



## MINUTES

### Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

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**8:00 PM - Monday, May 1, 2023**

Meeting Held In-Person & Zoom Platform

Present: Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Andy Di Justo
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. CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-ROLL CALL**

- 1.1 The Regular Meeting of the Village of Ardsley Board of Trustees was held on May 1, 2023 at Village Hall, Court Facility, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY 10502.

Mayor Kaboolian called to order the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Nancy Kaboolian

Deputy Mayor/Trustee Andy Di Justo

Trustee Asha Bencosme

Trustee Steve Edelstein

Trustee Craig Weitz

Also present were: Village Manager, Joseph Cerretani, Village Attorney, Robert J. Ponzini and Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

#### **2. PUBLIC HEARING** In the Matter of Amending Chapter 18 Section 18-15 Entitled "Code of Ethics"

- 2.1 Mayor Kaboolian opened the Public Hearing at 8:01 p.m. in the matter of discussing the proposed amendments to Chapter 18 Section 18-15 Entitled "Code of Ethics and read the notice into the record:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ardsley will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. or soon thereafter at Village Hall-Court Facility, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY 10502 to discuss amending chapter 18 section 18-15 of the Ardsley Village Code entitled "Code of Ethics".

Please check the calendar on the village website for meeting details at: [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com)

Further details on this amendment is available at the Clerk's office, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY during normal office hours Monday through Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Written comments may be sent to the Village Clerk at [arocco@ardsleyvillage.com](mailto:arocco@ardsleyvillage.com) or sent via regular mail to 507 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, NY 10502. All comments will be shared with the Board of Trustees and questions will be answered as quickly as possible.

All residents and taxpayers are invited to attend.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY, NEW YORK

Ann Marie Rocco

Village Clerk

Dated: April 21, 2023

Mayor Kaboolian noted that the draft of the proposed amendment states that it would prohibit serving as a chairperson, district leader. Mayor Kaboolian feels that if we approve this amendment it should say chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, treasurer and/or other executive officers.

**Eda Kapsis Ardsley resident read the following statement:**

I thank this Board for the opportunity to again voice my support, today at this hearing, for key resolutions to amend the Village code of ethics. As I indicated in March, I enthusiastically support amendments that pivot to disallow concurrent service on party nominating committees by Board members and persons compensated by the Village. There are varied and irrefutable reasons, evident in multiple scenarios, that explain why these amendments are both essential and standard. For now, I simply encourage passage of these amendments for the benefit of all Village stakeholders. Thank you.

**Jodie Reaver Ardsley Ashford Avenue resident read the following statement:**

Good evening Mayor Kaboolian, Deputy Mayor DiJusto, Trustee Edelstein, Trustee Weitz, and Trustee Bencosme, I am here tonight to express my support for the suggested changes in the Village Code of Ethics.

Beginning in 2022, as a member of the Ardsley Democratic Committee, I worked with other committee members to create a more transparent process for candidate endorsements. To do this we reviewed the processes and bylaws for the Irvington, Dobbs Ferry, and Hastings-on-Hudson Committees. During this review it was noted that in each of these villages there are provisions in the Village Code of Ethics that restrict partisan political positions for the Village Board of Trustees.

In Ardsley, to begin this process, we needed to create bylaws to outline the work, processes, and procedures; prior to this time there were no specific Committee Bylaws. The new Ardsley bylaws are modeled off of the bylaws from neighboring villages and were informed by conversations and meetings with representatives and chairs from various Democratic Committees in Westchester.

The bylaws committee tried to balance the right to run for elected office as a district leader with the goal of creating transparency, accountability, and reducing conflicts of interest. The committee found a balance by proposing this: “no person who holds elected office shall serve on the Executive Committee;” executive committee is defined as the chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, and treasurer. This is a direct response to concerns we received from community members during the endorsement process.

As I see it, you, as the Board of Trustees, have a duty to serve all who live in the Village, regardless of their political party. Any changes made by the Democratic Party will only impact those who are elected and represent this party. The Village needs to uphold high ethical standards regardless of individuals’ political parties. The proposed change to the Village of Ardsley Code of Ethics creates a necessary separation between politics and governing and impacts all political parties.

To me, the dynamics in a small village are different from those in a town or city in that we have a smaller population. Therefore, in small villages there is a need to expand participation and ensure that diverse voices are present on boards and committees; working to ensure that the people who live here are adequately represented. By making this change you are creating structure and policies that give space for more involvement from more people.

Lastly, as an individual one of my goals is to support and protect small “d” democracy and to increase participation in the democratic process. People are reluctant to engage with a system that is viewed as biased, corrupt, or serving the

needs of only a few. This change makes it clear that certain positions in the Village carry conflicts and should follow clear ethical guidelines. I appreciate the considered change and am here to voice my support and appreciation for your work on this issue.

**Former Mayor and District Leader Jay Leon Ardsley resident stated:**

Spoke in favor of this proposed amendment. Mr. Leon feels that there is a gap in our ethics code in comparison to other surrounding Villages. Mr. Leon feels that this is a necessary ordinance.

**Eda Kapsis Ardsley Victoria Rd. resident read the following statement:**

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**Rochelle Stolzenberg Glen Rd resident:**

Spoke in favor of these amendments and feels they are necessary. We are looking to the Village to supply guidance and help with these ethical issues that have come up.

**Sonia Balaram Ashford Ave. resident:**

Spoke in favor of these amendments. Important to make this amendment to ensure that there is no concurrent service between party nominating committee and people who are both compensated by the Village and Board Members.

Trustee DiJusto questioned in reference to prohibiting as serving District Leader, is that the four Greenburgh districts?

Mayor Kaboolian explained that this is specific to the Village of Ardsley.

Trustee DiJusto questioned if electioneering is still allowed ?

Mayor Kaboolian yes, that would still be allowed.

Trustee Edelstein spoke in favor of these amendments.

Mayor Kaboolian spoke in favor of these amendments.

Mark Kowalsky Ardsley resident offered his support to these amendments to the code as a concerned resident.

Eda Kapsis Ardsley resident stated that the language is confusing and it's about concurrent services of trustees and persons compensated by the Village.

Jodie Reaver Ardsley resident stated that from her perspective this needs to be neutral to the party. Ms. Reaver also pointed out that this language is modeled based on Irvington Ethics Code.

**Mr. Gary Rappaport-Ardsley resident sent the following email regarding "Ethics Code":**

I support the Resolution. The practice of not allowing political officials to be District Leaders has been a longstanding practice against municipal corruption and favoritism as far as the 1950s in New York City. In fact, this why many NYC Democratic Clubs are called Reform Clubs - the reform of not allowing District Leaders to also be political officials.

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

**RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing be closed at 10:18 p.m.in the matter of the amending Chapter 18 Section 18-15 entitled "Code of Ethics" of the Ardsley Village Code however, comments will be accepted prior to the Village Board Meeting of May 15, 2023.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

### **3. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **3.1 Presentation By Lorraine Kuhn 2022 Annual Stormwater Report**

Lorraine Kuhn presented to the Board of Trustees regarding water conservation & reuse. Presentation of NYS DEC Stormwater (SW) Annual Report 2022 (SW Year March 9, 2022 to March 9, 2023).

Food Waste:

- 40% uneaten
- 20% of municipal waste
- 60% goes to landfills
- 20% of landfill by volume

Effective January 1, 2022:

NYS Food Donation & Food scraps recycling las

- Businesses, > 2 tons wasted food per week
- Donate edible food

- Bring scraps to recycler with 25 miles.

Residents can bring their food scraps to a drop off:

Anthony F. Veteran Park

11 Olympic Lane, Hartsdale, NY (Down the road from our new DPW)

Compost helps stormwater:

- Less runoff from organic waste in landfills
- Use compost instead of chemical fertilizer
- Helps soil to hold nutrients instead of washing into runoff
- Use compost for weed suppression instead of herbicide
- Reduce erosion & sediment runoff by improving soil structure
- At construction sites, "sleeves" filled with compost control runoff better than hay bale/silt fences
- Increases water-holding capacity of soil so less water is used for watering plant less watering > less runoff > less pollution

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.

#### **4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION-NYU WAGNER SCHOOL**

##### **4.1 NYU Wagner School Capstone Project Presentation**

Paulina Dawidowska, Lia Hansen, Pieter Fildes & Manya Johnston-Ramirez provided the Board with recommendations that will guide our Village Board with creating an actionable plan to lower municipal emissions.

Goals:

- Identify vehicle emission reductions
- Craft a Fiscally responsible transition plan

Methodology:

- Literature Review
- Internal interviews
- External Interviews
- Inventory & additional research

Key Findings:

- Interviews
- ○ External
- ○ Internal
- Vehicle Inventory
- Literature Review
- Low-Cost, Emissions-Reduction Technologies and Policies

Recommendations:

- Vehicle Purchase Checklist
- Inventory Updating Suggestions
- ○ Capital Plan Replacements
- ○ Additional Replacements
- ○ Retro-fittings
- Fuel Efficiency Tracking
- Infrastructure Plans
- Policy Recommendations

Ardsley's Goals:

**TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

- Identify low-emission vehicles that can fit municipal needs.
- Craft a fiscally responsible transition plan that accounts for infrastructure needs.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

5.1 April 17, 2023 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 17, 2023 as submitted.**

Carried by the following votes: 4-0-1

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz & Trustee Bencosme

Nays: None

Abstained: Trustee Edelstein

**6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

## 1. LEGAL

- 1.a Village Attorney Ponzini stated there is nothing to report other than the ongoing items he is working on with staff and is available for executive session if needed.

## 2. MANAGER

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

**RECORD'S RETENTION DAY:** Friday, May 5 is Record's Retention Day in the Village. Administrative offices will be closed to the public, including the Public Library and Justice Court.

**ADOPTED BUDGET:** The 2023-2024 Adopted Budget is available on the Village website. Special thanks to Leslie Tillotson, Theresa DelGrosso and Ann Marie Rocco for their assistance assembling the final product.

**NEW DPW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** The plumbers and electricians are currently on site finishing the underground infrastructure that will need to be complete before the concrete floors get poured. We are expecting delivery of the steel for the building structure by the end of the month. In advance of the delivery, we are anticipating that all floors will be poured throughout the building. In light of the weather we encountered this past weekend, crews have been using pumps to remove water from trenches, but has not created any issues or delay in construction. Today the underground electrical wires that will service our site, as well as the Town of Greenburgh, were pulled through the underground conduit. We are expecting to have the line spliced with ConEd's line by the end of next week.

**FULL-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE:** The Village is currently advertising for a full-time recreation assistant position. Anyone interested please go to [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com) to get more details on the job description and how to apply.

## 3. ABSTRACT

- 3.a May 1, 2023 Abstract Report  
Village Manager, Joseph Cerretani read the May 1, 2023 Abstract Report as follows:  
From the General Fund: \$104,952.63 from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$0.00, from the Capital Fund: \$103,538.23 and from the 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: \$104,952.63 from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$0.00 from the Capital Fund: \$103,538.23 and from the Sewer Fund:\$0.00.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

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

7.1 Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- Attended the Holi event. It was a wonderful event!
- Attended the Saw Mill River Cleanup.
- Attended County Police meeting
- Attended Ardsley High School Heritage Night
- Attended League of Women Voters of Westchester event
- Attended Rivertown Rotary event

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

8.1 Trustee DiJusto announced the following:

- Recreation Commission is working on scheduled some summer events.
- Food Truck Event will be on May 12th
- Attended Historical Society meeting
- May 7th at 2:00 pm is the The History Making Partnership of Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickey, the Men Who Broke Baseball's Color Barrier at the Community Center.
- Attended Great Saw Mill River Clean up
- Attended Holi event. Great event!
- Attended EMS BBQ.
- Consider donating to ASVAC to help them stay in business.

Trustee Weitz announced the following:

- We have a new parking app coming on line.
- Looking forward to improved parking regulations.

Trustee Bencosme did not have anything to report.

Trustee Edelstein announced the following:

- Thanked Alka and everyone who helped with the Holi event.
- Ardsley Garden club is having their plant sale at St. Barnabus Church.
- Save the Date! June 10th-Pride Celebration

- Save the Date! June 17th- Juneteenth Celebration

## **9. OLD BUSINESS:**

9.1 Consider a Resolution to Amend Chapter 18 Section 18-5 Entitled "Code of Ethics"

**RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby amends Chapter 18 Section 18-15 entitled "Code of Ethics" of the Ardsley Village Code as follows:**

**Chapter 18, Code of Ethics**

**New text is in bold underline and deleted text is in ~~highlighted strikethrough~~**

**§ 18-15 Political solicitations.**

**A. No municipal officer or employee shall directly or indirectly compel or induce a subordinate municipal officer or employee to make, or promise to make, any political contribution, whether by gift of money, service or other thing of value.**

**B. No municipal officer or employee may act or decline to act in relation to appointing, hiring or promoting, discharging, disciplining, or in any manner changing the official rank, status or compensation of any municipal officer or employee, or an applicant for a position as a municipal officer or employee, on the basis of the giving or withholding or neglecting to make any contribution of money or service or any other valuable thing for any political purpose.**

**C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, members of the Village Board of Trustees and all paid Village employees, including the Village Attorney, are prohibited from serving as a chairperson, district leader or officer for any partisan political party which engages in political campaigning or electioneering within the Village.**

All members of the Board were in agreement to closed the public hearing and move this resolution to the next regular Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

10.1 Consider a Resolution to Include Unpaid Water Rents and Penalties in the 2023-2024 Annual Tax Levy

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein 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 2023-2024 annual tax levy totaling \$44,321.50.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

10.2 Consider a Resolution Modifying the 2022/2023 Budget By Enabling the Village Treasurer to Make Necessary Transfers Within the General Fund

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 Treasurer to modify the 2022/2023 Village Budget by transferring \$745.38 from the following.**

**FROM LINE ITEMS:**

**A-1230-0110-0000 Confidential Secretary \$745.38**

**TO LINE ITEMS:**

**A-1325-0137-0000 Accounts Payable Clerk \$745.38**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

10.3 Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Board of Trustees to Approve a Salary Adjustment for the 2022/2023 Budget For the Intermediate Account Clerk

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

**WHEREAS, the Intermediate Account Clerk has assumed additional responsibilities since the resignation of the Confidential Secretary; and**

**WHEREAS, there are critical functions in the Manager's Office that must continue; and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes a one-time salary adjustment for the Intermediate Account Clerk of \$876.92 for the remainder of the 2022/2023 fiscal year.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

10.4 Consider a Resolution to Temporarily Close Colonial Court for Harmonies for Humanity

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

**RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the request to close Colonial Court (South) in the Village Green on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (rain date is May 20th at the same times) to enable the Ardsley High School Chapter of Amnesty International to hold its annual Harmonies for Humanity event.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

10.5 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, 2023 through May 31, 2024.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

10.6 Consider a Resolution to Approve Work Change Order Number 2 for Retaining Wall Extension for the New Highway Garage

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

**WHEREAS, on June 6, 2022, the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley unanimously approved a resolution to award a bid with alternates for the water installation for the new**

**highway garage to APS Contracting Inc. located at 155-161 Pennsylvania Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503 in the amount of \$14,637,000; and**

**WHEREAS, it has been determined that the revised site plan with the retaining wall extended would result in more usable space by increasing the paved footprint and thus providing invaluable special benefit to the Village; and**

**WHEREAS, the Engineer, Highway Foreman and Village Manager have reviewed and approved the work in the field;**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves work change order number 2 in the amount of \$78,750.00 related to the retaining wall extension installation.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

10.7 Consider a Resolution to Adopt the 2022 Annual MS4 Stormwater Report

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts the 2022 Annual MS4 Stormwater Report.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **12. VISITORS**

- 12.1 Ms. Marybeth Sullivan representative from New York Citizens Audit-non profit organization introduced herself as being part of a group of citizens who have obtained the New York State voter registration roll and we are interested in learning more about our county and state voter registration roll. Ms. Sullivan advised that she will report back in the upcoming weeks with their findings and data regarding the voter registration roll.

