

May 13, 2014

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on May 13, 2014.

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 Cegelka, Councilwoman Cheatham, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilman Lorenzo.

Attorney Feintuch was present at this meeting but arrived late.

Motion was made to go out of the regular order of business so that Dave Evans, from Nisivoccia can go over the procedure for adoption of the 2014 budget. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cegelka and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Dave Evans said that the State reviewed our budget and gave us permission to take formal action on it. You must open to the public for a hearing.

Motion was made to open the meeting to the public for budget comments only. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cegelka and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Jim Janone - What will tax rate be? It is going from .827 to .902 . It is about a 9% increase. What is the dollar amount? Local is going from \$614,205 to \$638,219. Up about \$24,014. Bill Schroeder said in order to cut taxes you would have to cut expenditures. The revenues you are expecting to raise are about the maximum that they can be. Could expenditures be raises? Yes. Actually Dave said, the dollars are less than what we asked for last year in 2013. Your assessments dropped by 5% . The total tax levy is going down. What is actually hurting is that your ratables have dropped. That is what is hurting the homeowners. How can the Borough increase ratables? You would have to attract new business. People doing changes to their homes to increase the value could help also.

No other comments from the public.

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

At this time a motion was made to adopt the 2014 Municipal Budget. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

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

Motion to go back into the regular order of business by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to accept the minutes of April 22, 2014 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DOT - We received a grant from the DOT telling us we are getting \$45,000 in Municipal Aid from them for improvements to Monroe Avenue. This is the third section of Monroe as you cross over Roosevelt. It will be milling, paving and curbing.

FAX FROM LEON HALL - This is in regards to the intersection work. I had asked at the meeting when we were discussing the intersection work to be done, if there was something we could do to block the patrons of the ShowPlace from coming out onto Franklin Road because of the pedestrian traffic. Leon We would have to make sure where the right of way is and in order to do that he would have to set a 3 property corners survey along Franklin Road in front of the Show Place. He also said this would be covered under the proposal for the intersections so it wouldn't cost us any more money.

CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED:

FAX FROM LEON HALL CONTINUED - Motion was made to let Leon Hall do the survey regarding the ShowPlace. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

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

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

VOUCHERS:

Have Debbie remove taxes from the payments. We are tax exempt. I will tell her.

Motion was made to pay the bills. Motion by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

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

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VOUCHER REPORTS

MONTH OF

May 13, 2014

VOUCHERS CONTINUED:

DATE	VOUCHER #	PAYABLE TO:	TYPE OF SERVICE	ACCT.#	AMOUNT
5/13/14	5-001	Waste Management	Garbage Trash Removal		\$8,188.91
5/13/14	5-002	Mt. Freedom Printing	Construction OE		\$ 155.00
5/13/14	5-003	RVRSa	RVRSa Share		\$8,001.00
5/13/14	5-004	Home Depot	Bldgs. & Grounds		\$ 56.25
5/13/14	5-005	NJNG	Fire OE		\$ 385.92
5/13/14	5-006	MCAMC			\$ 25.00
5/13/14	5-007	Daily Record	Clerk OE		\$ 44.72
5/13/14	5-008	County of Morris Trea.	Tax Collector OE		\$47,688.12
5/13/14	5-009	County of Morris Trea.	Tax Collector OE		\$2,246.53
5/13/14	5-010	Verizon	Utilities		\$ 393.71
5/13/14	5-011	A T & T	Utilities		\$ 86.79
5/13/14	5-012	Shell Fleet Plus	Road OE		\$ 487.38
5/13/14	5-013	Verizon	Utilities		\$ 166.96
5/13/14	5-014	Professional Printing	Construction OE		\$ 142.50
5/13/14	5-015	United Health Care Ins.	Group Ins.		\$ 352.87
5/13/14	5-016	Dover Bd. of Ed.	School Taxes		\$70,350.67
5/13/14	5-017	Morris County MUA	Road OE		\$ 600.00
5/13/14	5-018	Herbert Evans	Bldg. & Grds.		\$ 300.00
5/13/14	5-019	Philip Feintuch, ESQ	Legal Services 016		\$1,833.33
5/13/14	5-020	Gerald Flatt	Dog OE		\$ 480.00
5/13/14	5-021	Silver Script Ins. Co.	Group Insurance		\$ 33.80
5/13/14	5-022	Deborah A. Devery	OEM		\$ 100.57
5/13/14	5-023	Deborah A. Devery	Admin S & W		\$ 774.00
5/13/14	5-024	Edwardo Martinez	Streets and Roads		\$2,278.32
5/13/14	5-025	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads		\$1,329.68
5/13/14	5-026	Anderson & Denzler Assc.	Engineering OE		\$1,313.70
5/13/14	5-027	Deborah Evans	Clerk OE		\$ 84.37
5/13/14	5-028	CoreLogic	Tax Collector		\$1,238.12
				TOTAL	\$149,138.22

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 BUDGET - This was done earlier in the meeting.

UPGRADE LIQUOR LICENSE FEES - The Clerk asked Council if they would like to upgrade the amount that the ShowPlace and Lakeland Liquors pays for their licenses? After discussion the Council said yes so the Attorney will work on the Ordinance.

PERSONNEL ORDINANCE - The Attorney said the way he looks at this is that Debbie Devery was hired as part time. She is working more hours because Mrs. Bly is out. We haven't taken any steps to make her full time and we are waiting to see if Mrs. Bly is coming back and when. Currently Debbie is on a probationary period for 90 days. Council agreed to let Debbie work 5 1/2 hours a days because Lorenza is out. Once Lorenza comes back Debbie will go back to 4 hours a day. If she doesn't come back or comes back and decides to leave then Council would have to decide what to do at that time.

Councilwoman Montes suggested hiring two part time people if Mrs. Bly decides not to come back. The Attorney said that you are breaking up one job and with two different people the job won't be done effectively.

After discussion, the Council decided at this time there is no reason to make a decision. The Attorney said at this time nothing needs to be changed. In the working world part time is considered anything under 20 hours. Full time is considered 35 hours per week. You can make stronger definitions. You have to know what it is that you want to do.

JD AUTOMOTIVE - Everyone has a copy of the bill. Eddie and Hector took the truck to JD Automotive. There was discussion on the truck getting repaired and who sent the men to get it done.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - Everyone has the paperwork on doing your financial disclosure statements. They must be filed by June 13, 2014. You will have to use your pin number that is on the paperwork that I gave you. You will have to use your personal email account in order to be able to get in and file.

OLD BUSINESS:

ELECTRICAL QUOTES FOR GARAGE - Everyone has copies of the electrical quotes for the garage.	Fino Electric	\$ 375.00
	Mister Sparky	\$3,234.00
	Alarms by Russ, LLC.	\$3,325.00

After discussion by the Council it looks as if Alarms by Russ, LLC covers more with his options.

Motion was made to go with Alarms & Electric by Russ, LLC. Motion made by Councilwoman Cegelka, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

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

COUNTY MEETING LEON HALL - Leon went to the meeting with the County and Randolph regarding the intersection work to be done.

Leon said that the County said no on Concept B and C. They would have to take property from Salem Plaza and they would have to go to court to do that. They don't have the money or the time to do that. The traffic report - Concept A is as good as Concept B & C. The level of service is the same. There will be bigger radius for larger trucks, buses, etc.. Left hand turns will be done by cameras. Numbers justify Concept A.

Council is not happy with this. There was discussion. They want a left hand turn signal and lane for making a left onto Franklin Road. It is very dangerous.

Council is holding off on this they want Leon Hall and someone from the County here for our next meeting.

QUOTE FOR FIREHOUSE BAY DOOR - Councilwoman Cegelka said she called 4 different companies to give quotes and only one came out. That was:

Close Brothers Overhead Door	\$120.00
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Motion was made to award contract to Close Brother Overhead Door in the amount of \$120.00 . Motion made by Councilwoman Cegelka, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:

QUOTE FOR FIREHOUSE BAY DOOR CONTINUED - Roll call:

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

Councilwoman Cheatham asked if she could be given approval for \$200 for our website for additional work to be done. I don't have an amount but I would like to have a \$200.00 limit. There are changes that have been done periodically. I have been sending him things so gradually it is getting done.

Motion was made to approve the \$200 for the website. Motion made by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

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

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

Jim Janone - Mr. Janone addressed the Council on the website, DOT grant, computer for vouchers, JD Automotive repairs to truck, County meeting regarding intersection.

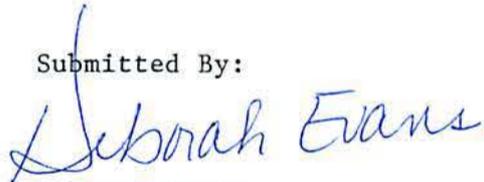
No other comments from the public.

Attorney Feintuch said he would like to make a comment. This is addressed to the Council more so than Mr. Janone. There has to be a certain flexibility in government. If a question comes up about an item whether \$10.00 or \$100.00 you shouldn't have to call the Council to spend that money. There should be some sort of Resolution to authorize the Clerk as the Administrator or the Mayor to spend up to a certain amount of money if something is needed. It is insane for the Council to meet over every little item where we need to spend money. You should have protocol established. The Clerk is authorized to spend up to \$500. Then the Mayor should be given that right also. The Mayor has to make certain decisions. It is not taking any authority away from the Council. As the Mayor said, he called everyone before getting it fixed. You should think about that.

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 Councilwoman Montes and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk