

February 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on February 10, 2015.

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, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Jacobus, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes. Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

ABSENT: None

Motion to accept the minutes of January 13, 2015 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015 - budget meeting - as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LETTER TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL - The Clerk said she sent a memo to the Mayor and Council regarding a question from a member of the audience concerning the stripes on Monroe Avenue. Everyone was copied on the letter. Do you want me to read it into the minutes? The Mayor said no.

GOLUB ANIMAL FEES - I was typing the minutes for the Board of Health meeting and someone asked if the fees for Golub were \$165.00 a month for cats and then another \$165.00 per month for dogs? The answer given was that it was two separate fees. That is not correct. It is \$165.00 per month and it is combined for cats and dogs.

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

VOUCERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the vouchers? Hearing none the Mayor asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Motion to pay the vouchers by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

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

(See Vouchers Next Page)

Date	Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Acct. #	Amount
2/10/15	2-001	Dover Bd of Ed	School Taxes		\$68,424.25
2/10/15	2-002	County Tax Assessment	County Tax (1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr)		\$38,606.95
2/10/15	2-003	County Tax Assessment	County Tax (Open Space)		\$ 1,598.06
2/10/15	2-004	RVRSA	RVRSA Share		\$ 9,424.00
2/10/15	2-005	State of NJ-Div Pen & Bene	Group Insurance		\$ 6,625.33
2/10/15	2-006	Henry O. Baker, Ins. Grp	Other Insurance		\$ 6,554.00
2/10/15	2-007	Rockaway Twp. Health	Health Cont Services		\$ 5,722.25
2/10/15	2-008	Phil Feintuch	Legal OE (8,9,10,12,2014)		\$ 2,318.75
2/10/15	2-009	Phil Feintuch	Legal Service OE		\$ 1,925.00
2/10/15	2-010	Phil Feintuch	Legal OE (Jan 2015)		\$ 1,172.50
2/10/15	2-011	Dover Municipal Court	Muni Court Dover		\$ 1,412.75
2/10/15	2-012	Henry O. Baker Ins. Grp.	Other Insurance		\$ 1,200.00
2/10/15	2-013	NJNG	Fire OE		\$ 656.76
2/10/15	2-014	Mill Supply, Inc.	Road OE		\$ 433.41
2/10/15	2-015	Shell Fleet Plus Card	Road OE		\$ 400.55
2/10/15	2-016	John T. Greco	Clerk OE		\$ 350.00
2/10/15	2-017	Herbert Evans, Jr.	Bldgs & Grnds		\$ 300.00
2/10/15	2-018	Protective Services Svcs.	Bldgs & Grnds		\$ 280.00
2/10/15	2-019	Quality Discount Tires	Road OE		\$ 567.00
2/10/15	2-020	Eric M Bernstine & Assoc	Planning Board OE		\$ 240.00
2/10/15	2-021	Daily Record – NJ Press	Clerk OE		\$ 134.20
2/10/15	2-022	CarQuest – Auto Parts Peop	Road OE		\$ 59.36
2/10/15	2-023	Muni. Clerk's Assoc. MC	Clerk OE(class 2/13/15)		\$ 25.00
2/10/15	2-024	MC Registrars' Assoc	Clerk OE		\$ 25.00
2/10/15	2-025	Daily Record – NJ Press	Clerk OE		\$ 19.80
2/10/15	2-026	Edwardo Martinez	Streets & Roads SW		\$ 3,333.90
2/10/15	2-027	Hector Lorenzo	Streets & Roads SW		\$ 2,178.40
2/10/15	2-028	Deborah Devery	Clerk SW		\$ 720.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$154,707.22</b>

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF PROSECUTORS AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS FOR THE DOVER JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT -

RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF PROSECUTORS OF THE JOINT COURT OF DOVER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Victory Gardens in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey has entered into a Shared Service Agreement with the Town of Dover, Township of Mine Hill, Borough of Mt. Arlington, Borough of Rockaway and the Borough of Wharton which established the Joint Municipal Court of Dover, with the Town of Dover as lead agency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover has recommended the appointment of Lisa Thompson, Esq. as Chief Prosecutor and Douglas Cabana, Esq. as Prosecutor of the Joint Municipal Court of Dover.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, concur with the recommendation of the Town of Dover to appoint Lisa Thompson, Esq. Chief Prosecutor and Douglas Cabana, Esq. as Prosecutor of the Joint Municipal Court of Dover.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Town of Dover, Township of Mine Hill, Borough of Mt. Arlington, Borough of Rockaway and the Borough of Wharton which are hereby being requested to consider adoption of a similar Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Honorable Thomas L. Weisenbeck, Assignment Judge Superior Court, and to the Honorable Michael Luther, Judge of the Joint Court of Dover.

Adopted: Feb. 10, 2015

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

David Holeman, Mayor

I, Deborah Evans, Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, do hereby attest that 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

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

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

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WHEREAS, the Town of Dover has recommended the appoint of Gerald Kelly, Esq. as Chief Public Defender and Robert Cascone, Esq. as Public Defender of the Joint Municipal Court of Dover.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, concur with the recommendation of the Town of Dover to appoint Gerald Kelly, Esq. as Chief Public Defender and Robert Cascone, Esq. as Public Defender of the Joint Municipal Court of Dover.

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

RAISE FOR JOINT COURT FOR 2015 - The Clerk just wanted everyone to know that there will be no raise for the joint court for 2014. There was a meeting held and the other towns didn't appreciate the surprise bill either so the 2014 raise was declined. There will be a 2% raise in the price for the joint court for 2015.

Councilman Lorenzo asked why we don't make money in the court? We always lost money in the court. Superior Court will tell you that the courts aren't here to make money. Sometimes we didn't lose as much. When we had Judge Korpita here he would drop a lot of the charges down to local ordinances. Once he left the other Judges didn't do that. Any tickets the State Police write, the money or a larger portion of the money goes to them. The only money we really collect is for something that is written under local ordinances. We lose less money now because we aren't paying out salaries, pensions, etc..

Do we know how many tickets are actually written? We don't have that number. I can ask Sonia but I don't know if she has that either.

ATTORNEY CONTRACT FOR 2015 - Everyone has a copy of Attorney Feintuchs contract. We just need to approve it.

Motion was made to approve the contract for the Attorney by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

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

WORK HOURS FOR DEB DEVERY - The Clerk said we had some comments on the hours that Debbie is working and if she should be working the 5½ hours or just 4 hours a day. I want to get this straight so I know what we are doing. There is a need for her to be here. She has a large work load. Deb is currently working 9-3 with a ½ hour lunch. I would like to keep her at these hours. I want to make sure that everyone is okay with her working these hours.

Councilwoman Montes asked how many hours is full time? 35. Does she get medical? No. Councilwoman Cheatham asked if she gets paid for lunch? No. Only if I am not here then she gets paid for lunch and the 7 hour day.

Motion was made to approve the hours from 9-3 with a ½ hour lunch for Debbie Devery. She would get paid for lunch when Deb Evans is out. Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on roll call:

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

BUDGET MEETING - Just a reminder that we have a budget meeting next week. February 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.. Amy will be present at this meeting.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNTY AGREEMENT - Everyone has a copy of the agreement. This year the contract is \$21,070.80 . Last year it was \$20,810.67 . It went up \$260.13 .

Motion on the agreement by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

WEBSITE - Councilwoman Cheatham said at our last meeting we had someone here from Cit e net. Cit e net does a lot of the websites for other towns. Citi Connections does towns also. Our last revision of the quote from Citi Connections was \$2,899.00 . From Cit e net we have \$1,100.00 . Citi Connections does everything. We are not allowed to go into the website and change anything. They strictly do all of that. We can not get in to do anything. Cit e net we can change things and post whatever we want.

Councilwoman Cheatham said she would like to make a motion that we go with Cit e net at a cost of \$1,100.00 . Councilwoman Montes asked with this company will our residents be able to pay bills on line? No. We are doing minimal things. Anything like this will take time to set up. How much will it cost for the company to put all this information in instead of Debbie? We are looking at a \$5,000 range. Councilwoman Montes asked how many people have called since our website has been down? The Clerk said none.

