

VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OCTOBER 15, 2012

Mayor Porcino opened the October 15, 2012 Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Present:	Mayor	Peter Porcino
	Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Gary Malone
	Trustee	Larry J. Nardecchia
	Trustee	Nicole Minore
	Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini
	Village Clerk	Barbara A. Berardi
Absent:	Village Manager	George Calvi
	Recording Secretary	Lorraine McSpedon

I. Mayor Porcino announced the exit signs in the board room.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING – For the purpose of considering an amendment to Chapter 190 Vehicles & Traffic, Section 42C of the Ardsley Village Code to incorporate a specific reference to parking permit violations.

Mayor Porcino read the legal notice and opened the meeting for public comment. This is an update of our village code since there was no specific prohibition for parking in parking permit spaces without permits.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2012, as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE REPORT: Chief Florkowski delivered the September 2012 Fire Department Report

POLICE REPORT: Chief Califano delivered the September 2012 Police Department Report

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Nardecchia read the September 2012 Building Report on behalf of Building Inspector Larry Tomasso.

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Ponzini had nothing to report other than those items which may have been submitted in memorandum form.

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

The bills for the past two weeks totaled: From the General Fund \$45,268.24, and from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$13,451.95 and the Capital Fund: \$6,198.49.

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to pay the following amounts: From the General Fund: \$45,268.24 and from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$13,451.95 and the Capital Fund: \$6,198.49. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mayor Porcino read the manager's report on behalf of George Calvi.

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT
FOR OCTOBER 15, 2012
PREPARED BY GEORGE F. CALVI**

1. RIVERTOWNS SQUARE FEIS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the redevelopment project known as "Rivertowns Square" in Dobbs Ferry (near the Lawrence Street exit on the Saw Mill Parkway behind Chauncey Square) is available for public inspection in the Office of the Ardsley Village Clerk at 507 Ashford Avenue, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This document is also available on line at www.dobbsferry.com

The Dobbs Ferry Village Board of Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the FEIS on October 30, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Embassy Community Center (also known as the Embassy Club), 60 Palisade Street, Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

Residents are encouraged to take this opportunity to comment on the project.

2. GENERAL ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 is Election Day. The polls will be open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Ardsley Community Center on Center Street, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church on

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Revolutionary Road. Appearing on the ballot will be selections for two Village Trustees, one United States Senator, one Congressman; one State Senator; one State Assemblyman; a County Court Judge, a Supreme Court Justice – 9th Judicial District; and a United States President. There are no propositions or referenda for Ardsley voters this year.

Should you have any questions about the elections, particularly regarding absent ballots, please telephone the Office of the Greenburgh Town Clerk at 993-1501, or the Westchester County Board of Elections in White Plains at 995-5700. You can also obtain biographical information from the League of Women Voters of Westchester

County's website VOTE411.org. A free Voter's Guide is available in the Village Clerk's office in Village Hall.

One last note, the deadline for absentee ballot applications is October 30 by mail, and in person by November 5. Applications can be downloaded from the Board of Elections web site at www.westchestergov.com/boe or you can obtain one by calling the Board of Elections at 995-5700.

3. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AMENDMENT TO ZONING CODE

Residents are reminded that at the October 1st Village Board meeting, the Ardsley Village Board of Trustees scheduled a public hearing for 8:15 pm, Monday, November 5, 2012 for the purpose of creating a new Article in the Zoning Code to include provisions for requiring affordable housing units in residential developments including five or more dwelling units.

The full text of this proposed law is available at a link posted on the right side of the Village's website homepage at www.ardsleyvillage.com. If you are unable to attend the public hearing but wish to comment on the matter you may call in at 693-6202 during the public hearing on November 5, or you can submit your thoughts to the Village Board in writing to the attention of the Village Clerk, Ardsley Village Hall, 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York 10502, or via email at ardsleyclerk@optonline.net.

4. LEAF BLOWER REMINDER

Autumn is upon us, and we are in the midst of leaf blowing season. Thus, residents are reminded that the Village has a leaf blower law in place, and that all gas-powered leaf blowers must be registered with the Village Clerk's office. From October 1 through May 14, leaf blowers may be used from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Saturday, and from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Sundays and holidays. Lastly, let's all try to be good neighbors. Though the law permits it, if at

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all possible, try to avoid blowing leaves during the dinner hour. Your neighbor will appreciate it greatly!

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Ardsley Day was a great success and would like to thank all the committee members for an outstanding job.
- 2) Attended JEZA Veterinary Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
- 3) Congratulations to Spincredible for a nice job for fixing the storefront.
- 4) Attended dual Eagle Scout Ceremony for Alejandro de la Garza and Saumik Rahman
- 5) Rivertowns Square deadline for written comments to Dobbs Ferry Village Hall is October 30th.
- 6) Ashford Avenue Bridge repair work is being done.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS:

Tr. Nardecchia:

1. Attended Ardsley Day and was a great day.
2. Thanks for the sizable donation from Ardsley Day for the seniors.
3. November 7th Senior Breakfast at the Community Center.
4. The Garden Club will be planting daffodils and perennials at the Bicentennial Flag Pole.
5. Senior Health Forms will be available at the Community Center and Village Hall.
6. League of Women Voters have submitted the voter guide pamphlets – page #26 has Beverly Levine and Gary Malone as candidates – they did not have time to correct the pamphlet to remove Beverly Levine. There will be a substitute candidate Nancy Kaboolian on the ballot.

Tr. Minore:

1. Youth Council sponsored the Homecoming Dance and went extremely well.
2. Ardsley Day was a huge success and a big thank you to all for a wonderful event.
3. SAYF Coalition will be sending the following message out to all Ardsley Parents, On Tuesday, October 23rd the Ardsley SAYF Coalition will be presenting the results of last year's AHS student substance use survey followed by a moving account from Jeffrey Veatch, of a local family's issues with drugs; and then advice from an expert panel. Mr. Veatch will be speaking to the entire AHS student body on Wednesday, although this event is open to all Ardsley parents, if you have a student in the HS, Tuesday night is your opportunity to preview what your child will hear so you will be

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prepared to respond to your teen's reaction to the assembly. HS Auditorium will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the survey results and conclude by 9:00 p.m.

Tr. Malone:

1. Attended Ardsley Day and thanked everyone for a special day.
2. Gave an update on the Rivertowns Tourism.

V. VISITOR'S

Armen Boyajian, 23 Grandview Avenue, Ardsley, New York appeared before the board and spoke on several issues including clearing Bramblebrook, Silliman Park, and the recent clean up on his premises at 486 Ashford Avenue.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 190 VEHICLES & TRAFFIC, SECTION 42C OF THE ARDSLEY VILLAGE CODE TO INCORPORATE A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PARKING PERMIT VIOLATIONS.

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village of Ardsley Board of Trustees hereby closes the public hearing to consider an amendment to Chapter 190 Vehicles & Traffic Section 42C of the Ardsley Village Code to incorporate a specific reference to parking permit violations. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER 190 VEHICLES & TRAFFIC – PARKING PERMIT VIOLATIONS

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby amends Chapter 190 Vehicles & Traffic Section 42C of the Ardsley Village Code to incorporate a specific reference to parking permit violations. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

“Chapter 190 Vehicles & Traffic-Section 42 Penalties of Offenses

C. Violation and minimum fines shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

(20) The fine for parking in permit spaces without a parking permit shall be \$25

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**RESOLUTION TO SPONSOR HOMECOMING DANCE ON SCHOOL
GROUNDS (FOR TRACKING PURPOSES ONLY)**

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby declares itself as sponsor of the Ardsley Village Youth Council's scheduled [Homecoming] dance at Ardsley High School on Saturday, October 13, 2012.
Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT
FOR SERVICES TO UPDATE VILLAGE ZONING MAP (FOR TRACKING
PURPOSES ONLY)**

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute an agreement between the Village of Ardsley and VHB of 50 Mail Street –Suite 360, White Plains, New York 10606 for the provision of services to update the Village of Ardsley's Zoning Map in an amount not to exceed \$3,800.00. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE 2012-2013 VILLAGE BUDGET TO
TRANSFER FUNDS TO COVER COST OF UPDATING ZONING MAPS
(\$3,800.00)**

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2012-2013 Village Budget by transferring the amount of \$3,800.00 from the General Fund balance to new appropriations line item 8010.400 Zoning-Contractual to cover the anticipated cost of updating the zoning maps by a professional service. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING 2012-2013 VILLAGE BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE
GRANT AWARD OF \$4,200 TO PARTICIPATE IN BUCKLE UP NEW
YORK CAMPAIGN**

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2012-2013 Village Budget by increasing revenue line item #3939 by \$4,200.00 and appropriations line item 3120.201 by \$4,200.00 to recognize that Ardsley has been awarded a grant in said amount to participate in the statewide "Buckle Up New York!" campaign through the

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State of New York Department of Motor Vehicles – Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF TOWN ASSESSOR FOR PROPERTY TAX GRIEVANCES

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby accepts the recommendations of the Greenburgh Town Assessor based on the Grievance day completed in Greenburgh Town Hall on June 19, 2012. The recommendation calls for an aggregate refund of \$55,691.47 spread over 97 properties. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

(PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT)

RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE SALE OF 2003 FORD CROWN VICTORIA

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Clerk to advertise a Notice to Bidders for the sale of a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria – Police Edition most recently used by the Ardsley Fire Department

Prospective bidders are encouraged to obtain bid forms at the Office of the Village Clerk located at 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York between the hours of 9am and 4pm Monday through Friday. Sealed bid submissions will be received in the Office of the Village until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at which time they will be publically opened and read. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF OLD BETSY

Trustee Nardecchia: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a work session for 7:30 pm. Tuesday, November 20, 2012 with members of the Ardsley Fire Department and Ardsley Volunteer Engine Company No. 1 regarding the restoration, preservation, and future of Old Betsy. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE ARDSLEY SAYF COALITION
TO HANG A BANNER ACROSS ASHFORD AVENUE OUTSIDE OF ARDSLEY
VILLAGE HALL DURING RED RIBBON WEEK, OCTOBER 23-31ST; AND TO TIE
RED RIBBONS ON STREET POLES AROUND THE VILLAGE FOR THE SAME
PERIOD OF TIME**

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a request from the Ardsley SAYF Coalition Coordinator Theresa DelGrosso to hang a banner 8' x

2.5' across Ashford Avenue during red ribbon week, October 23rd – 31st. The banner will have the SAYF Coalition's logo on one end and a picture of red ribbon at the other and it will read: "This is Red Ribbon Week join our fight against teen drinking and drug use help our teen drinking and drug use help our teens to grow up SAYF, happy and healthy wear a Red Ribbon to show your support." It is further resolved that the SAYF Coalition's Youth Leadership committee had permission to tie red ribbons around telephone poles throughout the Village of Ardsley for the same said period of time. All banners and signs must be removed by November 2nd. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of October 15, 2012 at 9:01 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara A. Berardi
Village Clerk