

September 24, 2013

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on September 24, 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 Hedgepath, Councilwoman Garcia Montes and Councilman Glass.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Hall and Councilman Lorenzo.

Motion to accept the minutes of September 10, 2013 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

I have no correspondence but wanted to give the Council an update on some things that were asked at the last meeting.

NJ Natural Gas Company - I spoke with someone in length after our last meeting. We are on a budget with them. They had a budget review as they do every year and this is why our amount was increased from \$807.00 per month to \$930.00 per month. There is a demand charge as we are a high demand customer. This charge per month is \$123.39 . There is also a customer charge per month of \$40.00 - we pay this just for being a customer. It is a charge that they put on for business and commercial users. I asked them if the price of gas went up and they said no it went down. I also asked if there is a fixed rate on the gas with them and they said no. There is no such thing. We are a large gas user and they based this on the Nynex.

Also, we had a question about the Shell bill and Council wanted to see the backup for the bills. I gave everyone a copy of the analysis that Amy did. She also gave me the actual bills - they are Amys but I have them if anyone wants to look at them tonight. Otherwise they will go back to Amy and if you have any questions you can speak to her.

VOUCHERS:

Councilwoman Garcia Montes asked about voucher # 9036 to Diamond Glass?  
The Clerk said it was for the bus stop unit we have across the street that NJDOT put up many years ago. They came out and put a bus stop on South Salem Street for people to stand in when there is bad weather but the repair of the unit falls on the town where it is placed. A person on a bicycle ran right into it and smashed the glass. We had to go and get the glass so Eddie could repair it.

There were no other questions on the vouchers.

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

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes

(See Vouchers On Next Page)

VOUCHER #	PAYABLE TO:	TYPE OF SERVICE	ACCT.#	AMOUNT
9 025	OFFICE CONCEPTS	ADM & EXEC OE		\$158.85
9 026	VERIZON	BLDG & GRDS OE		63.20
9 027	DOVER WATER	BLDG & GRDS OE		205.18
9 028	GOLUB ANIMAL	DOG WARDEN		160.00
9 029	MGL PRINTING	TAX DEPT.		113.00
9 030	MGL PRINTING	TAX DEPT.		202.00
9 031	MGL PRINTING	TAX DEPT.		210.85
9 032	GERALD FLATT	DOG WARDEN		480.00
9 033	SULLIVAN & LOCKSHIN	TAXES		1,050.00
9 034	AMERIHEALTH	ADM & EXEC		7,192.53
9 035	J.C.P.& L.	STREET LIGHTING		653.83
9 036	DIAMOND GLASS	BLDG & GRDS		165.00
9 037	HENRY O. BAKER	INSURANCE		456.00
9 038	DAILY RECORD	ADM & EXEC		39.52
9 039	BOYTON	TAXES		2,751.32
9 040	ANDERSON & DENZLER	ENGINEERING		1,219.70
9 041	CABLEVISION	BLDG & GRDS OE		4.40
9 042	MORRIS CTY MUA	RECYCLES		930.00
9 043	POSTMASTER DOVER	ADM & EXEC		276.00
9 044	HECTOR LORENZO	STREETS & ROADS S & W		\$1,329.68
9 045	EDUARDO MARTINEZ	STREETS & ROADS S & W		\$2,278.32
9 046	VERIZON	BLDG & GRDS		188.58
9 047	VERIZON	AID TO FIRE DEPT.		82.05
				\$20,210.01

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 1 permit issued for a total value of construction of \$1,074.00
- CLERKS RECEIPTS -
  - Taxes \$62,323.35
  - Sewer 1,778.86
  - Total \$64,102.21
- MUNICIPAL COURT - Collected \$221.20
- TAX COLLECTOR -
  - Total Tax receipts Month To Date: \$ 366,579.65
  - Year To Date: 1,291,876.75
- REGISTRAR - 2 marriage licenses issued for a total collected: \$56.00
- FINANCE OFFICER - Everyone has a copy of Amys report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilwoman Cheatham - None
- Councilman Glass - None
- Councilwoman Hedgepath - None
- Councilwoman Garcia Montes - I am working on the Halloween Party. I will have a date and time for the next meeting so we can send a flier out.

Motion to accept and put on file all reports by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MONROE AVENUE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, that they hereby approve the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as ID # 00215 to the NJ Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Victory Gardens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the signatures of the Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approved the execution of the grant agreement.

This is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens at a meeting held on 9-24-13.

Deborah Evans  
Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

My signature and the Clerks seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

Deborah Evans  
Deborah Evans, Clerk (Seal)

David L. Holeman, Jr.  
David L. Holeman, Jr. Mayor

The Clerk stated that the Monroe Avenue Project (3rd Section of Monroe) will cost approximately \$81,956.00 . The grant is for \$60,000. The balance of \$21,956.00 will have to be paid by the Borough. Remember, Leon Hall always estimates on the high side. It may not cost the Borough that much. We will have to wait until the bids come in.

The work will include milling and repaving, repair the settled utility trenches. This is from when Dover Water comes in for repair and they rip the road up or when the gas company does the same thing. It also cover approximately 250 feet of curbing on the left - which is the high side of the rad and we will be modifying the inlets to meet our storm water permit guidelines with NJDEP.

Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

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| Councilwoman Cheatham      | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath     | Yes |
| Councilwoman Garcia Montes | Yes |
| Councilman Glass           | No  |

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OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPTION/PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE TRUCK FOR DPW -

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A  
2013 FORD F450 4WD REG CAB PER STATE CONTRACT  
A83560 BY THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS IN THE  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING  
\$53,812.00 THEREFORE FROM THE CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH TO PAY FOR THE  
COST THEREOF.

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

Jim Janone - Is there an extended warranty on the vehicle and is it included? Also, when will it get purchased? Ten days after the adoption we can purchase it. Can we spend some clean communities money on the truck? I don't know. I will ask Amy.

Valerie Williams - Does this truck have to be equipped with the breathlizer machine? No.

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

Motion to adopt the Ordinance by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE INTRODUCTION - Everyone has a copy of the code. we have gone over this many times. This is the 5th rewrite of the code. Does anyone have any questions on the code before we introduce? Hearing none, the Mayor asked for a motion to introduce.

Motion to introduce the property maintenance code for the Borough of Victory Gardens.

AN ORDINANCE SUBSTITUTING CHAPTER X11, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE  
OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY  
GARDENS, MORRIS COUNTY

Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes

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

Jim Janone - When will the public get a chance to review the property maintenance code? Give me a few days and you can pick up a copy the Clerk said. How much money do we have in Capital? I don't know but I will find out for you the Clerk said. You can ask JCP&L about solar power and they may be able to help. I have asked and they haven't been much help. They don't do it but they have some companies that they can refer us to. About the sewer account do we have a seperate one? No. It all gets deposited into the general fund. Lorraine has it divided but it doesn't have an actual bank account by itself.

PUBLIC PORTION CONTINUED:

Valerie Williams - What is the Boroughs responsibility to the residents of Victory Gardens regarding the register ready program? Mayor Holeman said that in mid October we will be sending out a flier with information on a website for people that want to join. Where is the list? The Mayor said he has it in his office. When did you get it? I have to check when we got it but we do have a list. Can you get back to me on that? You do know that it is private we can't give that information out to anyone. I know that I just want to know the date you got it. If you had a list prior to Sandy, how come some people got evacuated and others didn't? Everyone was notified on the registry. The Mayor said that everyone was notified of what was going to happen by radio and tv. What are you going to do with the list that you currently have and the list you are going to build on with the prople on the registry? What is the Borough going to do in the next emergency to make sure no one on that list gets left behind. No one was left behind last year the Mayor said. The people that were left behind are those that wanted to be left behind. Are you talking before a storm or after? Before. We were ready last year the Mayor said. We are going to do exactly what we did last year.

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

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

Submitted By:

*Deborah Evans*

Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk