

Regular meeting of the Planning Board of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

Chairman, John Cegelka, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present. Meeting started at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

This meeting has been advertised in one newspaper, The Daily Record, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Meeting Act.

IN ATTENDANCE:	Mayor Dave Holeman	Jim Glass	Diane Feola
	John Cegelka	Avis Byfield	Ken Diehl
	Jim Janone	Valerie Williams	Barrie Palumbo

Attorney: Christine Faustini from Eric Bernstein’s office

ABSENT: Weusi Chapman (Board Member), Planner and Engineer.

John Cegelka: Before meeting began wanted to state that the alternate planning board member status that was in question is now resolved. Appointment was originally made in 2014 and was for two years and therefore will expire end of 2015. Valerie Williams will read the documents into record when she reads the correspondence.

Barrie Palumbo went over the individual “class” appointments for each member of the planning board. She will distribute a roster to each member of the board. There was a discussion on whether phone numbers will be on this roster.

There was no motion to accept minutes from the last meeting because there are none. There was a discussion about why there are no minutes. John Cegelka stated he had someone who may be able to do the minutes. Barrie Palumbo also offered to do the minutes as long as she received compensation. John state his wife was the one who offered to do them. There was more discussion as to who will do them.

Jim Glass made a motion to have Joan Cegelka type up all past minutes, five in total, (Aug., Sept., Nov., Jan., and March) at \$90 per meeting. This is until Brenda Kersey is up to coming back in to do them. She has been ill with the flu. Avis Byfield seconded it. The decision was made to keep Brenda Kersey as the typist for the minutes.

Approved on roll call:

Mayor Dave Holeman	Yes
Jim Glass	Yes
Diane Feola	Yes
John Cegelka	Yes
Avis Byfield	Yes
Ken Diehl	Abstain
Jim Janone	Yes
Valerie Williams	Abstain
Barrie Palumbo	Yes

Christine Faustini filling in for Eric Bernstein would like to check with Eric to make sure it is not a conflict of interest. This is due to the fact that Joan Cegelka is the chairman’s wife. She will also check if a contract is needed for this position.

APPLICATIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Master plan for 2016. Discussion about them having two public workshops to showcase this. Mayor Dave Holeman, John Cegelka, and Valerie Williams are attending one or both of these workshops. The attorney said more than one member can attend but you are not allowed to discuss business of the Borough with each other there at that meeting.

BILLS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Recording Secretary was already discussed.
A reminder from Debbe Evans, Borough Clerk, that you need to go on the computer between March 30 and April 30, 2015 to fill out your Financial Disclosure Statement. If you are a representative on two different boards then you must go on under two different boards.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Janone started the discussion on the Borough’s Master Plan and exactly when the re-examination is going to take place and when it must be done by. Discussion from the attorney also about when and why it needs to be done. Further discussion was the cost and where the money might come from. It was said that Mr. Zimmerman should be contacted and his thoughts on this re-examination of the Borough’s Master Plan and how long it will take.

Valerie Williams asked about the Storm Water Management Plan. There was some discussion on this.

Jim Janone brought up letters received by the board secretary and copies given to the Municipal Clerk. His concern is why the board did not receive copies also when he heard about them during a council meeting. If it involves the board then the board should receive the information. More discussion on what, who, and when letters were sent and received. Also, if it is an OPRA request, then the board will not receive this request. If a letter or OPRA request is directed toward the board then the entire board will be notified. The attorney stated that if the request or OPRA says “Dear Chairman and Board,” then the board is informed. Applications however need to go in front of the entire board and not just the board secretary or chairperson.

Valerie Williams asked about having to pay for any information she would like, example Master Plan information, because she is a board member. The attorney explained that yes you may have to pay for any information prior to the board being actively involved. Also, if it is just information that you may want because you are on the board then yes you may have to pay for it. She said you may have to check the ordinance and see exactly how it reads. She also stated “that if it is something that the board is currently working on, right then and there, then usually you do not have to pay.”

Motioned to open the meeting to the public by board member Jim Glass and seconded by Ken Diehl. None opposed.
Public had no questions or comment.

Motioned to close the meeting to the public by board member Jim Glass and seconded by Mayor Dave Holeman. None opposed.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by board member Jim Glass and seconded by Mayor Dave Holeman. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Barrie Palumbo, Planning Board Secretary
Typed by Deborah Devery, Temporary Recording Secretary 5/2015