Councilwoman Hedgepath said that once we get the website up and running then we will be able to add more if we want. Right now we just need to get it up and running. There are basic things that we need and that is what we need to do.

Councilman Glass said that we have to put the last three years of things on the computer. Who will be doing that? Councilwoman Hedgepath said that she and Councilwoman Cheatham will help to do it. The man from Cit e net says that he will come in and show us how to scan and teach us what we have to do. We also get credits on our checklist with the State if we have a website. If you don't match the points you need the State will take some state aid away from us.

Councilman Lorenzo said he pays his taxes through the bank. He does it on line with his bank and there is no charge. It is like writing a check. The bank then sends the town a check. The Attorney said paying by e check is not doing it electronically through the town. That is something altogether different.

The things that we need on the website are the minutes, agendas, budgets and audits. The Clerk said her concern is that Debbie doesn't have the time to input all this information. She is too busy with the property maintenance things.

Councilman Lorenzo asked if anyone looked at the format for the towns he told us to look at? I went on the websites and looked at different ones. Butler seems to be a good one that would be close to what we need. Some of the websites are terrible. The lettering is so small you can't see it. Some have so much on you can't find your way through it.

Motion was made to open the meeting to the public on the website only. Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on verbal vote.

Attorney Feintuch asked Councilwoman Cheatham what is her recommendation and why? She said her recommendation in Cit e net because they are the cheapest. They will get us up and running. The main reason though is that we can go in and change things on our own. We don't have to wait for them to do it. With the other company we can not put anything on the website. Everything is done through them only.

Jim Janone - Cit e net the \$1,100 is just for them to build the website and then \$600 per year after? Yes. Did anyone factor in Debbie's time and hours doing this? It comes out to about \$5,000. New things will go up and things will have to be taken down. No, I did not figure that in. Remember that Debbie will still have to help out in the office and also do the property maintenance stuff. Councilwoman Hedgepath said that she and Councilwoman Cheatham will be the backup for Debbie. Councilman Lorenzo said it is a lot of work for the Council to do. We have the time to do it. Councilman Jacobus said that his wife does computer work for the law firm they work for. She knows all this stuff. Everyone needs to look at the website and see what it is that you want.

Joan Cegelka - Did you speak to the man from Citi Connections? Yes. Did he tell you how long it would take to upload data once he received it? No, I didn't ask him. It would be done the same day. Did you invite City Connections to come to a meeting? No.

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

Attorney Feintuch said that the Council has to decide what type of website they want. Do you want it passive? Interactive? Do you just want the basics on it? Once you know that then you get the two vendors and tell them this is what we want. Councilman Glass said you should have them give a training session as to what you have to do before the contract is signed.

Councilman Lorenzo said we need to know what we want. What do they offer us and what else do we want added to what they are giving us?

The discussion on the website is tabled so we can have someone come into our next few meetings to discuss what they can offer us for our website. Three meetings from tonight we should be able to make a decision on whom we should go with.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Montes to have someone come from Cite e Net and City Connections come to our meeting and give us a presentation. We have had Cite e Net already here so Councilwoman Cheatham said she would call the other company and have them come in for a presentation. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath. Approved on roll call:

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

Councilwoman Hedgepath asked the Council to have everything they want to discuss ready to go and whatever it is they want on the website listed.

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

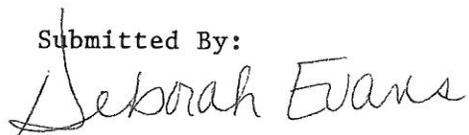
Jim Janone - You may want to have a small committee with the public input so we can all decide what we want in the website. We also need to do something regarding our men and snow plowing when there isn't any snow. I brought a piece of the plow in tonight and gave it to Debbe. There is also two guys in the truck when they are plowing or salting. We have two trucks. One person should be in each truck.

Joan Cegelka - How many inches of snow before they plow? The Mayor said he doesn't have a rule of thumb for plowing. It is when it needs to be done and the men do it. They decide. Mr. Jacobus if your wife knows computers maybe she should be involved if they do a committee.

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 Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk