

VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOVEMBER 19, 2012

Mayor Porcino opened the November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes for November 5th, as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed by a vote of 3-1 with Trustee Minore abstaining because she was not present at the November 5th meeting.**

III. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Ponzini had nothing to report other than those items which may have been submitted in memorandum form. We have the three agreements with the (3) parcels regarding eminent domain proceedings these agreements should be signed soon and we can then move forward.

MANAGER' REPORT:

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT PREPARED BY GEORGE F. CALVI FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2012

1. THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE: Village offices will be closed Thursday, November 22nd, and Friday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no trash collection on either day. Instead the entire Village shall have its trash collected on Saturday, November 24, to relieve everyone of all those turkey carcasses. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to telephone the DPW at 693-0117.

2. TREE LIGHTING: The annual Christmas Tree lighting takes place 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 1. Festivities commence at 6:00 pm at the fire house. Next stop is Legion Park for the tree

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lighting. Followed by a trip to the Community Center for hot chocolate, cookies, and a visit from Santa. Sponsored by the Ardsley Parks & Recreation Department.

3. CANDY CANE FAIR: The Ardsley United Methodist Church located at 525 Ashford Avenue is holding its annual Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, Saturday, December 1, from 10 am to 2 pm. The church is offering an assortment of items from baked goods to nuts to boutique Items as well as silent auction. All are welcome! For information, please call 914 478-0056

4. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT: On Sunday, December 2nd, the Ardsley Historical Society will be featuring a program called “When the President Came to Ardsley” describing the visit of President William Howard Taft to the Adolph Lewisohn estate one hundred years ago on November 16, 1912. The story will be accompanied by a discussion of the historic events of that year. You may recall that 1912 was also the year of the sinking of the ill-fated Titanic.

5. MENORAH LIGHTING: The annual lighting of the Shamash Candle on the Chanukah Menorah takes place 6:30 pm, on Saturday, December 8 in Legion Park. Sponsored by Chabad of the Rivertowns. The lighting will be followed by music and refreshments.

6. VILLAGE BLAST: All of the aforementioned items have already been advertised on our village-wide email blast. As of this morning, there are 899 subscribers to this service. If you have not yet joined, please do. It is quite easy. Visit our village website, www.ardsleyvillage.com and on the upper right hand side of the home page, you will find the appropriate prompt. You will be asked a few questions, and you will be done.

7. PERSONNEL: The following is hereby entered in to the official minutes as per the civil service rules and regulations of the Westchester County Department of Human Resources:

The Village Manager hereby accepts the resignation, with regret, of Lorraine McSpedon, as recording secretary for the Village Board of Trustees, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective November 7, 2012

8. TEAMSTER CONTRACT: The Mayor and I met with representatives of Teamsters Local 456 on Friday evening, and I am pleased to announce a five year contract for the 13 members of the Highway Department was finalized. The Memorandum of Agreement with all the details is expected to be on the December 3rd agenda for Village Board approval.

9. REORGANIZATION MEETING: Speaking of December 3rd, the next Village Board meeting will be the annual Reorganization meeting. At that time, newly re-elected Village Trustee Gary Malone will be sworn in, as will be newly elected Nancy Kaboolian. A big welcome to Trustee Kaboolian, and a big welcome back to Trustee Malone.

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10. OLD BETSY: A reminder to all Village Board members that we will all be back here in this room again tomorrow night at 7:30 pm for a work session with the members of Engine Company No.1 to discuss their future plans for the restoration of Old Betsy.

11. HURRICANE SANDY: Tomorrow morning, the Highway Foreman and I will be attending a working meeting at Con Edison's Westchester headquarters in Rye. We have been invited to share our comments and concerns in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Representatives of several other communities have been invited. It should be interesting. Speaking of Hurricane Sandy, if you believe you have eligible disaster-related damages and have not registered with FEMA yet, the number to call is 1-800-621-3362.

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

The bills for the past two weeks totaled: From the General Fund \$169,671.00, and the Trust & Agency Fund: \$1,853.12 and the Capital Fund: \$154.80.

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 \$169,671.00 and from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$1,853.12 and the Capital Fund: \$154.80. **Seconded by Trustee Minore and passed unanimously.**

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Village Manager Calvi read the October 2012 Police Department Report on behalf of Police Chief Califano.

8:15 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING - To discuss updating the Village of Ardsley Zoning Map

Mayor Porcino read the legal notice and opened the meeting for public comment.

Our Zoning Map was adopted in 1959, since then we had a number of changes which created new districts and streets, and several other amendments. These need to be reflected in an updated map.

Mayor Porcino noted if anyone would like to call in at (914) 693-6202 to comment on this or anyone in the audience please do so.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Many thanks from village residents to the Village Staff, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, ASVAC for a fabulous job during the Hurricane Sandy.
2. Mayor read a memo from Trish Lacy, Recreation Supervisor regarding the Hurricane Sandy Food and Clothing Drive

Today was an incredible day for me as well as the village! I have never seen more people come together in a time of need and work so hard at the same time! We met at the Community Center at 7:30 am the volunteers ranged from 5 adults to 15, 11th and 12th graders! The kids ate bagels, donuts and coffee donated by various local merchants. Once the packing was done we realized that we needed an extra bus so the bus company was generous enough to send one last minute. Tony Vacca made a call to the Superintendent of schools and cleared all the students to come along for the ride. Tony Rabadi donated his party fan to take the students, which was driven by Tony! Once they reached their destination in Rockaway Queens, our donations were taken and all the students got their pictures taken with Police Commissioner Kelly! Unbelievable!!!! P.S. We were able to get a full bus load of baby formula from an organization in elmsford to take down!!! PSS The Enterprise was there and took LOTS of pictures! Trish

3. There will be new appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Architectural Review and the Recreation Commission as of December 3, 2012 Reorganization Meeting.
4. Teamsters reached an agreement with the Village and would like to thank Rob Wootten, Evo Riguzzi III and John Henry.
5. Would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

TRUSTEE NARDECCHIA:

1. The broken clock on the façade of Village Hall has been replaced with our Village logo.
2. Garden Club on November 28th will assist the seniors in making holiday wreaths.
3. December 1st at 6 p.m. at the Ardsley Fire House Tree Lighting ceremony.
4. December 7th Annual Senior Dinner at the Fire House between 5 – 9p.m. catered by our favorite chef

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TRUSTEE MINORE:

1. SAFE rides program has recruited 11 new volunteers.
2. Congratulations to Theresa Del Grosso and Police Officer Anthony Vacca for completing their training.
3. There were 54 attendees at the Presentation of Jeffrey Veatch – Great Presentation!
4. The next SAYF Coalition meeting will be December 4th

TRUSTEE MALONE:

1. A big thank you to all the voters that elected me to another term.
2. Congratulations to our new Trustee Nancy Kaboolian.

8:30 P.M. – CONTINUATION PUBLIC HEARING For the purpose of creating a new Article in the Zoning Code of the Village of Ardsley to include provisions for requiring affordable housing units in residential developments including five or more dwelling units.

Mayor Porcino read the legal notice and opened the meeting for public to comment.

Mayor Porcino read into the record two emails that he received regarding the zoning change for affordable housing units in Village of Ardsley.

The first one was received from Patricia Hoffman:

Peter/George:

I do not believe the government should place a requirement of affordable housing in our code. If a developer can obtain and build units the Village should not require the builder to include affordable units. Of course then the issue comes up as to who monitors the award of the units. The code should support free enterprise and capitalism. We should not limit the ability of a developer for social programs. We already have affordable housing at the Woodlands, the proposed WaterWheel and the plans provided by Mr. Escaladas on 9A south of Colony Street.

Thanks

Pat Hoffman

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Second email was received from James Chin

Dear Barbara Berardi- AS YOU MAY KNOW I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF MAYOR Abate's final term. The proposed amendment is very well written and covers major areas of concern very well. I am in favor of it being approved. However, I believe that some requirement for less than five units be included which would require the developer to contribute a % of the sales price of the smaller housing development to an Affordable Housing Fund to be used by the village to purchase property for AH. In my view even a single unit home built in the village should make a contribution to the AH fund. Having attended a workshop on Affordable housing at Pace law school I know that some governments do have such a AH fund. Unfortunately , due to time constraints I am unable to provide specifics. Please forward my comments to the Trustees as well as other interested village personnel involved in this amendment draft. Thank you. James A. Chin, Sr.

V. VISITORS:

Mr. Armen Boyajian, 23 Grandview Avenue, Ardsley, New York asked the board if we hired an engineering firm to redraw the zoning map. Mr. Calvi, responded yes, and the firm's name is VHB formerly Saccardi & Schiff. During Mr. Boyajian's last appearance at the board meeting, he spoke on several issues clearing Bramble Brook, Silliman Park and the adjoining property at 486 Ashford Avenue. The Mayor responded that all these questions should be addressed to the Village Manager, the Department of Public Works and the Building Inspector.

Ms. Patricia Hoffman, 69 Bramblebrook Road, Ardsley, New York reported that ASVAC had 84 Calls for the last month. This has been the most calls they ever had. Also we are looking for new members if anyone is interested please contact ASVAC. Thanks to George Calvi for the receipt of the Ridge Hill plans. Would like to know when they will get together to review the plans and the financial part of this.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING UPDATING THE ZONING AND OFFICAL MAP OF THE VILLAGE

Trustee Nardecchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the public hearing regarding updating the zoning and official map of the Vilalge. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
ACCEPTING AN UPDATED ZONING AND OFFICIAL MAP OF THE VILLAGE**

Trustee Nardecchia: WHEREAS, the Village of Ardsley is a duly incorporated municipality in the State of New York governed by a Mayor and Board of Trustees (the Village Board); and WHEREAS, Section 7-702 of New York State Village Law provides the board of trustees with the authority to divide the Village into districts; and WHEREAS, Section 7- 724 of New York State Village Law authorizes the Village Board to establish an official map of the Village showing the streets highways and parks; and WHEREAS, as noted in the section 200-3.B. of the Village of Ardsley Zoning Code, the Village first adopted an official zoning map (the zoning map) on December 7, 1959; and WHEREAS, over the course of the ensuring years, the Village has revised and updated the Zoning Map including the creation of new districts and streets; and WHEREAS, the Village Board has kept records of the various zoning map revisions and is desirous of having all of the revisions consolidated in one updated map; and

WHEREAS, the updating of the existing Village zoning map is an ministerial action and is classified as a Type II action under Section 617.5 (c) (17) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that given the fact that the Village Board is the only duly authorized entity that may approve zoning and official map revisions it does declare themselves to be the Lead Agency for this proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby does accept the revised Official Map of the Village of Ardsley; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby direct the Village Clerk to provide a copy of the updated Official Map dated October ,2012 to the Town of Greenburgh and the Westchester County Department of Planning. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR REQUIRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING FIVE OR MORE DWELLING UNITS

Trustee Minore: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the public hearing to amend the zoning code to include provisions for requiring affordable housing units in residential developments including five or more dwelling units. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR REQUIRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING FIVE OR MORE DWELLING UNITS

Trustee Minore: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adopts the amendment to the Zoning Code to include provisions for requiring affordable housing units in residential developments including five or more dwelling units effective upon filing with the New York Secretary of State. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE 2012-2013 VILLAGE BUDGET – SAYF COALITION (\$38,600.37)

Trustee Minore: Whereas, on June 4, 2012 the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley authorized the Village Treasurer to modify the 2012-2013 Village Budget by establishing new appropriation line item 4210.485 SAYF Coalition by \$125,000 and by increasing Federal Aid revenue line item A4989 by \$125,000 to recognize monies expended by our SAYF Coalition Coordinator and the revenues to be received from a grant supporting the program

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to again modify the 2012-2013 Village budget by increasing appropriation line item 4210.485 by \$38,600.37 and revenue line item A4989 by \$38,600.37 to reflect the availability to spend in this fiscal year residual monies from the prior fiscal year. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING FREE HOLIDAY PARKING

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the parking meter attendant to place bags over the municipal parking meters commencing on December 10, 2012 through January 2, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that although the use of coins in the meters is suspended, the posted time limits will be enforced by the Ardsley Police Department. **Seconded by Trustee Nardecchia and passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Trustee Nardcchia: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of November 19, 2012 at 9:01 p.m. to retire to Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and potential litigation.

Respectfully submitted by:
Barbara A. Berardi, Village Clerk/Recording Secretary