

VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

Present:	Mayor	Peter R. Porcino
	Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Nancy Kaboolian
	Trustee	Gary Malone
	Trustee	Andy Di Justo
	Trustee	Mollie Monti
	Village Manager	Meredith S. Robson
	Village Clerk/Recording Secretary	Barbara A. Berardi
	Village Attorney	Robert Ponzini

Mayor Porcino called to order the Regular Meeting at 8:02 p.m.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – April 20, 2015

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 20, 2015, as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT:

MANAGER'S REPORT 5/04/15

1. We are now passed the May 1, 2015 deadline for receipt of applications for workforce housing. However, the deadline for receipt of applications for affordable housing is June 1 so I encourage anyone who may be interested to contact the Housing Action Council directly at 914-332-4144.
2. A reminder that the daytime parking passes @ the Village Green and Bridge St. lots will expire at the end of the month. They will go on sale May 22 and will become effective June 1.
3. The Garden Club is holding their annual flower show on May 6 from 2:30 – 8:00PM at St. Barnabas Church so I would encourage folks to stop by and check it out.

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4. Lorraine Kuhn is once again organizing an annual Earth Day event. This will be a native, non-invasive planting demo on May 9 from 10:00AM – 1:00PM at the Pascone Park Gazebo. The Ardsley High School Environmental Science Club co-sponsors this event with the Village. For information, folks may contact Lorraine at stormwater@ardsleyvillage.com or call Village Hall at 914-693-1550.
5. We will shortly be putting out an RFP for taxi services for senior citizen transportation.
6. We are currently accepting applications/resumes for the Confidential Secretary to the Village Manager and the part time recreation position at the Community Center.

LEGAL REPORT - No Report

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: \$63,764.00; Trust & Agency Fund: \$114,223.50; and from the Capital Fund: 0.

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: \$63,764.00; From the Trust & Agency Fund: \$114,223.50; and from the Capital Fund 0. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The village received a letter from Mr. Gene Robins expressed his thanks to our Police Department and Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corp for a great job they did when he needed medical attention in February.
- Congratulate the new principal at the Ardsley High School, Mr. Rudy Arietta
- Memorial Day Festivities will be scheduled for this month for Veterans at the Fire House more details will be available soon
- The Ardsley Garden Club will be hosting the flower show this Wednesday. I urge everybody to attend
- Trustee Kaboolian and I met with a potential developer regarding a project called Jefferson Saw Mill River on Lawrence Street within the Town of Greenburgh and we expressed our concerns about the impact it would be to our village and also the environmental impact as well.
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COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE DI JUSTO:

- No report

TRUSTEE MONTI:

- The Ardsley Garden Club will be hosting the Flower Show on Wednesday between the hours of 2:30 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church.

TRUSTEE MALONE:

- Attended the Ardsley Library Board of Trustees meeting

TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:

- Attended the meeting with the potential developer for the Jefferson Saw Mill River Road Lawrence Street

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to consider granting permission to Gigi's Playhouse Westchester, LLC to convert prior retail establishment into an educational activity and achievement center located at 718 Saw Mill River Road

8:10 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – To consider a change of use permit request from Gigi's Playhouse, LLC to convert a prior retail establishment into an educational activity and achievement center located at 718 Saw Mill River Road

Mayor Porcino read the notice into the record.

Open Public Hearing

Mr. Maurice Hyacinthe appeared before the board to explain that this application is located in the Village Green at 718-720 Saw Mill River Road the former Coldstone Creamery. Gigi's Playhouse Westchester, LLC wishes to occupy this space.

Ms. Ruth Dieleman-Levine appeared before the board and presented the following:

Good evening, my name is Ruth Dieleman-Levine and I am GiGi's playhouse Westchester's president. I am here to introduce to you GiGi's Playhouse Westchester as we are hoping to move into your river town community and serve families from all over Westchester, Connecticut and surrounding counties.

GiGi's Playhouse Westchester is one of 24 Down syndrome achievement centers across the US and one in Mexico. When we open we will be the 24th playhouse existing and running. GiGi's Playhouse started 12 years ago in Chicago and it is growing exponentially!

We will be serving individuals with Down syndrome of all ages, from pre-natal diagnosis to adult career skills; GiGi's makes a lifetime commitment to our families. The programming will also support parents, siblings, grandparents and the surrounding community.

Now what is so special about our population that we are serving is that they are born with Down syndrome. So what is Down syndrome?

Down syndrome is a genetic disorder whereby a person has 3 copies of the 21st chromosome, where a typical person has only 2 of them in each cell of their body. Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring genetic condition, it affects 1 in 691 live births and more than 400,000 people are living with it in the US.

Due to medical innovations and access to care, individuals with Down syndrome live longer. Life expectancy for people with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent decades- from 25 years old in 1983 to 60 years old and beyond that today.

Many of the medical conditions that people with Down syndrome have are treatable and most people with Down syndrome live healthy independent lives.

Quality educational programs which GiGi's playhouse will offer, a stimulating home environment, good health care and positive support from family, friends and the community enable people with Down syndrome to develop their full potential and lead fulfilling lives.

People with Down syndrome are attending regular mainstream schools and graduating colleges. They live independent lives and work, participate in decisions that affect them and contribute to society in many wonderful ways.

Down syndrome occurs in people of all races and economic levels and in the US it is the least funded major genetic condition.

Why is GiGi's playhouse so unique for people with Down syndrome?

In our playhouses there is consistent positive energy and high expectations, we turn belief into action and success

We have a distinct place for families. All our permanent locations provide lifetime family support and foster consistent participation and achievement.

We have purposeful programs; all of our programs are therapeutic and/or educational for maximum results. Each of the programs is designed to work on a specific skill development in several areas including speech and language, social development, and fine and gross motor skills. Our literacy program alone teaches thousands of kids to read around the nation!

Parents will be attending with their child the whole duration of each program. Each program is one hour at a time. Our programs are there for a parent and child to join, as parents are a big motivating

factor in the growth of children with Down syndrome. We will have volunteers floating around as well at our programs to help educate and teach our programs in the way they are meant for each participant to learn and for them to reach their full potential.

All of our programs are 100% free, cost will NEVER be a barrier to achievement, so access for all will mean more impact on the lives of people with Down syndrome.

GiGi's playhouse is a non-for profit organization and is privately funded through donations.

Our mission is to change the way the world sees Down syndrome through national campaigns, educational programs, and by empowering individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community.

GiGi's playhouse is such a powerful movement that a GiGi's donor has quoted this about us:

'Just as Apple computer has fundamentally changed the way we interact with technology, GiGi's playhouse is fundamentally changing the way the world views Down syndrome'.

Who would not want to be part of a movement that is changing lives and educating people with Down syndrome to reach their full potential but also changing communities to a positive perception and awareness of Down syndrome!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mayor Porcino asked the Building Inspector if there were any restrictions on the hours of operation. Mr. Tomasso, replied no restrictions.

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

Close Public Hearing

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the Public Hearing to consider a change of use permit request From Gigi's Playhouse Westchester, LLC to convert a prior retail establishment into an educational activity and achievement center located at 718 Saw Mill River Road at 8:50 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE WESTCHESTER LLC TO CONVERT PRIOR RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT INTO AN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENT CENTER LOCATED AT 718 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby grants permission to convert a prior retail establishment into an educational activity and achievement center located at 718 Saw Mill River Road with the following conditions: **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

1. The applicant must provide plans showing compliance with the NYS Building Code for the interior alterations.
 2. The applicant must obtain a building permit prior to commencement of work.
 3. The applicant must obtain a separate sign permit for all proposed signage.
 4. All employees must obtain parking permits.
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2. Resolution to consider granting permission to L'inizio Restaurant located at 698 Saw Mill River Road to expand their existing restaurant

8:15 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – To consider a request from L'inizio Restaurant for a permit to expand their existing restaurant into the existing real estate office located at 698 Saw Mill River Road. Mayor Porcino read the notice into the record.

Open Public Hearing

Mr. Scott Fratangelo, owner and chef of L'inizio Restaurant appeared before the board to explain the reason why he was requesting this expansion. We had the opportunity to move into the real estate office next door so we can expand our restaurant. We are proposing a new bar with 10 seats so people have a place to wait for seating. Mayor Porcino wanted to know if they were increasing their tables in the restaurant. Mr. Fratangelo replied no.

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

Close Public Hearing

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the Public Hearing to consider a request from L'inizio Restaurant for a permit to expand their existing restaurant into the existing real estate office located at 698 Saw Mill River Road at 8:55 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO L'INIZIO RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 698 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD TO EXPAND THEIR EXISTING RESTAURANT

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby grants permission to expand their existing restaurant into the existing real estate office at 698 Saw Mill River Road with the following conditions: **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

1. The applicant must provide plans showing compliance with the NYS Building Code for the interior alterations.
2. The applicant must obtain a building permit prior to the commencement of work
3. The applicant must obtain a separate sign permit for all proposed signage.

3 Resolution to adjourn the Public Hearing regarding the 2015 Annual Stormwater Report

8:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING – For the purpose of receiving comments regarding the 2015 Village Stormwater Annual Report. **TO BE ADJOURNED TO MAY 18, 2015**

Mayor Porcino read the notice into the record.

This public hearing will be adjourned to May 18, 2015

Trustee Di Justo: **RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the Public Hearing to May 18, 2015 at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the 2015 Village Stormwater Annual Report. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

4. Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing for amended site plan review at 642 and 630 Saw Mill River Road The Lock-up Self Storage

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDED SITE PLAN REVIEW AT 642 & 630 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD THE LOCK-UP SELF STORAGE

TRUSTEE MONTI: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing for 8:20 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2015 for amended site plan review of a new self storage facility a 642 and 630 Saw Mill River Road to be known as the The Lock-up Facility. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to approve the agreement with Westchester County Department of Corrections to provide prisoner transportation and authorizing the Village Manager to execute the agreement.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO PROVIDE PRISONER TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

TRUSTEE MALONE: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the agreement between the Department of Corrections and the Village of Ardsley to provide prisoner transportation between the Village of Ardsley and the Westchester County Jail for the term commencing January 1, 2015 and terminating December 31, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the agreement. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution considering a request to erect temporary signs for Memorial Day

RESOLUTION CONSIDERING A REQUEST TO ERECT TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a request from Ardsley American Legion Post 458 to erect two 4' x 8' signs with information regarding the Memorial Day ceremony and parade; one sign to be placed at the southwest corner of intersection of Route 9A and Ashford Avenue, and the other to be placed at the entrance to Pascone Park on Ashford Avenue. The signs will be erected approximately May 18th and will be removed by May 26, 2015. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

3. Warrant from Treasurer to Collect and Receive Taxes

WARRANT FROM TREASURER TO COLLECT AND RECEIVE TAXES

The Board was presented with a proposed warrant and tax roll for the collection of taxes by the Village Treasurer, and a motion for its approval was duly noted. Warrant was executed by Mayor Porcino for the record.

4. Resolution of approval for submission of Government Efficiency Plan

Government Efficiency Plan

The village was introduced into an agreement with the other villages in Greenburgh to review the potential savings relative to the tax cap tax freeze legislation and we have received back a report from The Fiona Company which identifies the potential savings that would be required and how each of us can obtain these savings in the required fiscal years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. We need to submit this report by June 1st which we are going to submit it earlier by May 11th, 2015. Meeting these requirements and staying with the tax cap will make the Villages' residents eligible to receive year two of the property tax credit.

The Board votes on the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PLAN

TRUSTEE MONTI: Whereas the NYS Legislature has enacted the Property Tax Freeze Credit; and

Whereas the Village of Dobbs Ferry has agreed to act as Lead Agency; and

Whereas the 2015-16 Budget for the Village of Ardsley has been adopted within the allowable increase in tax levy and eligible to participate in the program of rebate by New York State; and

Whereas the Village of Ardsley is joining with the Villages of Hastings-on-Hudson, Elmsford, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, Dobbs Ferry and Irvington to prepare and submit a qualified Government Efficiency Plan (GEP); and

Whereas the Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved the portion of the GEP that applies to the Village of Ardsley.

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ardsley approves the preparation and submission of the GEP to the New York State Division of the Budget by June 1, 2015.

Be it Further Resolved that the Village Manager and the Treasurer be and hereby are authorized to sign the three required certifications to accompany the submission of the GEP. **SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DI JUSTO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Discussion regarding Capital Plan Financing

DISCUSSION REGARDING CAPITAL PLAN FINANCING

This is a continuation discussion that we had during budget sessions, I have given you all a revised capital plan. The financial advisor prepared the spreadsheet that shows where we were when we originally discussed this and where we are now. We will need to have bond counsel move quickly in order to prepare the necessary bond resolutions for approval on the 18th in order to be able to meet all of our legal requirements to bond in August.

Manager Robson asked the board if everyone is comfortable with the capital plan and if she should move forward. The Mayor responded yes.

VIII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session to follow the meeting to discuss legal matters.

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 8:56 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter with legal counsel. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Berardi
Village Clerk/Recording Secretary