



## MINUTES

### Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

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**8:00 PM - Monday, October 2, 2023**

507 Ashford Avenue

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

Absent:

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- 1.1 The Regular Meeting of the Village of Ardsley Board of Trustees was held on October 2, 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 Edelstein

#### **2. PROCLAMATION**

- 2.1 Trustee Edelstein read the Designating November as "Monarch Butterfly Month" Proclamation

#### **PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER AS**

**“MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH”  
IN THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY, NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS**, monarch butterflies are probably the best-known butterflies in North America. Monarch butterflies are found throughout the U.S. (including Hawaii, but not Alaska), southern Canada, southern Portugal and Spain, Caribbean Islands, Australia, New Zealand, and other Pacific Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the large and brilliantly colored monarch butterfly is among the most easily recognizable of the butterfly species that call North America home. Their wings are a striking deep orange with black borders and veins, and white spots along the edges; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million monarchs made the trip; and

**WHEREAS**, the monarch population has declined by more than 95% since the 1980s. Habitat loss and fragmentation, extreme weather events, invasive species, and pesticide/herbicide use have contributed to the decline of monarch butterflies and other pollinators in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the monarch butterfly has been listed as Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), a global authority on the conservation status of species. An endangered listing means the species is likely to go extinct without significant intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, simply changes in landscaping practices can make a big difference for the monarchs. By incorporating specific garden elements like native milkweed (for breeding) and other native wildflowers (for feeding), the Village and every resident of Ardsley can create habitats to help save the monarchs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Ardsley can play a critical role in helping to save the monarch butterfly by providing habitats in public parks, community gardens, office buildings, recreation centers and libraries. Schools, homes, and businesses can all provide essential habitat for monarch too; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Ardsley will pledge to help restore habitat for the monarch and will support the use of native plants in Village property that support Monarchs, pollinators, and native wildlife, where possible, and ensure the Village will make efforts to educate residents and local businesses on the importance of preserving healthy native plant habitats for the conservation of our local ecosystems: and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED I**, Nancy Kaboolian, Mayor of Ardsley, do hereby proclaim November 2023, “MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH” in the Village of Ardsley.

Mayor Kaboolian thanked Carol Sommerville for all her work on this.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 September 18, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 18, 2023 as submitted.**

Carried by the following votes: 4-0-0

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

### **4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **1. LEGAL**

- 1.a Village Attorney, Robert J. Ponzini stated he had nothing to report other than those items he is working on with staff.

#### **2. MANAGER**

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

**RAINSTORM OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th:** As the Board and public are aware, we observed significant rainfall on Friday, September 29, with flooding spreading across the region. We had multiple road closures in the Village, and kept the public up to date via Nixle alerts as to closures and re-openings. I encourage all residents who have not done so already to sign up for Nixle alerts to stay informed, especially during emergencies and severe weather events. Thank you to Village Clerk Ann Marie Rocco who helped in getting the notifications out and keeping the public informed. I also want to thank David DiGregorio and the entire Department of Public Works for assisting during the peak of the event, maintain catch basins, keeping roadways clear, and removing debris and hazards to ensure public safety. We have observed the fruits of recent stormwater projects, especially the recent projects on Huntley Drive and Almena Avenue. I would also like to thank Chief Piccolino and the Ardsley Police

Department and Chief Knoesel and the Ardsley Fire Department, who were responding to numerous calls throughout the day, as well as ASVAC for their tireless efforts to keep the Village safe during the event.

**DPW GARAGE PROJECT:** The rainstorm did result in the some washout areas on the site, but thankfully no significant damage was observed. Conveniently, the site contractor was scheduled to begin the next stage of site prep work today, and the schedule will not be impacted. We received approvals for sheetrock for one-side of the walls, which are now complete in the admin section, central garage and wash bay areas. The roof, gutters and all exterior metal work is estimated to be completed by the end of the week. All other trade contractors are on site and working and continuing to make progress.

**FIRE TRUCK:** As per my last update with the Board, Chief Knoesel and I have finalized and executed a negotiation with Seagrave Fire Apparatus. In exchange for the material cost increase, included in the agreement, it is stated that there will be no further material price increases for the order and the warranty will be extended for two additional years from a two-year to a four-year. Thanks to Chief Knoesel for his hard work on this, and Village Attorney Ponzini for his legal oversight in wrapping this up.

**COLUMBUS DAY-INDIGINEOUS PEOPLES DAY CLOSING:** All offices, including the Library, Community Center, Court, and the Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023 in observance of Columbus Day- Indigenous Peoples Day. Since there will be no garbage collection on Monday, there will be Village-wide garbage collection on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. The rest of the week will follow a normal schedule.

**SIGN UP FOR NIXLE ALERTS:** All residents are encouraged to sign up NIXLE Alerts by visiting our website [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com).

### **3. ABSTRACT REPORT**

#### **3.a October 2, 2023 Abstract Report**

Village Manager, Joseph Cerretani read the October 2, 2023 Abstract Report as follows:

From the General Fund:\$110,362.72 from the Trust & Agency Fund:\$0.00 and from the Capital Fund: \$211,588.01 Sewer Fund: \$0.00

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 Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$110,362.72 from the Trust & Agency Fund:\$0.00 from the Capital Fund:\$211,588.01 and Sewer Fund:\$0.00**

Carried by the following votes: 4-0-0

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

## **5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5.1 Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- Alert messages were very helpful during the storms on September 29th.
- Thanked our DPW and First Responders for all their help during the storm.
- Reminded everyone that the Public Hearing for 657 Saw Mill River Rd will be held on October 16th. beginning at 8:00 pm.
- Attended the Veterans Recognition BBQ honoring our Veterans.
- We will have 105 Military Banners going up throughout the Village soon.
- Attend the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Dobbs Ferry Library.

## **6. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS**

6.1 Trustee DiJusto did not have anything to report but thanked everyone who helped during the storm.

Trustee Bencosme did not have anything to report and also thanked everyone helping out during the storm.

Trustee Edelstein announced the following:

- Also thanked everyone who helped during the storm.
- Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on October 7th at the Dobbs Ferry Library 3-5 pm.
- Italian/American Heritage Celebration will take place on October 14th at Pascone Park 12-5pm

## **7. OLD BUSINESS:**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

8.1 Consider a Resolution to Approve Work Change Order Number 1 for Montesano Brothers, Inc. Regarding the 2023 Road Milling and Paving Project

[2023-09-25 Paving Estimate](#)

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

**WHEREAS, on June 5, 2023, the Village Board of the Village Ardsley unanimously approved a resolution to award a bid for the 2023 joint road milling and paving project to Montesano Brothers, Inc. located at 76 Plain Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801 in the amount of \$239,084.75; and**

**WHEREAS, it has been determined that the area in which recent stormwater and curbing work conducted on certain roads in the Village have advanced the need to have those roads paved; and**

**WHEREAS, the Village has an opportunity to extend the bid contract pricing for paving to include Huntley Drive and Oakhill Road, as per contract pricing in the attached spreadsheet \$147,815 and \$39,797.75, respectively, and to lock pricing in at a lower rate versus waiting until the next paving cycle; 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 1 in the amount of \$187,612.75 related to the 2023 joint road milling and paving project.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the change order is to be funded in part through reimbursements received by ConEdison for the shared paving of Lakeview Avenue, Sweetbriar Road and Euclid Avenue totaling \$57,817.80, and the remaining \$129,794.95 will be funded through the NY State CHIPS program.**

Carried by the following votes: 4-0-0

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

8.2 Consider a Resolution Declaring Lead Agency and Scheduling a Public Hearing for DNAC Realty, LLC., 500 Ashford Avenue

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

**RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby declares itself Lead Agency for site plan approval for a proposed application to construct a single story addition to convert the vacant building located at 500 Ashford Avenue into medical offices.**

**NOW THERE FORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby refers the application to the Planning Board and Board of Architectural**

**Review for review and comment and hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. or soon thereafter to discuss the proposed permit.**

Carried by the following votes: 4-0-0

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

8.3 Consider a Resolution Adding TD Bank to the List of Official Depositories

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

**RESOLVED,**

**that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adds TD Bank as an official depository, effective immediately.**

Carried by the following votes: 4-0-0

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **10. VISITORS**

- 10.1 Mr. Nicholas Faustini, Architect for DNAC Realty was present to answer any questions the Board may have on the application to construct a single story addition to convert the vacant building into medical offices located at 500 Ashford Avenue.

Mayor Kaboolian suggested they return at the scheduled public hearing on Monday, November 6th at 8:00 pm or soon thereafter.

- 10.2 Mark Kowalsky, Ardsley resident questioned when the Public Hearing concerning 657 Saw Mill River Road would be continuing?

Mayor Kaboolian advised that the Public Hearing for 657 Saw Mill River Road would be continued on October 16th and will be open for the months going forward.

Mr. Kowalsky recommends that we should broadcast these Public Hearings for 657 Saw Mill River Road to the public so they can comment.

## **11. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

### **12.1 Adjournment**

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

**RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, October 2, 2023 at 8:35 p.m.**

Carried by the following votes: 4-0-0

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

## **13. UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

- October 3rd Board of Architectural Review Meeting 8:00 pm
- October 5th Climate Action Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- October 6th Crossfire Hurricane -Concert in the Park 6:00 pm
- October 9th Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples-All Village Offices Closed
- October 10th Recreation Commission Meeting 5:00 pm
- October 10th Planning Board Meeting 8:00 pm
- October 12th Ardsley Library Investing 101 for Women 6:00 pm
- October 14th Italian/American Heritage Celebration! 12:00 pm
- October 17th Board of Architectural Review Meeting 8:00 pm
- October 20th Movie in the Park (Halloween Movie) 7:15 pm
- October 25th Zoning Board Meeting 8:00 pm
- October 26th Ardsley Library Presents Adult Book Club 6:00 pm
- October 26th Library Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- October 28th Trunk or Treat! 1:00 pm

## **14. NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- October 16th Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 8:00 pm
- October 18th Board of Trustees Work Session 7:30 pm

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Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

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Date:





**2023 MILLING AND PAVING ESTIMATE**  
**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY**  
Updated September 25, 2023

Spec. Sec.	Bid Item	Units	Unit Price	Euclid Ave. 1507X27		Felix Ave. 355X21		Lakeview Ave. 360x25		Sweetbriar Rd. 309x20		Huntley Dr 1778x23		Oakhill Rd Ave. 451X24		Taft Ln. 260x23		TOTALS	
				Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
10A	Asphalt Miscellaneous Sidewalks, Swales, and Driveways	SF	\$4.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
13VA	Adjust Valve Boxes	EA	\$100.00	11	\$1,100.00	4	\$400.00	7	\$700.00	2	\$200.00	10	\$1,000.00	5	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	39	\$3,900.00
50	Bituminous Base Course	TON	\$145.00	20	\$2,900.00	10	\$1,450.00	5	\$725.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	35	\$5,075.00
51A-6F	Bituminous Top Course	TON	\$143.00	630	\$90,090.00	105	\$15,015.00	150	\$21,450.00	120	\$17,160.00	695	\$99,385.00	185	\$26,455.00	100	\$14,300.00	1,985	\$283,855.00
51M	Cold Milling & Removal of Bituminous Pavement (2")	SY	\$6.55	5,550	\$36,352.50	930	\$6,091.50	1,290	\$8,449.50	1,030	\$6,746.50	5,000	\$32,750.00	1,325	\$8,678.75	730	\$4,781.50	15,855	\$103,850.25
52	Speed Humps and Tables - Speed Tables	EA	\$12,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
76	Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
102HMA-1	Adjust Manhole & Catch Basin Frames, Covers and Grates	EA	\$490.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$980.00	1	\$490.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$490.00	4	\$1,960.00
102HMA-1	Adjust Manhole & Catch Basin Frames, Covers and Grates (Replacement)	EA	\$940.00	10	\$9,400.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	5	\$4,700.00	2	\$1,880.00	0	\$0.00	17	\$15,980.00
102HMA-2	Adjust Manhole & Catch Basin Frames, Covers and Grates	EA	\$1,200.00	1	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$1,200.00
102HMA-3	Adjust Manhole & Catch Basin Frames, Covers and Grates	EA	\$1,900.00	1	\$1,900.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	5	\$9,500.00	1	\$1,900.00	0	\$0.00	7	\$13,300.00
127	Restoration	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
TG640	Reflectorized Pavement Marking Paints	LF	\$2.40	1,600	\$3,840.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	200	\$480.00	160	\$384.00	100	\$240.00	2,060	\$4,944.00
TOTALS					\$146,782.50		\$23,936.50		\$31,814.50		\$24,106.50		\$147,815.00		\$39,797.75		\$19,811.50		\$434,064.25