VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – October 19, 2015

Trustee Kaboolian: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, October 19, 2015 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and Trustee DiJusto and Mayor Porcino voted aye. Trustee Malone abstained because he was absent from the meeting.**

LEGAL REPORT:

Village Attorney Ponzini had nothing to report this week other than stating that there are a few items that are in progress. Mr. Ponzini stated that he is available for an Executive Session if necessary.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

1. Installation of LED streetlights throughout the Village is expected to begin right after Thanksgiving and be completed no later than mid-January. The Village will begin to realize savings as soon as the lighting is installed.

- 2. The Village's road improvement project began today, November 2nd. A list of the roads has been posted on our website and through social media and updates will be posted, as appropriate. Most of the curbing work will be done in the Spring and a separate schedule will be put out on that portion of the project.
- 3. Reminder that Election Day is tomorrow, November 3rd and polls are open from 6:00AM to 9:00PM. Polling locations are the Ardsley Community Center and St. Barnabas Church. Should you encounter any problems with the election process, please call the Westchester County Board of Elections at 995-5700, or the Greenburgh Town Clerk's office at 989-1501.
- 4. Village offices will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. There will be no collection of recyclables on the 11th. Collection of <u>all</u> recyclables will be done on Thursday, November 12. Please refer to the Sanitation schedule posted on the Village's website.

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: \$51,472.65; Trust & Agency Fund: \$175.07; and from the Capital Fund: \$49,015.04.

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$51,472.65; From the Trust & Agency Fund: \$175.07 and from the Capital Fund: \$49,015.04. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Had the pleasure of leading the Ragamuffin Parade; it went smoothly
- Trustee Kaboolian, Village Manager, Robson and I met with Lauren Allen and school board members for a regular update and discussion about mutual issues and sharing of ideas; it went very well
- Manager Robson and I had a phone conversation with Pat Cleary regarding the Jefferson Project; what people should know is that there is presently a submission period with the State DEC regarding ground field clean up and the Town Board has declared itself lead agency; they will be starting proceedings at the Town Board soon
- I did want to mention that I received an email from Maryjane Shimsky; there are ballot initiatives on the ballot tomorrow; She wanted us to know that one of the ballot initiatives is regarding an amendment to the County Ordinances that the County Executive would be required to submit the dated budget to the Board of Legislators for their review by

- October 15^{th.} There are a number of uncontested elections and then there are a couple of contested judiciary elections tomorrow. Please go out and exercise your vote.
- I had a discussion today with Leo Wiegman who is the Mayor of Croton; who has been leading the charge on energy community choice aggregation program; I did want us to be considering that; we need to schedule a public hearing because it involves adopting a local ordinance to join the program; I was hoping we can set it down for a public hearing at the next meeting
- This program is a national initiative that has been approved by PSC that communities can elect to buy their energy in bulk and get reduced rates; in addition, there are some alternative energy options that people can elect and there are energy saving measures. I am hoping to stress the energy saving measures and achieving the benefit of reducing energy bills

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE DIJUSTO:

- 10/26 I was present on Center Street when the water main break happened and stayed on the site until United Water closed the water main break at 7:30 p.m.
- 11/1 Attended Oktoberfest with the Ardsley Garden Club and the Dobbs Ferry Women's Club.

TRUSTEE MONTI:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MALONE:

- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE KABOOLIAN:

- Meeting with members of the School Board
- Attended the Ragamuffin parade; it was one of the best that I attended
- Attended Oktoberfest dinner

IV. VISITORS

Mr. Frank Doherty appeared before the Board to ask the Board if they had any questions regarding the 9A project. Mr. Doherty stated that the new island that was built has grass and this will give the Village more maintenance. He also commented on the bus stop by CVS.

Walter Schwartz, Village Justice presented himself to the Board. He expressed that he receives complaints from people that receive tickets due to the fact that construction signs get dislodged in the process of construction. He stated that we have to be vigilant of this issue.

Judge Schwartz stated they decided to make Hal Shames the feature of the next program. Judge Schwartz stated that whoever makes the announcements shall state that there is going to be an interview with Hal Shames on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Judge Schwartz also expressed to the Board as Village Justice that he has some issues pertaining to reappointments.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution regarding request to erect Veteran's Day Sign

RESOLUTION REGARDING REQUEST TO ERECT VETERAN'S DAY SIGN

TrusteeDiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby grants permission to the American Legion Post #458 to erect a 4' x 8' sign at the southwest corner of Ashford Avenue and Route 9A in conjunction with the Veteran's Day Holiday from November 6, 2015 through November 12, 2015. **Seconded by Trustee Monti and passed unanimously.**

VII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION. Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, November 2, 2015 to go into a work session and Executive session at 8:46 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Kaboolian and passed unanimously.**

IX. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Monday, November 16, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fusco Recording Secretary