

**VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

Present:	Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
	Deputy Mayor Trustee	Any DiJusto
	Trustee	Joann D’Emilio
	Trustee	Steve Edelstein
	Village Manager	Meredith S. Robson
	Village Clerk	Ann Marie Rocco
	Village Attorney	Robert Ponzini
	Recording Secretary	Donna Fusco
Absent:	Trustee	Evan Yager

Mayor Kaboolian called to order the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXIT SIGNS

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Reorganization Meeting – December 16, 2019
Regular Meeting – December 16, 2019

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of December 16, 2019 as submitted.
Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 16, 2019 as submitted.
Seconded by Trustee D’Emilio and passed unanimously.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mayor Kaboolian stated that the following Police Report for December 2019 was taken under submission:

- Court fine and fees - \$36, 589.00
- Property Lost or Stolen - \$15,670.00
- Property Recovered - \$0
- 121 Parking summonses issued
- 16 UTT summonses issued

- 3 Appearance ticket issued
- 3 Arrests
- 255 Blotters

Other activities attended by Officers –

TRAINING

- Total training for the month of December - 64 hours
- The training consisted of SWAT, interrogation techniques and juvenile justice

COMMUNITY POLICING

The child seat unit installed 9 seats by appointment.

We sponsored the holiday cookie decorating event at the Ardsley High School and were assisted by the Ardsley SAYF Coalition.

Tony attended juvenile training which was offered from the State Juvenile Association

We participated and assisted with the Ardsley senior citizens luncheon at the Ardsley High School

We cosponsored the holiday tree lighting event with the recreation department and purchased gifts for the event

We participated in the Ardsley School District Security – Emergency Assessment Plan Meeting

We participated in the Ardsley High School Criminal Justice class presentation and demonstrations from the DA's Office, NYSP K-9 and Secret Service

We attended the Ardsley Senior Citizens holiday dinner event and purchased gifts for the event

Community Information

Bank fraud continues to be an issue. Please make sure you check your bank statements.

We have had several reports of phone scams so be mindful of it. Many of these scams are explained on our website. If you have any questions, you can contact the police desk.

While we haven't experienced any home burglaries in the Village, many jurisdictions around us have. When you leave your house, lock your doors and use your alarm system if you have it. Lock your car doors and report any suspicious activity. The police department does keep a log of homes that are unoccupied such as vacationing residents or snowbirds. If you are one of them and you notify the department, an officer will check on your house while you are away and notify you if we see anything suspicious.

The Ardsley PBA participated in "No Shave November and December" and raised \$2,000.00.

The monies raised were donated to Debra of America. Information can be found at

www.debra.org/give. And <https://vimeo.com/148107993>.

LEGAL REPORT: Village Attorney Ponzini stated there is nothing to report other than those items that he is working on with Village staff and he stated that he is available for an Executive Session.

MANAGER'S REPORT 1/6/20

TREASURER'S REPORT: Village Manager, Meredith S. Robson read the Treasurer's Report for January 6, 2020:

1. **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** All Village Offices, including the Justice Court, the Library, the Community Center, and the Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. There will be no refuse collection that day. There will be refuse collection for the entire village on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.
2. **OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS:** Residents are reminded to renew their overnight parking permits for 2020 with the Police Desk. For applications and information, kindly telephone the Police Desk at 693-1700 or visit our website at www.ardsleyvillage.com.
3. **ALARM PERMITS:** Residents are reminded to renew their alarm permits for 2020 with the Village Clerk. Any questions, please contact the Village Clerk at 914-693-1550.
4. **NEW HIRE:** I am pleased to announce that I have hired Charles Hessler as the new Confidential Secretary to the Village Manager, effective today, January 6, 2020. Charles earned his M.P.A. back in 2009 and is eager to begin his career in local government with us.

Ms. Robson stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$178,136.71; from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$0.00 and from the Capital Fund: \$0.00.

Trustee D'Emilio: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$178,136.71 from the Trust & Agency Fund: \$0.00 and from the Capital Fund: \$0.00. **Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- I want to wish everybody a Healthy and Happy 2020.
- I want to thank all of the volunteer firefighters and everyone for going with Santa throughout the Village to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

TRUSTEE DIJUSTO:

- I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

TRUSTEE YAGER:

- Absent

TRUSTEE D’EMILIO:

- The SAYF Coalition provided gingerbread cookie decorating kits to the high school and to the Community Center and they had Captain’s Wines and Ardsley Pizzeria participate in a holiday prevention message campaign
- The library fundraiser is having an improve performance that is taking place on January 11, 2020 @8:00 P.M. It’s a fundraiser for the Friends of the Ardsley Public Library.
- The Historical Society gave out its 2020 calendar
- It’s the beginning of the membership year for the Historical Society

TRUSTEE EDELSTEIN:

- For the senior citizens, on Wednesday at noon is Bingo
- January 15th is the Senior Breakfast
- January 22nd is a Talk with the Village Manager on the census
- Zumba on the 29th
- Rec commission meeting at 5:00 next Tuesday
- The Multicultural Meeting is having their meeting on next Tuesday
- Also, on the 14th is the 2nd annual Lunar New Year Event

VISITORS

Armen Boyajian, 486 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley appeared to discuss underground wiring. Mr. Boyajian showed the Board a photo showing the above ground wiring in the Village.

Andrew Sidin, 6 Windsong, Ardsley appeared to raise an issue about the speed of the traffic on Windsong. Mr. Sidin asked if it is possible that a stop sign be placed on Windsong. Mr. Sidin also asked if the garbage cans can have the tops put down on them during inclement weather.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a resolution to appoint Lorraine Kuhn to the Conservation and Environment Advisory Committee (CEAC)

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LORRAINE KUHN TO THE CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEAC)

Trustee Edelstein: RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Ardsley hereby makes the appointment of Lorraine Kuhn to the Conservation and Environment Advisory Committee (CEAC), effective through December 31, 2020. **Seconded by Trustee D’Emilio and passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign a contract for legal counsel services with Robert Ponzini

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MANAGER TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR LEGAL
COUNSEL SERVICES WITH
ROBERT PONZINI**

Trustee DiJusto: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the proposed contract for Legal Counsel Services with Robert Ponzini located at 1133 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606 from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. **Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.**

3. Consider a resolution against anti-Semitism

RESOLUTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

Trustee D’Emilio: RESOLVED;

We, the elected leaders of the Village of Ardsley, NY are resolved on this day, January 6, 2020 to stand in solidarity with the people of Monsey, NY in rejecting in all forms of bigotry, hatred, anti-Semitism or discrimination of any kind. We are resolved to root out and fight any proliferation of hate in our Village, and to partner with neighboring towns, villages and communities everywhere across our great nation to fight hate and ensure all people are free to practice their faith and pursue the American dream in peace.

We are appalled by the anti-Semitic attack on our neighbors and are resolved that hate will have no home in our community or in any community in the United States of America. Our nation was founded on the principles of religious freedom and the right of all people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our Village will make every effort to ensure that our community is one where all people are welcome and included and where all faiths and traditions are respected. We are resolved to respect and support one another as a community. We welcome and encourage other communities to join this resolution and to join forces in ensuring that the vile history of anti-Semitism here and around the world, ends now and ends here. We are resolved to do everything in our power to ensure the horrifying events that happened this past week in our neighboring community never happen anywhere ever again.

Signed,

The Village Board of Ardsley NY

Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed unanimously.

VIII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION. Executive session to discuss personnel matters.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
January 7, 2020 – Board of Architectural Review Meeting
January 13, 2020 – Planning Board Meeting
January 20, 2020 – Village Offices closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21, 2020 - Board of Architectural Review Meeting
January 21, 2020 – Board of Trustees Meeting

X. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Trustee Edelstein: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, January 6, 2020 at 8:24 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee DiJusto and passed unanimously.**

XI. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fusco
Recording Secretary