

July 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on July 8, 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, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

ABSENT: Councilman Glass.

Motion to accept the minutes of June 24, 2014 as received by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on verbal vote. None opposed. Councilwoman Cheatham abstained as she was absent from the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ANDERSON & DENZLER - At the last meeting Council asked for a list of the tree companies that Leon sent to for removal of the trees. Everyone has that copy.

EMAIL FROM BARRIE PALUMBO - Everyone has a copy of Barries email. This is in regards to home based business.

ANDERSON & DENZLER - At the last Council meeting, Council wanted to know how Leon Hall determines the right of ways on the streets. He gave us a letter giving us information on that. Everyone has a copy.

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

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any comments or questions on the vouchers? Councilman Lorenzo asked about # 7013. This is a tax lien redemption. Someone came in and bought the lien on a piece of property, and then the it was paid off so this goes back to the bank.

No other questions on the vouchers.

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

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

(See Voucher Listing Next Page)

VOUCHER REPORTS

Month of

JULY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payable to:</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ck. #</u>	<u>Date</u>
7/8/14	7-001	Town of Dover	Adm. & Exec. Fire Dept.		\$16,500.00		
7/8/14	7-002	Herbert Evans	Bldg & Grds		\$ 300.00		
7/8/14	7-003	Philip Feintuch, ESQ.	Legal OE		\$ 550.02		
7/8/14	7-004	Philip Feintuch, ESQ.	Legal OE		\$ 1,925.00		
7/8/14	7-005	AmeriHealth	Group Insurance		\$ 8,068.84		
7/8/14	7-006	SilverScript Ins. Co.	Group Insurance		\$ 33.80		
7/8/14	7-007	Dover Water Comm.	Fire Hydrant		\$ 3,588.00		
7/8/14	7-008	NJ Treasurer	State Training Fees		\$ 54.00		
7/8/14	7-009	NJ Treasurer	Marriage License		\$ 50.00		
7/8/14	7-010	Home Depot	Bldg & Grds		\$ 57.06		
7/8/14	7-011	NJ Natural Gas	Fire OE		\$ 34.68		
7/8/14	7-012	Daily Record	Clerk OE		\$ 63.00		
7/8/14	7-013	US Bank	Redemption		\$12,349.63		
7/8/14	7-014	Shell Fleet Plus	Road OE		\$ 638.27		
7/8/14	7-015	State of NJ	Dept. of Labor		\$ 70.73		
7/8/14	7-016	Rockaway Val.Sewer	RVRSA Share		\$ 8,001.00		
7/8/14	7-017	United Health Care	Group Insurance		\$ 705.74		
7/8/14	7-018	Dover Muni Court	Muni Court Dover		\$ 1,385.58		
7/8/14	7-019	Golub Animal Hsp.	Dog OE		\$ 496.00		
7/8/14	7-020	A T & T	Utilities		\$ 49.47		
7/8/14	7-021	Verizon	Utilities		\$ 201.68		
7/8/14	7-022	Verizon	Utilities		\$ 98.23		
7/8/14	7-023	NJ Treasurer	Road OE		\$ 1,050.00		
7/8/14	7-024	Jill Kepler	Dog OE		\$ 288.50		
7/8/14	7-025	Carol Elko	Dog OE		\$ 288.50		
7/8/14	7-026	Edwardo Martinez	Streets & Roads		\$ 2,346.96		
7/8/14	7-027	Hector Lorenzo	Streets & Roads		\$ 1,369.28		
7/8/14	7-028	Debbie Devery	Clerk SW		\$ 672.00		
				<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$61,235.97</u>		

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NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Cegelka asked about the rodents at the firehouse. The Mayor said something is still going in the traps and until it stops no work will be done on the inside of the firehouse.

What about the heater at the firehouse? The Mayor said someone should be here either next week or some time this week.

There is a soffit missing at the firehouse. Is that getting repaired? We will take care of that when there is time. What about the storm drain in the parking lot here at town hall? We know it needs to be fixed. The Clerk said she asked Eddie to check throughout town and see if there are any other ones that need repairing.

Councilwoman Cegelka asked about the cleaning at the firehouse? The Mayor said the men will get to it when they get to it.

Councilwoman Cegelka made a motion to have the men clean the firehouse the weeks of July 16th, September 9th, October 27th, December 17th and then December 31st. Motion seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

- Councilwoman Cegelka Yes
- Councilwoman Cheatham Yes
- Councilwoman Hedgepath Yes
- Councilman Lorenzo Yes
- Councilwoman Garcia Montes Yes

Councilwoman Cegelka asked if we can set a date for the bathroom repairs to be done? The Mayor said no. We are waiting for the rodents to be killed off and then the men will do the work up there.

Also inventory sheets need to be done for the garage. Eddie and Hector need to make these sheets up. Councilman Lorenzo will make up a spread sheet for them to fill out when they have time so we can see what we have and what we don't have.

TREE REMOVAL QUOTES - Everyone has a copy of the quotes we received. The attorney said that the Clerk sent him the quotes with the paperwork each contractor submitted. I contacted Johnnys Tree Service because there is a discrepancy in his insurance papers. The Attorney asked that this be on hold until we find out about his insurance.

Council asked that Leon Hall send the quotes out to the other companies listed on his list and have it back to the Clerk by July 18th.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Montes to have Leon Hall send out the Request For Quotation again to the tree companies and have them back to the Clerk by July 18, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

- Councilwoman Cegelka Yes
- Councilwoman Cheatham Yes
- Councilwoman Hedgepath Yes
- Councilman Lorenzo Yes
- Councilwoman Garcia Montes Yes

MEETING OF JULY 1ST AT RANDOLPH - Councilwoman Montes went to this meeting along with Councilman Glass. The County was present, Randolphs Engineer and one of their Councilpersons were present as well as our Engineer, Myself and Councilman Glass. We voted on Concept AA. We are getting the split phasing on the lights. There will be improvements and sidewalks on the South Salem side of the ShowPlace as well as the Franklin Road side of the ShowPlace. This will make it much safer for pedestrians. Everyone agreed and the work should start next year. The Council thanked Councilwoman Montes for attending the meeting.

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

Raul Lasluisa - Mr. Lasluisa addressed the Council on the guardrail at 79 Franklin Road which is in front of his property. There have been accidents at this location and I want the town to fix the guardrail that keeps getting hit. I brought a copy of the survey of my property for the Engineer to look at to see if we can see if the guardrail is in the towns right of way.

Did you report the accident to your insurance company or did you go after the insurance company from the person that hit the guardrail? No. I was waiting because the Engineer wanted to see the survey. I brought it tonight.

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PUBLIC MEETING CONTINUED:

Raul Lasluisa Continued - The Mayor said over 40 years ago the people that lived in the house had boulders across the front yard because people kept running into the house. The County was notified and they came out and looked at the boulders. At that time they told the homeowner to take the boulders down and as a courtesy to them they would put up a guardrail. They were not responsible for it they did it as a courtesy to avoid any problems.

Councilwoman Montes said if it is our property then we will take care of it. The Attorney said by the looks of the survey it doesn't look like it is in the Boroughs right of way.

Mr. Lasluisa said that he is waiting to see who is responsible and whos property it is? The Attorney suggested that Mr. Lasluisa go through his homeowners insurance or go through the insurance that the person has that hit the house.

We will have our Engineer take a look at your survey. The Attorney said that the Council is not going to do anything. You will have to go through your homeowners insurance or go through the persons insurance that hit the guardrail.

Jim Janone - Mr. Janone addressed the Council on maintenance of the water lines. The Mayor said they are coming through and having cameras come through to look at the lines. They are also looking to put cut off valves on the lines. I came to town hall yesterday and the dump truck was up on a jack. The truck was being supported by a jack and nothing else. That is dangerous. Guardrails can be put between the sidewalk and the curb. You may want to think about that and see if the County can put it there. You can have the Clerk send out the quotes for the trees. I don't write that up the Engineer does and he sends it out with the details. The companies respond back to the Borough with the quote. Monroe avenue project was advertised in the paper last week. It says that bid specs are at town hall or Leon Halls office. I asked Debbe about it and she said she didn't have it but she told me tonight that the specs are coming overnight mail. Why don't we have the specs here and have people pick it up from us and pay us the money? Leon draws up the specs and he makes all the copies. This is him getting the money back for the paperwork he is copying. We do not do the advertising. Leons office does that.

Diane Feola - How is the property maintenance working out? He is out giving out letters. People are cleaning up. If after a letter is sent he will resend the letter if the work isn't done then he writes a summons. A few summonses have been sent.

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

Are we doing anything about a generator? FEMA says they are still working on the generator. We have been waiting 2 years now. Does Waste Management give you dates when they weren't coming in? No.

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

Submitted By:

Deborah Evans

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk