

October 22, 2013

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on October 22, 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, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilman Glass.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Hall and Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 8, 2013 as received by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ANDERSON & DENZLER - In this last storm we had, we had several calls from residents letting us know they had big branches that came down from their trees that are on Borough property. I asked Leon to go out and look at them and he said they needed to come down before they cause damage. I spoke with Amy and she said we have the money to do them. They are located at 19 Taft, 17 Polk and 74 Monroe. I asked Leon to send out letters for quotations and he has done that. I am waiting to get them back. These trees are on our current list and they would have been in the next group to get done. The quotes are suppose to be returned to me by the 28th of October.

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

VOUCHERS:

Are there any questions on the vouchers? Councilman Glass asked about voucher # 10 021. This is for the brush that the men take to the County.
There were no other questions on the vouchers.

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

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes

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VOUCHER #	PAYABLE TO:	TYPE OF SERVICE	ACCT.#	AMOUNT
10 020	DAILY RECORD	ADM & EXEC ADV.		\$14.56
10 021	MORRIS CTY MUA	RECYCLES		744.00
10 022	N.J.N.G.	BLDG & GRDS		930.00
10 023	VERIZON	BLDG & GRDS		59.73
10 024	ANDERSON & DENZLER	ENGINEERING		1,107.25
10 025	CABLEVISION	BLDG & GRDS		4.40
10 026	PHILIP FEINTUCH	LEGAL SERVICES		2,275.00
10 027	TRUDY ATKINSON	ADM & EXEC		20.00
10 028	KONICA MINOLTA	ADM & EXEC		84.14
10 029	DEBORAH EVANS	ADM & EXEC		505.20
10 030	GOLUB ANIMAL	DOG WARDEN		286.00
10 031	OFFICE CONCEPT	ADM & EXEC		20.22
10 032	DAILY RECORD	ADM & EXEC		1,394.90
10 033	HECTOR LORENZO	STREETS & RDS		1,450.56
10 034	EDUARDO MARTINEZ	STREETS & RDS		2,485.44
10 035	SILVERSCRIPT	ADM & EXEC MEDIC		291.00
				<u>\$11,672.40</u>
10 036	STONEFIELD INVESTMENT	TAXES		<u>9,425.50</u>
				<u>\$21,097.90</u>

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 1 permit issued for a total value of construction \$500.00

CLERKS RECEIPTS - Taxes	\$4,166.25
Sewer	1,214.51
Dog Licenses	7.50
Total	\$5,388.26

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - The following properties require attention: 13-19 Adams Avenue. Grass has been cut at property but tree that had fallen during storm still has not been removed.

MUNICIPAL COURT - Collected \$989.82

TAX COLLECTOR - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date:	\$ 24,453.33
Total Tax Receipts Year To Date:	1,316,330.08

REGISTRAR - There were no marriage licenses issued for the month of October 2013.

FINANCE OFFICER - Everyone was given a copy of Amys report at the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - No report.

Councilwoman Hedgepath - No report.

Councilman Lorenzo - No Report.

Councilman Glass - No report.

Mayor Holeman said that he and Councilpersons Hedgepath, Cheatham and Montes went to the County opening ceremony for the new addition to the fire academy. The public safety building. We had a nice tour of the place.

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE - This is the public hearing and adoption of the ordinance. I have to read it by title only.

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

Motion was made to open the meeting to the public on the adoption of the ordinance only. Motion made by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes

Joan Cegelka - Did all members submit suggestions for the code? It was open to everyone Councilwoman Cheatham said but she doesn't know if everyone responded. Debbe had suggestions for changes. Did anyone else? I gave it to Barrie and Phil - the Building Inspector. Phil had no changes. Barrie did. Her information was sent to the Attorney. Barrie's comments and changes were with the first revisions. She didn't have anything for this time around. How many revisions did you get Debbe? Mine, and Councilman Glass and the Mayor. I sent them to the Attorney. How did you send them? By mail. Were any of these discussed at a meeting? Yes. Were they approved at a meeting? They were discussed. No one approved them until the document gets approved the Attorney said. No one said they didn't approve of what was being said at the time it was discussed. What were the changes that were submitted to you? The Attorney said they are all incorporated into this document. I may have disregarded the list because it was put in the document.

Councilman Glass, can you tell me what your changes were? A lot of mine were just grammar. My concern was interpretation. There were no other changes? No.

James Janone - You said the international code was put in with this code. They are incorporated, is that correct? Yes. Which code is it? The current one. Other towns state what year the code is taken from. BOCA code - BOCA is no longer used in New Jersey. I am just using that as an example Jim said. How would a Judge know what to uphold? It would be up to us to let him know what code we are using.

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

Motion to adopt the property maintenance code by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Abstain
Councilman Glass	Yes

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

Joan Cegelka - Is Charlie Wood still working for the town? Yes. What does he do? I think his actual job is reconciliation of the books that Amy keeps. Does he have certain hours? No. He comes in when he comes in. I think he was here about a month ago. Does he come in or works from home? No, he comes in. All the records are here.

Jim Janone - Now that you adopted the code I think you were foolish. You have two conflicting codes now. This code is a waste of time. You submitted a bill this month but you haven't been here. I am here and if I am on vacation my staff and the other attorneys in my office are here if anyone needs anything the Attorney said. You were talking about trees. The one at 19 Taft is that near a Council persons home? Yes. How does that one get done first? It was on our list as one of the ones that needed to get done immediately. The Mayor said we are the first town in Morris County that have cut trees down to be proactive and not reactive.

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

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

Submitted By:

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