

September 10, 2013

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on September 10, 2013.

Mayor Holeman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country.  
Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our military.

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

ATTENDANCE: Councilwoman Cheatham, Councilwoman Hall, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes and Councilman Glass.

ABSENT: None

Motion to accept the minutes of August 27, 2013 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Randolph Township - I spoke with someone from Randolph today regarding milling and paving on Franklin Road. They are doing from Hamilton Business Park to the Denville line (at the bridge). Hamilton Business Park will have to use the fire exit on Washington/Coolidge Avenues to get in and out of their lots. Handicapped curbing will be put in at the entrance to Hamilton Business Park. Barring any bad weather it should take about a week. They are starting on 9/23/13.

Affordable Health Care Act - Everyone was given a copy of the New health Insurance Marketplace Coverage fact sheets. Mayor and Council received this because all our employees had to get a copy and this was information purposes for you as the employer.

Town of Dover - I received a call today from Sonia Barria. She asked if they could have the desk that we used over here for the Judge when we had court here. They are short a desk in Dover and wanted to know if they could have ours. I told her I had a meeting tonight and that I would ask you and get back to her. Council said that Dover can either buy it from us used or buy their own desk.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hall ,seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

- Councilwoman Cheatham Yes
- Councilwoman Hall Yes
- Councilwoman Hedgepath Yes
- Councilman Lorenzo Yes
- Councilwoman Garcia Montes Yes
- Councilman Glass Yes

Motion to accept correspondence by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

Mayor Holeman asked if there were any questions on the vouchers? Councilman Lorenzo asked about 019. Debbe started answering why this bill was so high. She said that it was a mistake by Shell.They credited our account with someone elses money. There is no attachments here to show us what happen. Amy has it. I will get it from her. Amy verified that we owe this money.

Councilman Lorenzo asked about 022 for NJ Natural Gas. This is the budgeted amount we pay. We pay it all year long. The amount was 838.00 but we used over that last year and our new budget amount went up to 930.00 per month. It is for the heating and hot water for the Borough Hall and Garage. The Clerk said she will call them tomorrow and get a breakdown of the charges.

There were no other questions on the vouchers.

Motion to approve the vouchers for payment by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

- Councilwoman Cheatham Yes
- Councilwoman Hall Yes
- Councilwoman Hedgepath Yes
- Councilman Lorenzo Yes
- Councilwoman Garcia Montes Yes
- Councilman Glass Yes

VOUCHER #	PAYABLE TO:	TYPE OF SERVICE	ACCT.#	AMOUNT
9 000	PHILIP FEINTUCH	LEGAL SERVICES		\$1,833.33
9 001	UNITED HEALTH INS	ADM & EXEC MEDICAL		342.75
9 002	HERBERT EVANS	BLDG & GRDS		300.00
9 003	GREG STAFFORD	BLDG & GRDS		25.00
9 004	WASTE MANAGEMENT	SANITATION		7,968.91
9 005	AMERIHEALTH	ADM & EXEC MEDICAL		7,192.53
9 006	DOVER MUNICIPAL CT	COURT		1,385.58
9 007	DOVER BD OF EDUC.	BOE SEPT. TUITION		75,265.56
9 008	R.V.R.S.A.	SEPT. SERVICE		7,818.00
9 009	J.C.P.& L.	ADM & EXEC.		423.29
9 010	AUTO PARTS PEOPLE	STREETS & ROADS		72.65
9 011	MGL PRINTING SOL	SEWER		352.25
9 012	DEBORAH EVANS	ADM & EXEC		35.00
9 013	PARK FINANCE	TAXES		848.30
9 014	JERRY GIRARD % INTER	TAXES		1,566.05
9 015	PROFESSIONAL GOV. EDUC	ADM & EXEC		90.00
9 016	PROFESSIONAL PRINTING	ADM & EXEC		185.00
9 017	HECTOR LORENZO	STREETS & ROADS S & W		1,208.80
9 018	EDUARDO MARTINEZ	STREETS & ROADS S & W		2,071.20
9 019	SHELL FLEET PLUS	STREETS & ROADS		3,314.09
9 020	AMSTERDAM	ADM & EXEC		35.70
9 021	DEPT. COMM. AFFAIRS	BLDG & GRDS		55.00
9 022	N.J.N.G.	BLDG & GRDS		930.00
9 023	N.J.N.G.	AID TO FIRE DEPT.		30.96
9 024	J.C.P.& L.	AID TO FIRE DEPT.		232.66
				\$113,582.61

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE - I received tonight the newest edition of the code. I will make copies for everyone and get it out to you so you have time to go over it before the next meeting. This is the fifth draft the Attorney said. We need to make a few ordinances but we can go ahead and introduce at the next meeting if everyone is ready to introduce.

Councilman Lorenzo asked if we needed to have the ordinances done first and the Attorney said no.

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Jim Janone - Does anyone know that there is a homeless man that is by the dumpsters at Salem Plaza. No. He is trying to go around and ask people if he can sleep on their porches. The Mayor asked Jim if he called the police and he said no. The Mayor said if he calls the State Police what description will we given them. An older guy that says he lives in Mine Hill.

The house on the corner of Coolidge and Washington did they get a CO? Yes. Attorney Feintuch how much time has it taken for the property maintenance code? I don't know. I don't know if this is the final or not.

The Shell bill how long is that for? Two months? No I think it is longer than that.

The article in the Neighbor News. It isn't always based on opinion. That is your opinion the Mayor said. We are all entitled to our opinions.

Valerie Williams - In regards to the NJ Natural Gas bill in the summer it should drop. Not if you are on the budget. In the late summer they redo the budget and that determines on your usage what your new budgeted amount would be. Why don't you get a fixed rate on the gas bill?

I got this flier in the mail today and it talks about preparing for an emergency and you are sending people to Rockaway. Why can't you invite the person giving the speech over here? This is part of the contract with Rockaway Township where they said certain things they offer their residents they would offer to Victory Gardens residents. They asked us to put it out to our residents and we did.

Public Portion Continued -

Valerie Williams Continued - When a disaster happens Rockaway will be in Rockaway. Why don't you have it here for our residents to come? During Hurricane Sandy this place was dead. Every place was dead. Everyone lost power the Mayor said. The County lost power. We also go by guidelines that the County sets up. Valerie wants Arlene Stoller to come to Victory Gardens instead of us having to go to Rockaway Township.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

*Deborah Evans*

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Borough Clerk