in the 2022-2023 Annual Tax Levy

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed unanimously.
WHEREAS, certain sewer customer accounts currently have unpaid sewer rents and penalties, and

WHEREAS, Village Law §165-22 (f) provides for the inclusion of unpaid sewer rents and penalties in the annual tax levy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley authorizes the Village Treasurer to include the following unpaid sewer rents and penalties on the 2022-2023 annual tax levy totaling \$50,401.36.

6.2 Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Sustainable Westchester, Inc. for Participation in the Community Choice Aggregation Program

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 a Memorandum of Understanding, as well as any and all related documentation regarding participation in a Community Choice Aggregation Program that will be managed by Sustainable Westchester located at 40 Green Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the term of this understanding shall expire on the earlier of June 30, 2022 or the date on which the 2022 ESA (Electric Service Agreement) is signed by the Participating Municipality, the Program Manager, and the selected Competitive Supplier.

6.3 Consider a Resolution to Request the New York State Department of Transportation to Consider the Installation of Permanent Rumble Strips at the Southbound Exit 17 Off the Saw Mill River Parkway at Ashford Avenue

Moved by Trustee Weitz, Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.
WHEREAS, Southbound Exit 17 off of the Saw Mill River Parkway at Ashford Avenue is a very short exit a sharp right hand turn; and

WHEREAS, there have been a considerable number of accidents along this exit in the past; and

WHEREAS, rumble strips are used to provide an audible and physical alert to drivers; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) installed temporary rumble strips along the exit to alert drivers to slow down while approaching the sharp right hand turn off the exit; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the audible noise that installing rumble strips will cause, this Board finds the safety of vehicle traffic outweighs any inconvenience from the noise; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ardsley finds it to be in the best interest of the Village to request the NYSDOT consider installing permanent rumble strips along Southbound Exit 17 of the Saw Mill River Parkway.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley requests the NYSDOT consider the installation of permanent rumble strips at Southbound Exit 17 off of the Saw Mill River Parkway, at Ashford Avenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village will coordinate with the Village of Dobbs Ferry to submit this request to the NYSDOT.

- 6.4 Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Agreement Between the Village of Ardsley and the Cable Access Director

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute an agreement between George A. Malone, Cable Access Director and the Village of Ardsley for cable access services for the period of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.

- 6.5 Consider a Resolution for Appointment to Library Board of Trustees Jaclyn Cavallini

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Ardsley hereby appoints Jaclyn Cavallini residing at 35 Larchmont Street, Ardsley, New York 10502 to the Library Board of Trustees , completing the unexpired term of Lauren Hadi, effective immediately through December 5, 2022.

- 6.6 Consider a Resolution for Appointment to Library Board Holly Halmo

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Ardsley hereby appoints Holly Halmo residing at 48 Markwood Road, Ardsley, New York 10502 to the Library Board of Trustees, completing the unexpired term of Rosemarie Marcus, effective immediately through December 4, 2023.

- 6.7 Consider a Resolution Adopting the 2021 Annual MS4 Stormwater Report

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts the 2021 Annual MS4 Stormwater Report.

6.8 Consider a Resolution Approving and Accepting the Settlement of Sunshine Ardsley Corp. Section 6.50 Block 34 Lot 14

Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Weitz and passed unanimously. WHEREAS, Sunshine Ardsley Corp. has commenced a proceeding in Supreme Court, Westchester County to challenge the assessments placed on his property for the tax years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, 2020 and 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ardsley has contested those challenges and defended its assessment roll, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenburgh has defended these claims, having assumed the assessment function of the Village of Ardsley and will settle on behalf of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Ardsley School District as intervenor will approve settlement on similar terms, and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Village Attorney, the Town attorney and Special Counsel for the Ardsley School District, and in light of the recommended settlement by the Town and School District, the Village of Ardsley now believes that a settlement has been achieved which represents the best interests of the Village and its residents and resolves this lawsuit without the risk and cost of further litigation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Attorney is authorized to execute a Consent Judgment settling that property's Assessment years as follows:

Assessment	Reduction	New A/V
2016 \$ 851,300	151,300	700,000
2017 \$ 851,300	126,300	725,000
2018 \$ 851,300	101,300	750,000
2019 \$ 851,300	76,300	775,000
2020 \$ 831,500	51,300	800,000
2021 \$ 831,500	36,000	825,000

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is authorized to compute the final amount due on the foregoing Consent Judgement upon execution of all of the parties and "So Ordered" by the Court and to tender payment upon presentation without further resolution.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING-EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL MATTERS

7.1 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, May 2, 2022 at 9:06 p.m.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 4th Homework Helpers 3:00 pm
- May 4th Board of Architectural Review Meeting 8:00 pm
- May 6th VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR RECORDS RETENTION DAY
- May 6th Middle School Hangout 3:00 pm
- May 7th Ardsley Historical Society Historical Marker Event 10:00 am
- May 9th Planning Board Meeting 8:00 pm
- May 10th Recreation Commission Meeting 5:00 pm
- May 10th Multicultural, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- May 11th Homework Helpers 3:00 pm
- May 13th Middle School Hangout 3:00 pm
- May 14th Annual Garage Sale 10:00 am
- May 14th Planting the AFV Park Pollinator Demonstration Garden 10:00 am
- May 15th Veggie Mania Free Seedling Exchange 10:30 am

9. NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 11, 2022 Board of Trustees Work Session
May 16, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

Date: