

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 J. 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

VILLAGE MANAGER INTRODUCES NEW CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY GREGORY KING

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – July 6, 2015

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, July 6, 2015 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief, Stephen Kaskawits, reported the following activities for July:

- 28 Calls for the Month
- 164.25 Training Hours
- 22 NYS Training Hours

Other activities attended by Officers and Firefighters

- 7/1 – Participated in Annual Mamaroneck Parade
- 7/10 – Participated in the Annual Mt. Kisco Parade

- 7/28 – Performed FIT Test for new av3000HT masks

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Police Chief, Emil Califano was absent, report submitted are the following activities for July:

- Court fine and fees - \$26,022.50
- Property Lost or Stolen - \$3,125
- Alarm Fines - \$25
- 197 Parking summonses issued
- 73 UTT summonses issued
- 0 Appearance ticket issued
- 4 Arrests
- 225 Blotters

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee DiJusto read the Building Department Report on behalf of Larry Tomasso.

Building Inspector, Larry Tomasso, reported the following activities for July:

- 11 Building permits
- 14 Application fees
- 14 Certificates of Occupancy
- 9 Plumbing permits
- 7 Electrical permits
- 16 Letters of Compliance
- 1 Miscellaneous

Total received - \$10,035.75

Other activities –

- 92 Building inspections
- 30 Zoning inspections
- 2 Fire inspections
- 18 Violation notices
- 1 Warning notices

LEGAL REPORT:

Village Attorney Ponzini had nothing to report other than those items that have been worked on with staff of the Village and may have been in memorandum form. Mr. Ponzini stated that he is available for an Executive Session if necessary.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015

1. The Village's bond sale last week went well, despite Moody's assignment of a downgrade from Aa2 to Aa3. This downgrade was largely the result of the significant reduction in our fund balance. This action is consistent with the State Comptroller's Office rating of the Village under the "Moderate Fiscal Stress" classification back in March. We have discussed this issue at length and we all realize that our current fund balance level is not an indication of any systemic financial issue and is explained by two unusual circumstances in our operations, which involved previous litigation and pension payments. We already expect to finalize the 2014-2015 fiscal year with a contribution back to the fund balance of at least \$500,000 and are taking a variety of actions to make our operations and practices as efficient and cost effective as possible, which will further enhance our fund balance over time. I am also working on a draft fund balance policy for the Board's consideration that will provide guidance on fund balance improvement.

Regarding the bond sale itself, we received three bids and they all came in at similar interest rates. Robert W. Baird & Co. was the lowest with a 2.67% (rounded) interest rate and a \$45,487.50 premium. JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. came in at an interest rate of .93% and no premium on the bond anticipation notes. There were four bidders on the notes.

2. Just a reminder that from now on we will be providing most of the information on Village activities and projects in electronic format, either on the Village website, through email alerts or through new social media platforms. Please be sure to sign up through the website and on social media as those opportunities are rolled out. However, for those residents who would prefer to still receive paper copies of information, including newsletters and sanitation schedules, please call Village Hall and leave your name and address and we will be sure to send the information out to you.
3. Lorraine has received quotes for work on the path at Bicentennial Park. You will recall that we received a \$4,000 State Parks grant to go towards this work. Quotes have come in consistently around \$9,000, with one coming in at approximately \$21,000. We intend to issue a P.O. for this work and take the balance from our Contingency account so that this work can be completed prior to the grant deadline in September.
4. Village road repairs are being done as part of a joint bid with other villages in the Town of Greenburgh. The bids came in, but are in the process of being evaluated to determine if the recommendation should be made to award the contract. We will post updates on

the website, send out email alerts and provide notifications to residents directly on road improvements as they progress. We will also post updates on our other capital projects.

5. Road work on 9A is expected to be completed between August and the end of November and bids are due on the Ashford Ave bridge on August 19th.

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

Ms. Robson stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: General Fund: \$355,512.27; Trust & Agency Fund: \$20,314.06; and from the Capital Fund: \$174.80.

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: \$355,512.27; From the Trust & Agency Fund: \$20,314.06 and from the Capital Fund: \$174.80. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Attended opening party at Gigi's Playhouse; it was very well attended including a number of dignitaries; it's very impressive; Gigi's Playhouse is serving Westchester County and Danbury; Serving people with Down Syndrome.
- Received letter from the Ardsley Ambulance Corp informing us of their new officers; we wish them well
- The rights to adopt a hotel tax had been passed by the State Legislature; Have not heard from Governor as of yet to enable us to pass a hotel tax
- Received the financial statements from our auditors for our Justice Court (Mayor read the Auditor's Opinion); It was a clean report; We received \$250,619.00 in fines and fees and most of that was admitted to the Village
- Got word from the State DOT that they are closing a number of exits on the Saw Mill River Parkway for work at night; they are closing both Ashford Avenue exits
- The project to widen 9A is moving forward; the bid went to MVM Contracting in Mt. Vernon, New York; the bid has been approved and the contract is being finalized. There is a meeting tomorrow to an on-site inspection and some of our Village officials will be present and there are still some State and City permits to get in in the next couple of weeks; The project will start in August and if it goes as planned will be finished by mid to late November

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE DIJUSTO:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MONTI:

- Noting to report

TRUSTEE MALONE:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:

- Attended opening of Gigi's Playhouse
- Attended Ardsley Day Meeting

V. VISITORS

Hon. Walter Schwartz appeared before the Board and read correspondence addressed to Hon. Paul J. Feiner Supervisor in response to a letter that Judge Schwartz recently received from Town Supervisor, Hon. Paul J. Feiner.

Armen Boyajian of 23 Grandview Avenue appeared before the Board and presented a Master Schedule for Future Development of Ardsley, New York. Mr. Boyajian discussed and gave in depth details of the Schedule to the Board of Trustees.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report on 9A Widening Project

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution accepting donation of 26" x 30" artwork created by Brownie Troop #2608

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF 26" X 30" ARTWORK CREATED BY
BROWNIE TROOP 2608**

Trustee Monti: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby formally accepts the generous donation of the artwork created by Brownie Troop 2608. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution to adopt "The Credit Card Policy of the Village of Ardsley" (revised)

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT "THE CREDIT CARD POLICY OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY"

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts the revised "Credit Card Policy of the Village of Ardsley," effective immediately

Be it further resolved, that the Village Clerk distribute this policy to each of the Department Heads, and that it be redistributed whenever changes are made or upon the hiring of a new Department Head. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution declaring Lead Agency and referring Apple Motel located at 775 Saw Mill River Road to three land use boards

RESOLUTION DECLARING LEAD AGENCY AND REFERRING APPLE MOTEL LOCATED AT 775 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD TO THREE LAND USE BOARDS

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby declares itself Lead Agency for the proposed permit to construct a second story addition over an existing single story portion of the building on the northern side of the property located at 775 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 variance, the Planning Board for review and comment on the site plan and parking requirements, and to the Board of Architectural Review for review and comment on the building façade;

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the applicant shall, pursuant to the Village Code, establish an escrow account with a deposit of \$5,000 to cover planning and engineering review costs. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

4. Resolution for sale of various DPW & Police Vehicles

RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF VARIOUS DPW & POLICE VEHICLES

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to put out for auction and approve auction bids on the following vehicles via *Auctions International*, a corporation specializing in selling government and municipal surplus via online auction: **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

- a) 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4x4;
Upset price: \$1500.00

- b) 2002 Dodge Ram 3500 4x4;
Upset Price: \$2500.00
- c) 2004 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor; and
Upset Price: \$4200.00
- d) 2007 Dodge Charger Police Package
Upset Price: \$9000.00

VIII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION. No Executive Session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, August 3, 2015 at 8:51 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

X. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fusco
Recording Secretary