**Mr. David Tahay read the following statement:**

Dear Mayor Kaboolian and the Ardsley Board of Trustees,

My name is David Tahay and I have worked in the Ardsley community for over 7 years for the Orange, NY. In my years of working here, I have had many positive interactions with residents, businesses and members of both the Police Department and the Sanitation Department. I am immigrant to the county from Guatemala and have always found this community to be diverse and welcoming. As such, I was deeply affected by and Ardsley resident, Gary Rappaport, who on two separate occasions confronted me while doing my job on private property. Once was on Friday, March 31, 2023 and the other time on April 21, 2023. As I am an immigrant construction worker, Mr. Rappaport intimidated me while on the job and made me feel unwelcomed in this community for the first time in nearly a decade. He questioned my work while I was doing it, despite it being during business hours and permitted and stepped on private property to do so. He then made a statement which was completely appalling. He stated that he paid taxes and that he guaranteed that I do not pay taxes t this country. He made a personal attack on me which had nothing to do with the professional work I was doing and had nothing to do with him. The reason I bring this to the board's attention is that I was saddened to find out that he represents the Village as a member of the Ardsley Historical Society. How could a person who represents the Village make me feel so uncomfortable? As I write this, still fear that he will retaliate as he is a lawyer and makes me very nervous and uncomfortable. A member of a historical society should not want to question work that some have in this country's history. I told my boss, Craig Weitz, about tis incident and he has assured me that our sponsorship with this organization was cancelled and he has also reached out to the other businesses that sponsor the group to encourage them to to do the same. Whether this individual acted on his own or in his capacity as a member of the historical society, it is one in the same in my eyes. I would think that the Village would not want this person to represent them. I ask that the Village take this matter seriously and take action to ensure this individual does not intimidate another person of color or that is different in this community again. His economic status or ability to pay property taxes are irrelevant and should not dictate the way he treats others, especially in the setting of one's work. Thank you for reading this and for allowing me the time to share this unfortunate incident that occurred in our diverse community.

Respectfully,  
David Tahay

Mayor Kaboolian asked the Village Manager to speak with the Ardsley Historical Society Chair and Village Historian regarding these allegations.

Peter Marcus President of the Ardsley Historical Society stated that although Mr. Rappaport may be a director of our organization, when he was speaking to Mr. Tahay on those two occasions he was not doing it as representative of the Ardsley Historical Society, he was doing it as an individual resident. The Ardsley Historical Society does not discriminate any person or group. The Ardsley Historical Society does not support this kind of behavior by any member of our society.

Gary Rappaport Ardsley resident stated that Mr. Tahay's statements are false and this has nothing to do with the Ardsley Historical Society.

Mayor Kaboolian asked Village Manager Cerretani to look into the allegations made by Mr. David Tahay.

### **13. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

#### **14.1 Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley Hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, May 1, 2023 at 10:19 p.m.**

Carried by the following votes: 5-0-0

Ayes: Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Trustee Weitz, Trustee Bencosme & Trustee Edelstein

Nays: None

Abstained: None

### **15. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- May 2, 2023 Board of Architectural Review Meeting 8:00 pm
- May 3, 2023 Homework Helpers 3:00 pm
- May 4, 2023 Senior Strength Training at the Library 10:00 am
- May 5, 2023 ALL VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR RECORDS RETENTION DAY
- May 5, 2023 Middle School Hangout 3:00 pm
- May 7, 2023 ARDSLEY 5K RACE 9:00 am
- May 7, 2023 Ardsley Pollinator Pathway Event 12:00 pm
- May 7, 2023 Ardsley Historical Society 2pm "The History Making Partnership of Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickey, the Men Who Broke Baseball's Color Barrier"
- May 8, 2023 MDI Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 8, 2023 Planning Board Meeting 8:00 pm
- May 9, 2023 Recreation Commission Meeting 8:00 pm
- May 10, 2023 Homework Helpers 3:00 pm
- May 10, 2023 Board of Trustees Work Session
- May 11, 2023 Senior Strength Training at the Library 10:00 am
- May 12, 2023 Middle School Hangout 3:00 pm
- May 12, 2023 FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY & SLIME MACHINE PARTY BUS! 5:00 PM
- May 13, 2023 ARDSLEY SPRING GARDEN SALE! 10:00 am
- MAY 29, 2023 MEMORIAL DAY -ALL VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

**16. NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- May 10, 2023 Board of Trustees Work Session 7:30 pm
- May 15, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 8:00 pm

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Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

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Date: