

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015**

Present:	Mayor	Peter Porcino
	Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Nancy Kaboolian
	Trustee	Gary Malone
	Trustee	Mollie Monti
	Trustee	Andy DiJusto
	Village Manager	Meredith Robson
	Village Clerk	Barbara Berardi
	Village Attorney	Robert Ponzini
	Recording Secretary	Donna Fusco

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE – STANLEY TOLL, FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF ARDSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

8:15 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – To consider the Tentative Budget for the Village of Ardsley, New York for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016.

Mayor Porcino read the notice into the record.

Open Public Hearing

Public Comments

Mayor Porcino asked if there were any comments from the public. There were comments from Mr. Rappaport

Gary Rappaport from Victoria Road called in and asked how the assessments have gone down. How are we going to replenish the fund balance which seems to be at a 50% fund level? Mr. Rappaport is still questioning the longevity bonus that is found in the budget and stated that he does not see any basis for these longevity bonuses.

Regarding the various budget questions, Mayor Porcino is not sure what Mr. Rappaport meant when asking about what is being done about the assessment reduction. Mayor Porcino stated that it is a fact of life. He stated that it stabilized itself and is clearly a fact of function of the collapse Village of Ardsley

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of the real estate market assessments and what happened with the real estate market and it certainly has stabilized. It is also a function of certiorari. Mayor Porcino stated that he is hoping there will be an increase.

As for the longevity bonuses, some of those are contractual. They are part of the compensation package.

Ms. Robson explained the details of how the fund balance will replenish to Mr. Rappaport.

Close Public Hearing

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 31, 2016

Trustee Monti: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the public hearing to consider the Tentative Budget for the Village of Ardsley, New York for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015 at 9:11 p.m.. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – March 16, 2015

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 16, 2015, as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEGAL REPORT:

Village Attorney Ponzini had nothing to report other than those items that may be in memorandum form. We do have one tax settlement on the new business agenda and otherwise, he has been working on general matters with the staff. Mr. Ponzini stated that he is available for an Executive Session if necessary.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT FOR MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

A number of items to report on tonight:

1. I wanted to give another reminder that the applications for workforce housing are available. They may be picked up at Village Hall or directly through the Housing Action Council, Inc. by calling 914-332-4144. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 1, 2015.

2. The latest from the County on the Ashford Ave bridge project is that the project is expected to be bid in the next 4-6 weeks and work is expected to begin in August.
3. Those who receive our Constant Contact blasts will have seen the notice about annual fire hydrant and water main flushing program begun today. It will take about four months to flush more than 3,500 hydrants throughout the company's service area in various communities. The work will take place between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM.

Flushing removes harmless minerals that collect in the water mains and ensures that hydrants are working properly for fire protection. While hydrants are being flushed, customers may temporarily experience low water pressure or discolored water. While the water is safe, customers may prefer to turn on the cold water tap until the water runs clear before drinking or washing clothes or dishes.

Weekly updates will be posted on the company's website at www.unitedwater.com/uwwc and calls can also be made to the customer service center at 877-266-9101.

4. As part of an initiative to expand communication in the Village we have invited Burbio.com to present a new, free calendar sharing platform to organizations and interested members of the community. This will make it easy for local organizations to share information with residents and easy for residents to add events to their calendars and follow their favorite organizations for updates. Burbio features over 2,000 school, sports, and community calendars from around Westchester County, including the Ardsley school and sports calendars. Burbio also features a free embedded calendar that can be hosted on a group's website. The meeting to explain this new effort is scheduled for April 20th at 6:30 pm at Village Hall, right before the Trustee meeting.
5. Ardsley and the other Villages in Greenburgh ran a pilot program to repair potholes during cold weather using the "pothole killer" machine. The intent of using the machine is to reduce costs and provide for a more durable cold patch material for repair of potholes. We are in the process now of wrapping up the testing of the machine and compiling information on the results.
6. We are working along with the County to develop a hazard mitigation plan so that we are eligible to receive Federal grant funding for projects to reduce our risk to natural hazards such as flooding and severe storms. Available funding can support projects such as drainage improvements, structural elevations, and backup power for schools and critical facilities. The public's input is needed. To find out more, review the draft plan and have the opportunity to provide input, please visit the project website at <http://www.westchesterhmp.com> and take the citizen preparedness and mitigation survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9L7XFJJ>. The plan has been sent to Albany for review, the public review period will be 6 weeks long and then it will be sent to FEMA for approval.

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7. The following individuals are being brought back as skate park attendants for this year: Ben Lau, Cody Stern, Gabriel Natale, Jordan Oglesby, Melvin Ward-Johns, Alex Figueroa, Katelyn Ferguson, Andres Bayuelo, Derrick Leal Sanchez, Isabelle Brinas, and Isaac Wynn.
8. As part of its storm hardening efforts, Con Ed will install an underground connection to our building that will allow for redundant connections in the event of power loss and will eliminate the need for the pole attachment between Village Hall and the firehouse. Instead there will be a new distribution box place in between the buildings. I have pictures and plans in my office if anyone would like to see what it will look like. This is all being done at no cost to the Village.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Village Manager read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Marion DeMaio.

Village Manager stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: General Fund: \$288,807.04; Trust & Agency Fund: \$94,451.82; and from the Capital Fund: \$85,029.00.

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$288,807.04; From the Trust & Agency Fund: \$94,451.82; and from the Capital Fund: \$85,029.00. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We the Board have been attending work sessions on the Budget; we have had two so far. there is one more scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 8th; We are on track to complete our work sessions; there is a tentative one scheduled; it is your last chance to come on down to look at democracy in action; we actually will be discussing our capital needs and our capital budget for the near future
- Attended last meeting of the Village Officials Committee; Ms. Robson already mentioned the pothole killer; we had a presentation from Leo Wiegman who is the Mayor of Croton-on-Hudson and who is very involved both professionally in government with environmental issues and he is spearheading a fund to assist municipalities to encourage people to install solar units; Mayor Wiegman came with a chart which was from some publicly available information showing the various municipalities and their current levels of usage; Ardsley came out pretty well, slightly above average for the solar energy density; we started to talk about whether we want to participate; not sure that we do.
- We received a report on a study from the 7 municipalities that shared services; whether we are on track to meet our goal for the next fiscal year and whether there are programs that we can use to demonstrate that we are sharing services and the good news is that everybody was on track to meet their goal. We do have to submit a plan by June 1st

- We have a Budget meeting on Wednesday night
- Fire Installation dinner on Friday night
- Little League Parade on Saturday

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE DIJUSTO:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MONTI:

- Recreation Department sent out Spring/Summer pamphlets in the mail

TRUSTEE MALONE:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:

- Nothing to report

V. VISITORS

Gary Rappaport from Victoria Road called in. Mr. Rappaport stated that the condition of the CVS Parking lot is quite abysmal and the striping on Heatherdell Road on a newly paved road on the double yellow line is fading. It was stated that it is very clear to him that a low level application was used and not the proper yellow paint and it was an inadequate job.

Mayor Porcino replied that the CVS Parking lot is private and he stated that they are probably waiting for the road widening project and stated that they will follow up on the Heatherdell Road striping.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Open Public Hearing

8:30 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – To consider a resolution to override the property tax levy for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Mayor Porcino read the notice into the record

Public Comments

Mayor Porcino asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.

Village Manager Robson explained that she would typically have advised the governing body to adopt the override of the tax cap in order to protect the village in the event of a future comptroller's office audit and finding that did not agree with our calculation of the tax cap. However, since PILOT payment calculations are one of the few independent calculations that municipalities make, since the State pre-populates most of the tax cap calculation form, and the village doesn't have much in the way of PILOT payments and the tax freeze credit would not be available to residents if the override is even "on the books", the Village Manager is comfortable recommending to the Board that they not pass the tax cap override. Particularly because the budget, as calculated, is under the tax cap anyway, there should be little risk to the village by not passing the override.

Close Public Hearing

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING OVERRIDE TO PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Trustee Di Justo: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the public hearing to consider a resolution regarding override to property tax levy at 9:09 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

No action was taken.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding Underground Utilities (Con Edison)
9. As stated in the Village Manager's Report as part of its storm hardening efforts, Con Ed will install an underground connection to our building that will allow for redundant connections in the event of power loss and will eliminate the need for the pole attachment between Village Hall and the firehouse. Instead there will be a new distribution box place in between the buildings. I have pictures and plans in my office if anyone would like to see what it will look like. This is all being done at no cost to the Village.
2. Resolution Granting Permission to erect two 4 x 6 signs (or banners) in connection with the Fire Fighter Carnival

RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO ERECT TWO 4 X 6 SIGNS (OR BANNERS) IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE FIGHTER CARNIVAL

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a request from Ardsley Ex-Chief Ronald Gretczko to erect two 4 x 6 signs (or banners), one at the guard rail at the southwest corner of Route 9A / Ashford Avenue, and the other at the split rail fence at the northbound jug handle of McCormick Drive at Pascone Park,

advertising the Fire Fighter Carnival scheduled for April 29 through May 3, 2015. Such signs (or banners) would be in place from April 13 through May 4, 2015. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution Declaring Lead Agency and Scheduling a Public Hearing for Joyce Beer Gas located at 646 Saw Mill River Road

RESOLUTION DECLARING LEAD AGENCY AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JOYCE BEER GAS LOCATED AT 646 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby declares itself Lead Agency for the proposed permit to convert the existing vacant retail/business space which is located on Route 9A into a business office;

AND RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby refers the applicant to the Planning Board for review and comment;

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing at 8:15 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 to discuss the proposed project. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

4. Resolution Declaring Lead Agency & Scheduling Public Hearing for L'Inizio Restaurant located at 698 Saw Mill River Road

RESOLUTION DECLARING LEAD AGENCY AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR L'INIZIO RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 698 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby declares itself Lead Agency for the proposed permit to expand their existing restaurant into the existing real estate office at 698 Saw Mill River Road;

AND RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby refers the applicant to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a parking variance;

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing at 8:15 p.m. on May 4, 2015 to discuss the proposed project. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

5. Resolution authorizing the settlement of the tax proceeding CANT Realty, LLC for the tax years 2010 through 2011 (\$5,553.00)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE TAX PROCEEDING
CANT REALTY LLC. VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY FOR THE TAX YEARS 2010
THROUGH 2011
468-472 ASHFORD AVENUE_**

Trustee Monti: WHEREAS, CANT REALTY LLC. has filed tax petitions for the years 2010 and 2011 seeking reductions in its real property tax assessment from the Village of WHEREAS, the Village Attorney and the Town/Village Assessor have evaluated these claims and have negotiated a settlement that they believe is beneficial to the Village and now recommend for approval,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED , that the Village Attorney is authorized to execute a Consent Order and Judgment settling these claims and reducing the assessments for the year 2010 by \$14,267 and 2011 by \$ 8,650 representing refunds in the approximate amount of \$5, 553. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto was declared duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote 5-0 as follows:**

**Trustee Di Justo Voting AYE
Trustee Monti Voting AYE
Trustee Malone Voting AYE
Trustee Kaboolian Voting AYE
Mayor Porcino Voting AYE**

6. Resolution to approve placing of Little League Sponsorship Banner /Signs at Ball Fields

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PLACING OF LITTLE LEAGUE SPONSORSHIP
BANNER / SIGNS AT BALL FIELDS**

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the placement of Little League Sponsorship Banner / Signs starting April 10, 2015 until July 31, 2015, on the outfield fences at the McDowell Park ball fields. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

VIII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION. Brief Executive Session with legal counsel.

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, April 6, 2015 at 9:19 p.m. into Executive Session with legal counsel. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

X. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 20, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fusco
Recording Secretary

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